

CITY OF DUARTE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, THE DUARTE HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THE DUARTE COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.

OPEN SESSION - REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Via teleconference the Open Session was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Finlay at 7:07 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California 91010. N

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers Present:	Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Truong
Councilmembers Absent	Urias
Staff Present:	Daniel Jordan, City Manager
	Thai Viet Phan, Assistant City Attorney
	Kristen Peterson, Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative Services
	Victoria Rocha, Assistant to the City Manager
	Craig Hensley, Community Development Director
	Manuel Enriquez, Director of Parks and Recreation
	Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services
	Angela Chiaromonte, Financial Service Manager
	Susie Perez, Recreation Supervisor
	Annette Juarez, City Clerk

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The flag salute was led by Councilmember Kang.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Troung, and carried unanimously to approve the adoption of the agenda.

4. SPECIAL ITEMS

- A. Update on the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – American Rescue Plan Act Allocations (ARPA funds) and allowable uses.

Financial Service Manager Chiaromonte provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

B. Community Development Status Report

Community Development Director Hensley provided an update on current and upcoming projects and developments. He responded to Council inquiries by providing information regarding the Metro parking lot, the Wyndham Hotel, gas lamp emergency shut off, and the median on Duarte Road near City of Hope.

Public Comment

Steve Hernandez addressed the Council to inquire about the Wyndham Hotel.

Madison addressed the Council to inquire about affordable housing at The Huntington.

C. Park and Recreation Update

Parks and Recreation Director Enriquez provide an update on the public access planning grant, the Mayor's Youth Council Recruitment, upcoming City events, and introduced the new Recreation Supervisor Susie Perez.

Recreation Supervisor Perez briefly introduced herself to the Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming library programs and events.

Alyson Sprafkin, City of Hope, announced the Annual Walk for Hope and provided information about the event.

Assistant to the City Manager Rocha announced upcoming City events.

6. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public Comment

Madison addressed the Council to express concerns regarding the walkability of Duarte and expressed concerns regarding the homeless.

Steve Hernandez addressed the Council to inquire about bus ridership and electric buses, commend City Staff for their work, and thank the City Attorney's office for their work.

Bernie addressed the Council to express concerns regarding the homeless.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Motion to read all Resolutions and Ordinances presented for consideration by Title only and waive further reading. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- B. Approve absence(s) of City Council member(s) from the City Council meeting.
- C. Approval of minutes – July 27, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- D. Approval of Warrants – August 10, 2021. (CC/HA/SA/FA)
- E. Receive and file update on the Coronavirus state and local recovery funds – American Rescue Plan Act Allocations (ARPA funds).
- F. Receive and file Community Development Status Report.
- G. Receive and file Parks and Recreation update.
- H. Removed from Consent Calendar for discussion.
- I. Approve City Council Conferences and Event Attendance: 26th Annual California JPIA Risk Management Educational Forum.

Moved by Councilmember Paras-Caracci, seconded by Councilmember Schulz, to approve Items A-G and I of the Consent Calendar. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Troung
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Urias

8. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION

- H. Approve an agreement with RKA Consulting Group for the preparation of construction documents for the redesign of the Civic Center Central Plaza in an amount not to exceed \$122,234.00 for the term August 10, 2021 – December 10, 2021.

Community Development Director Hensley provided information regarding funds utilized for the project.

Moved by Councilmember Kang, seconded by Councilmember Schulz, to approve Item H of the Consent Calendar. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Schulz, Troung
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Urias

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

Assistant City Attorney Thai Viet Phan introduced herself.

City Manager Jordan introduced the new City Clerk Annette Juarez and City Clerk Juarez briefly introduced herself to the City Council.

City Manager Jordan announced that a Master Leasing workshop will be held on August 24, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

10. CONTINUATION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Paras-Caracci announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Rodolfo “Rudy” Garcia. She expressed her thoughts regarding the development and services provided by the City of Duarte.

Councilmember Kang left the dais at 8:20 p.m. and returned at 8:22 p.m.

Councilmember Truong welcome the new employees and thanked them for their work.

Councilmember Schulz announced an Encanto Parkway Clean-up event to potentially take place on October 16 and stated that the City is working diligently on the homelessness issue.

Councilmember Kang inquired about returning to virtual City Council meetings, addressed concerns regarding homeless issues, briefly discussed beautification, and mentioned the vehicles that are speeding on Huntington Drive.

City Attorney Phan provided information on the Governor’s Order regarding the Brown Act and remote meetings.

Councilmember Lewis stated the difficulty in comparing the City of Pasadena with the City of Duarte, offered his assistance to the residents that spoke during public comment, and welcomed the new employees to the City of Duarte.

Mayor Pro-tem Finlay discussed the positive changes that have been made in the City of Duarte and reminded everyone to drive safely as kids are returning to school.

11. ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/FINANCING AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND CITY MANAGER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m. the City Council adjourned the meeting in memory of Kendall Rae Richins, Estella McInnis, and Rodolfo “Rudy” Garcia.



Brian Urias, Mayor



Annette Juarez, City Clerk