

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JULY 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER The City Council/City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority/Community Facilities Financing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana (arrived at 5:06 p.m.), Finlay (arrived at 5:09 p.m.), Kang (arrived during Closed Session), Lewis, Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to remove Item 14.B (Business Item), and carried with Finlay and Kang not present.

CLOSED SESSION
-Existing Litigation
-Possible Litigation
-Employment
Cosgrove announced there were three closed session items, as follows: (1) Existing Litigation: City Council will meet in closed session under authority of Government Code sections 54956.9-(a), (d)(1), and (d)(4) to determine whether to participate in an existing rate case filed by California American Water company with the California Public Utilities Commission, Application No. 19-07-__ (Filed July 1, 2019.); (2) City Council will meet in closed session under authority of Government Code section 54956.9(a), (d)(4), and (e)(1) to determine whether to initiate litigation; (3) Personnel: City Council will meet in closed session under authority of Government Code section 54957(b)(1) to consider appointment and employment of a successor City Manager.
Lino Paras stated water rates are increasing, asked City Council to try to choose a reasonable rate, inquired as to the subject of the litigation initiation, and commented on Mr. George's age.
Cosgrove stated disclosure of the possible litigation subject may impair the ability to initiate a claim, and if a determination is made, it will be reported. The Closed Session concluded at 7:03 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m., with all members present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Sgt. Osterman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION Reilly provided a moment of reflection.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Fasana and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	Cosgrove announced that the City Council authorized Rutan & Tucker to file a protest in an existing rate case filed by California American Water Company with the Public Utilities Commission, and appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to meet with California American Water to obtain information and determine if filing of the protest might be unnecessary. City Council took no reportable action to determine whether to initiate litigation on another item, and took no reportable action on the item pertaining to the appointment and employment of a successor City Manager.
SPECIAL ITEMS	
Recognition – Roger Cathey and David Eoff IV	Craig Hensley and Kristen Petersen introduced and thanked David Eoff IV and Roger Cathey for their years of service to the community and their commitment as City employees. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented them with plaques and celebratory cakes. Mr. Eoff and Mr. Cathey expressed their appreciation to City Council, staff, and their respective departments. City Councilmembers congratulated them on their new endeavors, and wished them well.
Proclamation – National Night Out	Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented a proclamation for National Night Out to Public Safety Manager Larry Breceda, who invited all to participate in the event to be held on August 6, 2019.
Presentation by Burrtec Legislative update	Richard Niño, Burrtec Waste Industries, presented an update about solid waste and recycling legislation, including China's National Sword Policy, mandatory commercial and organics recycling, compliance, green waste, reporting requirements, compost contamination limits, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and resulting impacts of the developing regulations.
Presentation by Duarte Chamber 2018/19 Annual Report	Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, presented the Chamber's Annual Report, including community events, recognitions received, membership, seminars, mixers, grand openings, partnerships, pop-up shops, publications, advocacy, and City involvement.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Eric Boyd, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming events and mixers in July, August, and September. Roy Kuykendall and S.J. Brown, Duarte Church of Christ, announced food distribution program and vacation Bible school. Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs, story times, events, and classes from July through September. Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, activities, meetings, and park programs in July and August. Mike Inman, L.A. County Fire Department, provided a brush fire update, and discussed compliance and cameras.

CONSENT CALENDAR	Urias moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, F, M. N. Receive and File Item G. Remove Items D, E, H-L.
ITEMS REMOVED Item D – Agreement – CMF	Karen Herrera presented a staff report about the item, and introduced David Palomares and Rena Delgado, who provided additional information.
ITEM D – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute an Annual Service Agreement with Community Media of the Foothills (CMF) for FY 2019/20 in the amount of \$24,500 for Public Access Programming, and carried unanimously.
Item E – Agreement – DCTV	Karen Herrera presented a staff report about the item, and introduced Alan Heller and Manoj Patel. Mr. Patel provided additional information.
ITEM E – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to approve the 2019/20 Service Agreement with Duarte Community Television, Inc. (DCTV) in the amount of \$27,605 for Governmental and Educational Access Programming, and carried unanimously.
Items H-L – Legislative letters	There was discussion regarding the process for legislative letters, use of letterhead with Councilmembers' names, and original signatures.
ITEMS H-L – APPROVED	Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to approve the legislative letters in Items H-L, and carried with Kang not present on the dais.
BUSINESS ITEM Designation of Voting/Alternate Delegate – League Conference	Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to designate Toney Lewis as the Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, October 16-18, 2019, in Long Beach, and carried unanimously. (The item to consider cancellation of the 8/13/19 meeting was removed when the Agenda was adopted.)
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Steve Hernandez – State legislation, ad hoc committee.
REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/ ATTORNEY	COSGROVE: Provided stormwater litigation hearing update. FASANA: Discussed clearing of riverbed camps, short-term housing, and Orange County settlement, suggested the possibility of voluntary partnerships with adjoining cities, he will be attending the Gold Line meeting where they will see if Metro is willing to fund the gap of getting the line to Pomona, and stated the SGVCOG is moving forward with an electric bike program. LEWIS: Stated he was told the riverbed is in Azusa, the Army Corps has jurisdiction, and inquired if we can reach out to those cities. (George responded).

FINLAY: Inquired about the status of the bike trail (Hensley responded), and the benches, and asked if electric scooters are allowed on the bike trail (Enriquez responded).

URIAS: Asked if we have looked into splash pads at the parks (Enriquez responded), and stated the crosswalks at Buena Vista and Central do not have pedestrian push buttons.

KANG: Inquired about 5-hour parking enforcement issues at Lewis Business Park, and asked if that can be remediated (Hensley responded).

REILLY: Inquired as to who cares for the four foot strip by the fence south of the Library, as there is trash in the bushes (Hensley responded).

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated the city of San Diego is fining companies when the scooter bikes are not picked up and block driveways, perhaps we can look at something to hold companies responsible and to regulate it before it happens, and inquired if there has been controlled burning in the riverbed (George and Breceda responded).

MEETINGS ATTENDED

In addition to the meetings reported on the Agenda, the following attendance reports were provided:

Reilly – L.A. County Library Commission meeting.

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced that the public is invited to attend a general discussion meeting with the Duarte City Council and L.A. County Supervisor Kathryn Barger on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 8:00 a.m., in the Duarte Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. in memory of Rose Greene, to a Special Meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, 10:00 a.m., at the Duarte Community Center.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk