

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 9, 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 7:05 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), Kang, Lewis, Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Fasana moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried with Finlay not present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Joanna Gee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Finlay provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS WIN Program Participants	Aida Torres, Crime Prevention Specialist, described the Workforce Investment Network internship program, and thanked the sponsors. Sarah Wicochea, Teen Center, introduced the program participants.
Introduction – Mayor’s Youth Council	Manuel Enriquez introduced the 2019/20 Mayor’s Youth Council members. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented them with certificates, and administered a special oath to them.
Proclamation – Parks Make Life Better in Duarte Month	Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented the Proclamation for Parks Make Life Better in Duarte Month to Manuel Enriquez and the Parks and Recreation Department staff.
Recognition – Ham radio training graduates	Tony Hadloc described the ham radio certification program, and introduced the graduates. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented certificates, and Councilmember Kang presented the graduates with ham radios.
Public Safety update	Tony Hadloc discussed the recent earthquakes and preparedness kits. Brian Villalobos presented an update about the 4 th of July activities, including citations and observations. Finlay asked that in the future, we check to see the highest fine we can legally charge for discharging of fireworks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tina Heany, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming events and mixers in July.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs, story times, classes, and workshops in the Summer months.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, activities, meetings, park programs, and Route 66 Parade.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Andrew Raubitschek – Video surveillance, Neighborhood Watch.
Michelle Silence – 4th of July celebration, suggestions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Bill 19-R-15

Orders levy of assessments

2019/20 Landscape/Ltg District

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item.

Council Bill 19-R-15 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 WITHIN THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972

Dominic Milano, City Engineer, presented a staff report about the item.

Notice of the hearing was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written communications were received concerning the item.

Mayor Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the matter. There were none.

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion pertaining to charges in various zones, easements, management of the assessment district, some residents wanting to maintain the areas themselves, setbacks, property owners' rights, the City's rights, importance of standardization and level of upkeep, and possible workshop for further information.

Cosgrove restated the direction to staff, with City Council concurrence, as follows: 1) Staff to come back with a review of the history and current status of the Landscape and Lighting Districts and the assessments, options for potentially modifying that, and the pros and cons in terms of a policy overview of the same. 2) A broader discussion, perhaps a memorandum, of the different encumbrances on private property for the City in the way of rights left to the landowner, and the rights of the landowner with regard to the City, for different things like street

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Agreement – Cerrell Associates
Public education outreach
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easements, sidewalks, how the zoning setbacks work, and with utility or other easements.

Reilly moved, Urias seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-15, and carried unanimously.

George presented a staff report about the item, and noted this was continued from the meeting of June 11, 2019.

Fasana moved, Urias seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with Cerrell Associates for public education outreach regarding a potential revenue measure in the amount of \$7,000 per month.

Brandon Stephenson, Cerrell, answered questions from Councilmembers, and provided additional information about the timeline and updates.

Finlay requested there be an update at every Council meeting. Paras-Caracci stated she would like one additional staff member to be part of the meeting(s) with Cerrell Associates, suggested Kristen Petersen, and Reilly agreed.

The motion to approve the item, as stated above, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMM.
Overnight RV permit fee
City right-of-way

Brian Villalobos presented a staff report about the Public Safety Commission recommendation pertaining to overnight RV permit fee for parking on the City's right-of-way.

Gina Coburn stated she disagrees with the wording, they cannot park their RV in the driveway because of the slope of the street and the driveway, she already pays for storage, this feels like a luxury tax, and it feels punitive.

Jim Dunn stated his personal view is this is an infringement, it is assessing a tax on law-abiding citizens, it's like a use tax, and having a fee feels a little unreasonable.

There was discussion about the concern with motor homes being parked on streets, it affects everyone in the community, this benefits the community as a whole, the cost is nominal, and it is a reasonably good compromise.

The consensus of the City Council was that the Public Safety Commission recommendation is workable, and directed staff to arrange for a public hearing and resolution outlining the fees.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Lee Iacocca, Ross Perot, 4th July event.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS
FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/
ATTORNEY

GEORGE: Announced the American Red Cross is in need of blood, thanked the Deputy City Manager for suggesting July 3rd for the Independence Day celebration, and provided an update on the City Manager recruitment.

FASANA: Stated the 4th of July celebration was fabulous, he looks forward to a report back on the future of K-rails, stated Cal-Am water rates are going up 12%, some have turned medians into food gardens, and received an inquiry about buying the old street signs (Hensley responded).

LEWIS: Thanked staff for the Independence Day celebration.

FINLAY: Commented on the news coverage of the Independence Day event, thanked Michelle Silence for spearheading the fireworks measure, she is concerned about who will become the City Manager, inquired about a closed session about recruitment (Cosgrove responded), stated two concrete benches on the bike path near Vineyard and Royal Oaks Drive tend to lean back, people do not sit on them as droppings from the tree and water collects on them, inquired about use of goats on the hillside and asked about cleaning the bike path (Hensley responded), inquired about ADA compliant bus stops (Petersen responded), and suggested when we redo the bike trail, a plaque about its history be placed there.

URIAS: Commended staff on the fantastic Independence Day event, thanked staff for cleaning the lot on Buena Vista/Duarte Road, and asked staff to look into the process of receiving the designation Tree City USA.

KANG: Stated the Independence Day event was awesome, the new street signs make us look good and add value to our City, thanked staff, and congratulated Steve Hernandez on his recognition.

REILLY: Stated the Duarte Museum may be interested in some of the old street signs, congratulated Steve Hernandez as Senior of the Year, commented on her recent vacation, and noted July 20 is the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated the Independence Day event was sponsor-worthy, thanked Congressman Napolitano, Senator Portantino, and Assemblymember Rubio, requested a follow-up on a thank you letter to the honor guard for their presence at the June 11 meeting, congratulated Mr. Hernandez, requested a six-month report about E-bus ridership, stated there were many staff members who volunteered at the Independence Day event, it says a lot about our community, and the employees show pride in their work.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

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

Finlay – Senior volunteer dinner.

Kang – Senior appreciation event, pool party dive-in.

Mayor Paras-Caracci noted that the next meeting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff and Fire Departments will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 7:30 a.m., in the Duarte Community Center Lounge, for a general discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m. in memory of Lee Iacocca, Ross Perot, and Zach Winstead.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk