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SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL/CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO DISSOLVED REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY/ COMMUNITY FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE BUDGET WORKSHOP – MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER The City Council, City Council as Successor Agency to Dissolved Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, and Community Facilities Financing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a Budget Workshop in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Kang called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Reilly moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Urias, Kang
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager/Executive Director Jordan
Assistant City Manager Petersen
Director of Community Development Hensley
Director of Parks and Recreation Enriquez
Director of Public Safety Services Villalobos

The meeting functioned as a “Committee of the Whole.”

PUBLIC INPUT Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, spoke about financial challenges and efforts to remain stable, and thanked the City Council for their support, such as with the banner program.

George Farra asked if there was any impact on the City given the Board of Supervisors’ decision to not give the L.A. County Sheriff all the funding that was requested.

Mike Tarr inquired about the unfunded liability.

Thomas Tsui inquired about the ongoing future increases of the Sheriff’s contract, unfunded liability, and PERS retirement health-care costs.

George Farra asked for a clarification of unassigned fund balance.

Kaye Biggs commented that Royal Oaks traffic/speeds continue to be an unresolved issue.

Danielle Riley commented that the deficit should be addressed before more beautification is implemented.

Manoj Patel suggested that Council refer back to the Downtown Task Force’s ideas for improvements along Huntington Drive, and the value of using stencils to improve the intersections’ aesthetics.

BUDGET OVERVIEW Jordan provided a summary of the guiding philosophies behind the proposed budget. He explained that the FY 2020-21 budget

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includes a deficit of \$1.7 million that will use reserves to balance the budget, discussed the City's historical structural deficit and reserves, and given the City's financial challenges, discussed how we will develop a formal long-range financial planning and forecasting process.

Petersen laid out the order that the Budget Workshop items would be discussed, presented the details of the revenues and expenses in the proposed 2020-21 budget, and presented information about the General Fund and other City funds. She also reminded Council of the Finance Ad Hoc Committee recommendations.

DISCUSSION/DELIBERATION/
DIRECTION

The City Council/ Agency/ Authority Board deliberated on the information provided, and directed staff to exclude the following items from the budget for consideration at a future Council meeting:

Traffic calming Royal Oaks study - \$20,000
Route 66 Parade - \$8,000

Staff was directed to hold off on purchasing any additional holiday décor, bring back a report of Foothill Transit ridership and possible fare subsidies, bring back creative ideas for aesthetic improvements for intersections, roads, and/or median improvements without using General Funds, bring back homeless and social outreach grant programs, bring back ideas for recognizing John Fasana, work with DCTV and KGEM to understand what a 50%-funded program would include in the future, bring back the Climate change order related to the LED street lighting, and reach out to DUSD about future Think Together programming in relation to our afterschool program.

ADJOURNMENT

Reilly moved, Lewis seconded to adjourn the Budget Workshop at 7:15 p.m., to the Regular City Council Meeting, July 14, 2020, and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Mayor Samuel Kang

City Clerk

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