

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 – JUNE 25, 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 7:08 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Reilly, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: Urias ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to also adjourn in memory of Valerie Dawn Bonner Mielke, and carried unanimously.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Betty McWilliams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Lewis and Finlay provided the warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS	Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced Adam and Lily Knight, Curo Managed Print Production, and presented them with a congratulatory certificate for being selected by Assemblymember Rubio as the 2019 Small Business of the Year.
Recognition – Curo Managed Print Production	
Proclamation – Duarte Library/ L.A. County Library System	Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented a proclamation to Duarte Librarian Joanna Gee and Friends of the Duarte Library for the L.A. County Library System receiving Library Journal's 2019 Library of the Year award.
Recognition – Foothill Unity Ctr.	Mayor Paras-Caracci congratulated Foothill Unity Center and its board members, and presented a certificate in recognition of being named 2019 Non-Profit of the Year by Assemblymember Holden.
Presentation–Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District	Tom Love, General Manager of Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, presented the "State of the District," and discussed 2019 strategic plan, source of water supply, imported and local resources, and conservation programs/outreach.
Presentation–SGV Mosquito and Vector Control District	Levy Sun, Public Outreach Coordinator for SGV Mosquito & Vector Control District, provided an update on activities and educational programs, and introduced mosquito mascot Aedes.

Presentation–Independence Day Celebration

Manuel Enriquez presented a PowerPoint overview about the 2019 Independence Day event to be held on July 3, 2019, including schedule, parking, and map.

COMMISSION ITEM
Parks/Recreation Commission
Recommendation to rename the Duarte Bike/Multipurpose Trail

Mayor Paras-Caracci suggested the Commission item could be heard out of order if Council wished. Fasana moved, Kang seconded to consider the Commission item next, and carried unanimously by those present.

Enriquez presented the staff report about the application from Paula Watson-Gardner to rename the Duarte Bike/Multipurpose Trail on behalf of her parents, and the Parks and Recreation Commission's recommendation to approve the request as well as funding the costs associated with the installation of new signage estimated at \$3,600.

Steve Hernandez spoke in support of the request, stated this is in line with our history, and is a good thing to do.

There was discussion about the cost for signage, donations, options for design of signs, appreciation for Mr. and Mrs. Watson, wonderful recognition opportunity, and the need for history on the bike trail.

Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to rename the Duarte Bike/Multipurpose Trail "Donald and Bernice Watson Recreation Trail," and to fund the costs associated with the installation of new signage, estimated at \$3,600, and carried unanimously by those present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, stated new Chamber directories are available, and announced upcoming events, meetings, and mixers.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs, classes, and events in the Summer months.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Brian Barreto – \$1,000 donation to Ferguson Education Fund.
Paula Watson-Gardner – Appreciation for renaming trail.
Steve Hernandez – Watson family.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Kang moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items B, C, D, G, H, I, J, K, O.
Receive and File Items E, F.
Remove Items A, D, L, M, N.

ITEMS REMOVED – Item A
Minutes

Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to amend the minutes pertaining to the National Recreation Area to read "that a request be made

ITEM A – APPROVED	for staff to bring back options” and delete “for the City of Duarte to be included within the boundaries,” and carried unanimously by those present.
Item D – Notice of Completion BC Traffic Specialist	Larry Breceda answered questions from Councilmembers about the item.
ITEM D – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to accept the 2019 No Smoking Sign and Installation Project (BC Traffic Specialist), and authorize the City Clerk to initiate the Notice of Completion, and carried unanimously by those present.
Item L – Mountain Vista Plaza Public Safety office lease	Brian Villalobos answered questions from Councilmembers about the lease. There was discussion about the possibility of moving the Public Safety office to Pops Road/Huntington Drive.
ITEM L – APPROVED	Fasana moved, Reilly seconded to authorize the City Manager to execute a five-year lease extension with Mountain Vista Plaza for the Public Safety Department office, effective 7/1/19-6/3/24, and carried unanimously by those present.
Item M – L.A. County Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agmt	There was discussion about the Agreement, public safety being our first duty, and the total cost for all cities contracting with the L.A. County Sheriff’s Department.
ITEM M – APPROVED	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Los Angeles County Municipal Law Enforcement Services Agreement, effective 7/1/19-6/30/24, and carried with Kang not present on the dais and Urias absent.
Item N – Transportation Services Monrovia School District	Manuel Enriquez answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to the item.
ITEM N – APPROVED	Reilly moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Transportation Services Agreement with Monrovia Unified School District for supervised park programs, and carried unanimously by those present.
PUBLIC HEARING Climatec Infrastructure Modernization Program	George announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item (Climatec Infrastructure Modernization Program–Adoption of findings and award of energy conservation services and associate financing under Government Code Sections 4217.10 – 4217.18), and stated after receiving public input, the hearing will be continued to a future meeting. 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. Steve Hernandez stated the City may be declaring a fiscal emergency, we need to cut our costs, our biggest variables are water and power, and he thinks we need to proceed with these things so we can cut costs and stay within budget.

(Continued to a future meeting)

Fasana moved, Kang seconded to continue the Public Hearing to a future meeting, and carried unanimously by those present.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Bill 19-R-03

Citywide Governance

(Continued from 3/26/19)

Council Bill 19-R-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, RE-ESTABLISHING A CITYWIDE GOVERNANCE BY DISTRICT POLICY (Continued from 3/26/19)

George presented a staff report about the Council Bill. Finlay read excerpts from the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-03

Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-03, and carried with Urias absent.

Council Bill 19-R-16

Declare Emergency – Submit tax
to voters – March 3, 2020

Council Bill 19-R-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FINDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII C, SECTION 2, SUBDIVISION (B) OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION NECESSITATING SUBMISSION OF A GENERAL TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX TO THE VOTERS AT A SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

George provided information about the item and fiscal emergency, discussed a special election in March 2020, and elements leading up to this. Karen Herrera presented a detailed staff report including background, schedule, and fiscal impact.

Special Counsel Michael Colantuono introduced himself, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to the resolution of intent, date of election, and other matters.

There was discussion about reserves being depleted, and appropriate time to declare a fiscal emergency.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-16.

There was further discussion about when to make decision, Ad Hoc Committee meetings and recommendation, City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee, review/assess options of efficiency, the need for this, and the results of neighboring cities' elections.

Steve Hernandez discussed the 1990's recession and utility tax, stated if we wait too long, we will not receive the money, that would be a risk, and we have to be a team.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-16

The motion to adopt Resolution No. 19-16 carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Lewis, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Kang, Reilly

NOES: None

ABSENT: Urias

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/ ATTORNEY

COSGROVE: Provided an update about stormwater litigation.

FASANA: Commented on stormwater litigation, stated our goal is to do the best for our residents, and discussed CalAm's

request to purchase the Bellflower Municipal Water System.

FINLAY: Inquired as to why the post office lobby cannot be accessed at 5:45 p.m., and asked that it be looked into.

KANG: Stated the seniors have said Foothill Line 860 is consistently not on time, the street signs look awesome, some are curved in, the poles may not be erected correctly, and discussed proposed State legislation to eliminate the use of natural gas for commercial and residential.

REILLY: Asked that the citation for possession versus igniting of fireworks be clarified (Villalobos responded), and stated declaring a fiscal emergency was difficult, as it still means taxes go up.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated there will be a later conversation about a tax measure, noted the majority of sales tax comes from those who live outside our City, and she hopes everyone enjoys their Independence Day celebrations.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

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

Finlay – Neighborhood Watch meeting, Ham radio class.

Reilly – Amateur radio class, Neighborhood Watch meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. in memory of Deputy Joseph Solano, Valerie Dawn Bonner Mielke, and Tony Valenzuela.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk