

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 11, 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 5:21 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Kang, Lewis, Reilly, Urias, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Cosgrove
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Urias moved, Reilly seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
WORKSHOP – Climatec and Big Belly	A workshop was held to present information about the Climatec infrastructure modernization program, and the Big Belly recycling/refuse system. The Workshop concluded at 7:12 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:20 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	The L. A. County Fire Department Honor Guard presented the colors, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Paras-Caracci provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Finlay provided the fitness and mental warm-up.
SPECIAL ITEMS Introduction – Toney Lewis City Councilmember District 7	Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced newly-appointed District 7 Councilmember Toney Lewis, welcomed him to the City, and stated Mr. Lewis took the Oath of Office at the June 4, 2019, City Council meeting. Lewis introduced and thanked his family members and friends in the audience, and stated he looks forward to serving. City Councilmembers congratulated and welcomed him to the City.
RECESS	Mayor Paras-Caracci called at Recess at 7:34 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:54 p.m., with all members present.
Recognition–Aranzasu Caballero Daniel Yrigoyen – Volunteers of the Year	Hector Elizalde from Congressman Napolitano’s office described the volunteer recognition program, introduced Aranzasu Caballero and Daniel Yrigoyen, and provided information about their service. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented congratulatory certificates to them in recognition of their being selected by Congressman Napolitano as the 2019 Volunteers of the Year “Unsung Heroes.”

Presentation–National Recreation Area

Hector Elizalde introduced Enrique Robles from Congressmember Judy Chu’s office, who presented an overview of the San Gabriel Mountains Foothills and Rivers Protection Act, including HR 2215, proposed boundaries and designations, National Monument expansion, National Recreation Area, proposed wilderness areas, and wild and scenic rivers. Belinda Faustinos, Nature for All, answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to the wild and scenic river designation, recent legislation, local support, boundaries, and the possibility of the entire City of Duarte being included.

After discussion, City Council asked that the City support the legislation pertaining to the National Recreation Area, and that a request be made for the City of Duarte to be included within the boundaries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Lefmann, Duarte Chamber, provided an update on the installation of the Board of Directors, and announced upcoming events in June.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming programs and events in June and July.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events, activities, workshops, and meetings in June and July.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, H.

Remove Items F, G.

ITEMS REMOVED – Item F
Transportation Supervisor

George presented a staff report about the item, and Petersen answered questions from Councilmembers.

ITEM F – APPROVED

Reilly moved, Urias seconded to approve the job description for the Transportation Supervisor and the division name change to Transportation Division, and carried unanimously.

Item G – Cerrell Associates
Agreement – Revenue Measure

George presented a staff report about the item, and introduced Hal Dash and Brandon Stephenson from Cerrell Associates, who answered questions from Councilmembers about election dates, timeline, and education progress.

Lino Paras stated he thinks it is too early to make this decision, and Council should ask questions of three possible companies.

There was additional discussion about the March 2020 election, declaring a fiscal emergency, City Council sub-committee, need for a decision before moving forward, possibility of declaring a fiscal emergency at the next meeting, importance of informing people right away, and addressing where the Council is at this time with regarding to declaring a fiscal emergency and a ballot measure.

ITEM G – CONTINUED

PUBLIC HEARING
Council Bill 19-R-11 – TEFRA
Westminster Gardens
CMFA revenue bonds

Urias moved, Fasana seconded to continue the Agenda item pertaining to the agreement with Cerrell Associates, with direction given to staff to prepare a resolution declaring a fiscal emergency with the intent of a revenue measure on the March 2020 ballot, and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Cosgrove announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider this item, presented the staff report, and read by title Council Bill 19-R-11:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY REVENUE BONDS SERIES 2019(HUMANGOOD)IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF WESTMINSTER GARDENS AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO LOCATED AT 1420 SANTO DOMINGO AVENUE

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.

Lino Paras stated this is nothing new or unusual.

Anne Wilkins stated she is a resident of Westminster Gardens, and asked that Council please vote yes.

Steve Hernandez stated he thinks this is a great idea to support Westminster Gardens.

Sheryl Lefmann stated Westminster Gardens is a fantastic community partner, and asked that City Council support this item.

Ben Barker, CMFA, provided additional information about the revenue bonds process.

Mayor Paras-Caracci closed the Public Hearing.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-11

Finlay moved, Urias seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-11, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
Council Bill 19-R-08
Complete Streets Policy

Mayor Paras-Caracci read by title Council Bill 19-R-08:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY

Yesenia Paez, Community Development Technician, presented the staff report describing complete streets, the purpose of the policy, design, Duarte's Complete Streets Policy, performance measures, implementation, and Duarte Bicycle Master Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08

After discussion, Finlay moved, Kang seconded to adopt Resolution No. 19-08, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Appointments – Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee (Continued from 5/28/19)

Karen Herrera presented a staff report about the item appointing members to the Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee.

Urias suggested a representative from the City of Hope also be appointed, stated he spoke with the City of Hope, and they will provide the name of the individual who will serve on the Committee. City Council concurred.

Fasana moved, Urias seconded to appoint George Farra, Pattie Dalessandro, Wallace Wolff, Thomas Tsui, Tina Heany, Sheryl Lefmann, Andrew Raubitschek, Steve Hernandez, Robert Cruz, Lupe Valerio, Lydia Carswell, Scott Moses, Paula Watson-Gardner, Vinh Truong, Carlyn Lee, and a representative from the City of Hope to serve on the Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee, and carried unanimously.

Intergovernmental Organizations Appointments formerly held by District 7 Councilmember

Urias moved, Reilly seconded to appoint Lewis to the positions formerly held by Jocelyn Nunez on the intergovernmental organizations list (Community Education Council alternate, Duarte Community Coordinating Council alternate, Foothill Transit alternate, and San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership alternate), and carried unanimously.

Consideration/Approval of FY 2019-20 Budget

Kristen Petersen presented a staff report about the proposed FY 2019-20 budget, highlighted the items added during the Budget Workshop, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to crossing guards, recruitment, staffing, and Teen Center furniture. Paras-Caracci suggested using Burke Williams & Sorensen to help oversee the City Manager recruitment process.

Urias moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to add \$5,000 to the budget for Teen Center furniture, and carried unanimously.

Fasana moved, Urias seconded to adopt the FY 2019-20 City of Duarte/Housing Authority budget as amended, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Lino Paras – Congratulated Mr. Lewis.

Steve Hernandez – Thanked Council for choosing Mr. Lewis.

REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS
FROM COUNCIL/MANAGER/
ATTORNEY

GEORGE: Provided an update on the administering of homelessness funds, and stated the Sheriff's contract will be on the next Agenda for Council consideration.

FINLAY: Thanked staff for the stop sign at Deerlane and Greenbank, and inquired about timeline. Hensley responded.

URIAS: Stated Lena Valenzuela Park has no lights at night, some lights are out at Aloysia Moore Park, and the empty lot on the northeast corner of Buena Vista and Duarte Road is overgrown.

KANG: Stated there are more homeless sleeping on the streets, and inquired about our water infrastructure. George stated he will follow-up with CalAm.

REILLY: Inquired about information on Foothill Transit's website regarding transfers. Petersen stated she will get clarification.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated Foothill Unity Center and Curo received special recognition and asked that they be invited to a Council meeting, provided information to the City Manager about illegal dumping on the empty lot at Duarte Road and Mountain, suggested a Nixle alert or update be sent to residents when traffic will be impacted due to work on the streets, suggested a message also be sent regarding coyotes.

FASANA: Related his experience with a bear at his home, and stated we need to communicate with the community about bears.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

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

Fasana – Public participation meeting regarding CalAm Water's interest in purchasing the Bellflower water system, tour of the homeless situation in the riverbed with Tony Hadloc.

Finlay – Toured homeless area with Tony Hadloc.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 p.m. in memory of John Crawley and the victims of the Virginia Beach municipal tragedy.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk