

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 – MAY 26, 2015

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 5:30 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana (arrived prior to Closed Session), Finlay (arrived prior to Closed Session), Kang, Reilly, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Melching
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Reilly moved, Kang seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to also adjourn in memory of Wing Kim Chew and Martha Jansen, and carried with Fasana and Finlay not present.
CLOSED SESSION Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation	There was no public input. Melching announced the Closed Session was pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d)(4); Anticipated litigation; Number of potential cases: One. The Closed Session concluded at 5:55 p.m. City Council reconvened at 6:00 p.m., with all members present.
INTERVIEWS – Mayor’s Youth Council	Interviews were conducted for the Mayor’s Youth Council. The interviews concluded at 6:50 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:04 p.m., with all members present.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Mayor Paras-Caracci led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM	Melching reported that during the Closed Session, there was no reportable action taken.
SPECIAL ITEMS Recognition – Mitch Skinner/Vic Abekian – Volunteers on Patrol	Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mitch Skinner and Vic Abekian in recognition of participating in the Volunteers on Patrol program, and performing over 2,500 hours of service.
Presentation – Edison Company Circuit Reliability Review	Ahmad Solomon, Southern California Edison Company, presented a circuit reliability review including momentary/sustained outages, overview, history, causes, and circuit reliability management.
Public Safety Update	Brian Villalobos presented the monthly Public Safety update, including CERT graduation, homeless crime, organized bicy-

clists, and package thefts.

Reilly suggested a presentation about the Volunteers on Patrol program be made at a future Council Meeting, and stated there is trash being dumped just east of the bridge on the north and south sides, and on the east side of Encanto.

Kang inquired if the organized bicyclist groups could be sent a letter about the noise and litter.

Fasana stated bicyclists need to stop at the intersections, and requested a briefing of details on trends, how we are deploying to meet those trends, and our strategy to meet these more recent challenges.

Lino Paras discussed panhandling, use of carts by the homeless, and organized bicyclists.

Redevelopment Dissolution Update

Melching presented an update on pending amended legislation, and stated the League of California Cities supports it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abdali Martinez, Assemblymember Hernandez' office, invited attendance at upcoming workshops and events in May and June.

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced upcoming events, story times, and reading programs in June, July, and August.

Karen Herrera presented community announcements about City events, projects, programs, and activities in May, June, and July.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Steve Hernandez – School Board meeting, grading of schools.

Alice Ryan – Ralphs.

Lino Paras – Volunteers, panhandling, Ralphs.

BUSINESS ITEM

(Out of sequence)

Slide the City event

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced the Slide the City event item will be considered at this time.

George presented a staff report about the event, and recommendation for non-approval at this time due to water restrictions, high risk, street closures, and cost, and recommended the Mayor's Youth Council participate in the design and planning of a teen festival at the Golden Streets event to be held in the summer of 2016.

There was discussion about the current drought and liability issues. Mayor Paras-Caracci stated she would like the Mayor's Youth Council to be included in the training process discussed during the budget.

Finlay moved, Reilly seconded to not approve the Slide the City event at this time, and to encourage members of the Mayor's Youth Council to participate in the design and planning of a teen festival at the Golden Streets event, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT	Kang moved, Finlay seconded to add attendance at the National League of Cities Congress of Cities, November 4-7, 2015, Nashville, Tennessee, to Consent Item I, and carried unanimously.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, F, G, H, I. Receive and File Items D, E.
RESOLUTION NO. 15-06 2015-16 Appropriations Limit	Item F – Council Bill 15-R-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIII B OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
ORDINANCE NO. 858 Massage Establishments Business Licenses/Regulations (MCA 14-06) (Second Reading)	Item H – Council Bill 15-O-03 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING IN ITS ENTIRETY CHAPTER 5.56, “MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS,” OF TITLE 5, “BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS,” OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REVISE CERTAIN REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE OPERATION OF MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS (MCA 14-06) (Second Reading)
PUBLIC HEARING Council Bill 15-R-07 Tax-Exempt Obligations (Duarte Manor Apartments)	Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider a proposed Resolution. Council Bill 15-R-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS Notice of the hearing had been given, the affidavit is on file, and there were no written communications filed in the matter. Jeff Melching presented a staff report about the TEFRA hearing, corresponding resolution, and proposed issuance of bonds by Duarte Manor Apartments located at 1235 Highland Avenue, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to location and affordable housing. Mayor Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the item. Steve Hernandez inquired about paying of taxes and liability. Melching stated a private market will buy the bonds and pay the taxes, the City does not participate and owes no liability, and the role of the City is limited to conducting a Public Hearing as a forum. Mayor Paras-Caracci closed the Public Hearing.
RESOLUTION NO. 15-07	Reilly moved, Fasana seconded to adopt Resolution No. 15-07, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Continued)
Appointments – Mayor's Youth
Council

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to appoint Julianna Barragan, Tamera Barron, Roberto Bejarane, Rene Giles, Chavon Jackson, Clarice Ramirez, Andrea Sanchez, Rayven Searles, and Felipe Valdez to the Mayor's Youth Council for terms expiring June 30, 2016, and to invite the four applicants who did not attend the interviews to be interviewed prior to the next Council Meeting, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Attended Contract Cities Conference in Indian Wells, and ICSC Conference, where he met with some developers.

KANG: Attended Contract Cities Conference, spoke to a few residents about parking permits, and suggested the possibility of a parking machine for the purchase of temporary parking permits after hours.

REILLY: Attended Contract Cities Conference, stated emergency preparedness was discussed, communication is important in emergencies, attended LA Peace Officers Memorial ceremony and school choir concert, shared a newspaper article about the Senior Center's part-time custodian Tom Hunt, and attended the Older Americans Recognition Day Awards Program and Foot-hill Gold Line Operations Campus dedication.

FASANA: Attended kickoff for Relay for Life, All Schools Talent Show, and Gold Line Operations Campus dedication, congratulated Tom Hunt on his retirement and would like to express appreciation to him at a Council Meeting if he would like to attend, attended Allied Veterans Council Memorial Day event, stated a new sequence of AQMD grants are available for 2766 funding, \$40-\$80 million funding is expected to go to the Upper San Gabriel Valley and LA Mountains/Rivers Conservancy from the water bond measure, we need to follow on that, and stated Metro's new CEO Phil Washington joined and participated in the recent event.

FINLAY: Stated she received a call about redwoods dying due to the drought, there was a concern about the City's redwood Christmas tree, she assured the caller it is being cared for, and stated she forwarded an email to the City Manager about misinformation pertaining to store closures.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated Tom Hunt and would like to invite him to a meeting for recognition, attended Contract Cities Conference, Gold Line Operations Campus, and Allied Veterans Council event at Live Oak Memorial Park, stated she, the City Manager, and Councilmember Reilly met the new president of the PUC, they took a tour of the areas impacted by the towers, and she hopes the community can start to become whole again.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m. in memory of Richard “Dick” Mountjoy, Alicia Yanonis, Wing Kim Chew, Martha Jansen, and Wallace Edgerton.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk