

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2002

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Harb Thind led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- INVOCATION** Pastor John Rex, Buena Vista Manor, offered the Invocation.
- CITY CLERK RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The City Clerk recorded the following in attendance:
PRESENT: Chapjian, Fasana (arrived at 7:15 p.m., Finlay, Paras, Reyes
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Holliday
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Chapjian moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Lt. David Silversparre, Temple Station, announced Pamela Park Youth Appreciation Day on June 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Antonio McGee, 2209 S. Felberg, announced a candlelight vigil to remember a friend on June 8 at 6:00 p.m., and stated the seniors are asking for a crosswalk and a blinking signal on Huntington Drive near the senior center.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.
Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** Dick Ur, 2209 Tall Pine, stated at the Sheriff's Memorial Torch Relay on May 17, the Temple Station was honoring Deputy March, several hundred participated in the run and ceremony, Mayors and Councilpersons from other cities attended, there was no representation from the Duarte City Council, stated he was embarrassed that no official Duarte representatives were present, and stated he felt Mrs. March and her family were owed an apology.
Harb Thind, 2593 Willowglen, stated when the plans for the proposed library were on display, only three people attended, stated he felt the viewing should be rescheduled with an explanation of the delay, stated he was not impressed with the drawings, and stated he was disappointed with the architecture, as it was mundane.
Mark Montgomery, 1544 Delford, stated what Mr. Ur said was an insult to the City Council, residents, and deputies, stated there was another attack on the Mayor in the Star New, and stated he thinks the newspaper racks should be removed until the editorial board apologizes.

Antonio McGee, 2209 S. Felberg, stated the Duarte View included an article about the public works project traffic sign upgrade, stated when he goes to the Huntington Oaks senior apartment living complex, it is an embarrassment to see seniors with walkers trying to cross the street, stated there was a car accident there last week when someone was pulling out of the driveway, stated he wants City Council to take it seriously and consider all ramifications, and stated all should be good to each other and be kind.

Jack Collins, 921 Mt. Olive, stated at the last City Council meeting, one man used language that was inappropriate for this type of meeting, and stated speakers are to address the City Council and not people in the crowd.

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated he was disappointed at the last Council meeting when a woman embarrassed the Mayor, stated it makes a lot of people bitter and there is a division taking place, stated a great city has been built and he would like to see it stay that way, and suggested all think before taking actions.

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, stated she is concerned about the words racist and hate that have come up in the last few months, stated these words were not used in the election, stated some perceptions with the Sheriff's Department were straightened out, asked if there were sour grapes after the election, stated it is not helping the community, and asked that the Council and community try to get back on track.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, welcomed Ms. Holliday, stated the division among Council is becoming an embarrassment, stated Mayor Reyes' allegation about Mr. Bautista is between them, stated Mr. Chapjian made an innuendo about a lost grant due to untimely attendance to a letter, and stated those who make unfounded allegations look stupid.

Ernie Martinez, 482 Woodbluff, stated he hopes the Traffic and Safety Commission is working on the crosswalk, stated in Monrovia, there are large signs with flashing lights used for children and suggested that could be considered, stated at the last Council meeting, Mr. Cochran waited for three hours to speak about Resolution 02-08, and no one asked any questions as to how it would benefit Duarte or how the funds would be used, stated it seemed like the last Council Meeting was rushed, and stated Council may want to rethink the time limit.

Carie Osburn, 2326 Rim, stated the residents on the Mesa are not included in the distribution of Mayor Reyes' newsletter, and stated she hopes he will think of them next time.

Susie Bence, 1308 Elmhurst, asked for a crosswalk at Elmhurst and Huntington Drive, stated she enjoyed the Multi-Cultural Festival, and stated she would like to see an ethics meeting in Duarte some day.

Duff stated the turnout at the community meeting held with the architect for the library was disappointing, stated there may be an opportunity to have a future community meeting, stated the application was delayed due to a number of negotiating points with the County as to how the application is to proceed, and stated the intent is to apply for the second funding cycle in March 2003. Duff stated with regard to crosswalks, the Traffic and Safety

Commission was authorized to hire a traffic engineer consultant to study several trouble spots in terms of pedestrian safety, the Huntington Drive crosswalk is part of that study, the Traffic and Safety Commission will make a recommendation to City Council, and stated the request made tonight about a crosswalk at Elmhurst and Huntington Drive can be added to the study.

Mayor Reyes stated the public is invited to attend the Commission meetings and address any issue. Cox provided an update on the RFP process for the current study, stated the item will tentatively be discussed at the July Traffic and Safety Commission meeting, and stated the study will also include traffic calming devices on Vineyard, as well as issues on Buena Vista near Beardslee School.

Mayor Reyes stated he hopes someone from the conservancy will come back to clarify and explain the purpose.

Fasana stated it is not fair for people to wait three or four hours to make a presentation to the City Council.

Chapjian stated he did not make allegations, stated the current Mayor stopped the practice of opening the Mayor's mail and providing copies for all Councilmembers, stated there was at least one event he missed, stated he does not want the City to miss out on any opportunities, and stated if items are addressed to the Mayor, it is not fair that other Councilmembers do not get to see some of the letters.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated with regard to the Minutes of the Budget Workshop, he thanked the employees who stood up in front of the City Council at that time, not like those people who are putting allegations without their names.

Finlay stated she appreciates the accuracy of the Minutes, and noted an article in the Tribune inaccurately reported that she said Bellflower instead of Bell Gardens.

There was discussion about the process for preparing minutes, items discussed at the Budget Workshop, and the importance of recording the essence of the motions.

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

Approve Items A, B.

Receive and File Item C.

COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 02-R-16 Council Reorganization

Council Bill No. 02-R-16 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE RELATING TO COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated the title of Mayor carries some weight and perception, provided information about Mayor selection in other cities and cities with a nine-month rotation, and stated this resolution is on an alpha basis and does not add up to allowing everyone to serve.

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated there has always been a rotation until recently, stated he would encourage leaving it at one year and rotating naturally, and stated setting the example and working together sends the right message.

Fasana stated if this resolution goes forward, he would suggest Ms. Paras' name be listed before his name, stated he would want a companion resolution about appointment

of Commissioners, suggested if the selection of the Mayor is automatic, then ordinances that define the Mayor's authority need to be looked at, and stated he is willing to stick with the status quo that we have today.

Chapjian stated he would like to see a companion measure about the Commissions if this is approved.

Paras stated she appreciates Mr. Fasana's comment, stated she understood that each Councilmember would be able to serve at least once during their four-year term, she is listed on the resolution as fourth which is after her first term, and stated she agrees with having some balance.

Finlay stated she thinks it should be a nine-month seating as opposed to a year, stated Section 5 indicates a minimum of four votes and she thinks it should be a simple majority, and stated each Councilmember should have appointments to the different Commissions if this is the way it is going to run.

Mayor Reyes stated the intent of this resolution would not change anything, stated it would not give everyone an opportunity to serve, stated he would like to modify Section 5 to three votes, stated he supports nine months, stated the Mayor rotation is a separate issue as opposed to Commission appointments, stated this resolution does not serve the purpose he intended, and stated everyone should have an opportunity to serve as Mayor.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file Council Bill No. 02-R-16, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 02-R-18
Appropriations Limit

Holliday read by title Council Bill 02-R-18:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 02-18

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 02-18, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 02-R-19
Holiday Schedule

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated this is a good way of telling staff we appreciate the work they do.

Holliday read by title Council Bill 02-R-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-03

RESOLUTION NO. 02-19

Chapjian moved, Finlay seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 02-19, and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY
COMMISSION
Stop Signs – Edie Drive

Cox provided a staff report about the Traffic and Safety Commission's consideration of and recommendation concerning installation of stop signs on Edie Drive at Bashor Street, and noted it meets the State of California Traffic Manual requirements.

Chapjian moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Traffic and Safety Commission's recommendation for the installation of stop signs to control right-of-way for north and southbound traffic on Edie Drive at the intersection of Bashor Street, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER
Contract for independent
investigation

City Attorney Holliday provided a staff report about the proposals for an independent investigation of allegations set forth in an employee-generated statement.

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, stated with regard to a human resources investigator, she feels a broader stroke is needed, she felt the District Attorney's division needs to look at this City Council and City business for the past 10 years regarding contracts, stated we need a clean sweep, and stated there is a need for a clean slate to come out of this City Council and this staff.

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated this needs to be focused on all, not just one individual, stated if the energy were harnessed and put in the right way, we would not be where we are today, stated this is the ultimate insult to have to investigate anyone, and stated he supports it and hopes it will come out well so we can move forward.

Ana Verone, 1818 Broadland, stated she is not in agreement with an investigation, however since it has been ordered, stated it is warranted, inquired of the time and cost involved, stated she hopes it is done as quickly and painlessly as possible, and stated she hopes the resolution comes to something positive.

Holliday stated she is unable to give an estimate of how long it may take, as it depends on the scope desired, the number of people interviewed, and the actions taken, and stated once it is determined whether the allegations are true or not, then City Council can address what action will be taken.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated he is not opposed to the inquiry, stated in the 1980s when there was an allegation of abuses regarding expense reports, the Council appointed an Audit Review Committee to look into it, and stated if a committee is created, each Councilmember can make an appointment, and money will be saved.

Chapjian stated there is a need to get down to business, have it taken care of and put aside, stated attorneys specializing in human relations have told us we have to do this, stated we need to keep politics out of it and let the City Attorney deal with the investigation, and recommended Trudy Largent be selected to investigate.

Fasana stated there is a need to look into this from the standpoint of the employees, stated there is an issue of protecting the welfare of the taxpayers, inquired how long the process may take, and asked if it would be fair to encourage the City Manager to direct that staff be cooperative in making time available to facilitate the expeditious completion of this item. Holliday stated it is difficult to say how long the process may take, as it depends on the scheduling of parties and the investigator, and stated it would be a fair direction to give to the City Manager about staff being available and cooperative with the investigation.

Finlay stated a citizen asked her what would happen when the report is finished, asked if the completed report would be a public document, and recommended that any employees that have left within the last year, any Councilmembers, and the City Manager also be included in any depositions if necessary. Holliday stated she would

recommend the initial report be taken in Closed Session, a summary of the report would be public, and stated the verbatim interviews would not be public.

Paras inquired if there are complaints or evaluation forms in the employee personnel files, and asked if the investigation would be limited to only allegations with the employees and Mayor. Holliday stated she cannot speak to specifics, stated in general, interviews are conducted with individual employees in private, each person making an allegation or each person having evidence bearing on an allegation is interviewed in private, other persons are also interviewed as deemed necessary, stated it is done in private, a detailed report is compiled and presented to City Council in Closed Session, stated a report to the public would become a public document, and explained the reasons for confidentiality.

Mayor Reyes asked if he would be interviewed. Holliday stated any and all members involved would be interviewed.

Mayor Reyes stated he has no problem with the investigation, he welcomes it, thinks it is a waste of taxpayers money, and stated he is concerned with the charge of sexual harassment and the process.

Paras inquired if sexual harassment is the normal terminology used, or if that was added. Holliday stated some comments may be perceived as being based on the gender of the person, stated there is no allegation of any sexual misconduct, and stated some statements or actions may carry an implication that the action taken is based on the gender of the person, rather than any other issue.

Fasana stated he recollects that the statement was that the issue was a hostile work environment.

Holliday stated if she misstated the information, she apologizes to all involved, asked that Council provide direction as to the scope of the investigation, and noted a starting point could be the allegations contained in the letter that was presented to the Council.

Fasana stated hiring practices would be the other area of the investigation, and the investigation was to include the specific issues.

Holliday asked if hiring practices were to be included in the investigation. Fasana stated that is what he recalled as the direction of the Council, and stated he would also like hiring practices agendaized at the next Council meeting.

Paras asked if Council wanted to finish one thing first, asked if hiring practices are part of the allegations, stated if Council is going to address that particular letter, then it should be addressed, and stated something may be found out in the initial investigation.

Finlay stated there should be a public session on how employees are hired, and stated if it is not suspect, asked why money should be spent investigating it.

Holliday stated during the course of the investigation, it could be expanded to include hiring practices.

Mayor Reyes stated he thinks there are a lot of things suspect and we ought to look at everything, stated he is

concerned about the term sexual harassment, and asked if that is part of the allegation. Holliday expressed her apologies if she misstated or misunderstood anything in the employee letter, stated her understanding is that the investigation is going to focus on the allegations made by the employees in their letter submitted to the Council in support of their desire to unionize, stated those issues will be addressed by the investigator, and stated the term sexual harassment could be struck from the report, with her apologies for it having been included.

Fasana moved, Chapjian seconded to select Trudy Largent & Associates Consulting to investigate allegations set forth in the employee-generated statement, and to include an investigation of the City's hiring practices.

Fasana stated he would like to agendaize a presentation of hiring practices under Items from Council for a subsequent Council Meeting.

Paras stated she thinks we need to do it one at a time, and stated a public session for hiring practices would be helpful and educational.

Chapjian asked if she wanted to focus strictly on the contents of the letter. Paras responded yes.

Mayor Reyes stated he thinks there should be an investigation of hiring practices.

Paras stated she thinks that could be something down the road, and stated there may be other items they may want to direct the specialist to review.

Holliday stated in the course of conducting the interviews, if any discrepancies in hiring practices surface, they could be addressed by the investigator.

The motion to select Trudy Largent & Associates Consulting to investigate allegations set forth in the employee-generated statement, and to include an investigation of the City's hiring practices, carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Reyes called a Recess at 9:12 p.m. City Council reconvened at 9:21 p.m., with all members present.

Cooperation Agreement CDBG Program

Chapjian moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Cooperation Agreement with the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Home Investment Partnerships Programs and Assisted Housing Programs, for the period July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2006, authorize execution by Mayor, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff Woodson, 2334 Beardslee, stated if Council debates before citizen input, the citizens know the Councilmembers' views, and there may be no need to speak, stated he felt there is no need to change the mayor rotation process, stated if more allegations are discovered during the investigation, he hopes the investigator will look into them, and inquired as to what was approved and when the investigation would start.

Duff stated he will meet with the City Attorney to review the draft contract, and if it is in order and depending on the workload of the investigator, it would start immediately.

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated the only way Council will see what it is doing wrong, is if it is seen first hand, stated he will do what has to be done to be heard, stated when the Duarte Park tennis courts were shut down, the children were separated from their parents, stated when the skate park went in, no one was warned, stated these are the issues, stated it comes down to respect and stated the community is diverse and it is about communication.

Linda Acosta, 2656 Bashor, stated at the last meeting, some in the audience were making rude comments when others spoke, asked that the issue be addressed, stated the selection of Mayor should continue the way it has always been, stated in her opinion, there are some City Councilmembers that she would not feel confident in their ability to serve as Mayor, and stated an independent investigation is warranted and she is for it.

Harb Thind, 2593 Willowglen, stated with regard to a crosswalk on Huntington Drive, he does not think there is a solution, stated the only solution would be to build a senior citizen complex next to the dental building, and suggested the height of the building be increased and it can be sold to a private buyer.

Ana Verone, 1818 Broadland, stated there are times when the Mobil gas station on Huntington Drive is out of gas, and stated the bathroom situation was bad.

Mark Montgomery, 1544 Delford, stated Sweet Basil on Buena Vista looks abandoned, and suggested adjourning the meeting in memory of Jerry Dunphy.

Susie Bence, 1308 Elmhurst, asked Mrs. Finlay about an ethics committee in Duarte, and stated she hopes the meeting gets settled in a timely manner. Mayor Reyes stated City Council will be looking at a code of ethics at tonight's meeting.

ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL
Work Study Session (Paras)

Paras stated the public has asked that business be conducted in front of them, stated some Councilmembers meet one-on-one with the City Manager, stated her concern is that not all may receive answers to questions that other Councilmembers may ask, stated one or two hours of the City Manager's time can be utilized all at once, stated it would prevent any allegations of Brown Act violations, stated there would not necessarily be public input during the study session, and stated the public can see what type of questions are asked and what direction is given.

Fasana stated a prior City Council had held study sessions, stated he felt it was not a good use of the City Council's and the public's time, stated he did not think there could be a study session without public input, stated he thinks it is important and allowable to get briefings from the City Manager, stated the line is crossed where policy would be set in those meetings outside of the Council Meeting, and stated he prefers the current practice.

Chapjian stated if an item is agendaized, Councilmembers can ask questions in front of the public, and can take public comment.

Finlay inquired if it is a violation of the Brown Act to meet with the City Manager. Holliday responded no, it would only be a violation if there were a sufficient number of Councilmembers to take action.

Paras asked if a Councilmember met with the City Manager and, in turn, the Councilmember receives opinions from other Councilmembers, if that were a violation of the Brown Act. Holliday stated if she were speaking of meeting with each Councilmember individually concerning the same issue, it is called a serial meeting and is a violation of the Brown Act.

Mayor Reyes asked if he meets with the City Manager in a public restaurant, if that is a violation. Holliday responded no.

Finlay inquired if that is because it is a public place, or does the location not matter. Holliday stated the location is irrelevant, it has to do with the number of Councilmembers present.

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to receive and file the item concerning the work study session prior to the City Council meetings, and carried unanimously.

Fireworks at Royal Oaks Park
(Reyes)

Mayor Reyes stated last year, there was an overflow from the park westward toward Royal Oaks School on the greenbelt, stated that is not part of the park, stated he spoke with the fireworks company and they are willing to pay for four officers, and stated this may be a better approach to make sure it is managed.

Fasana stated due to the general dryness, his preference is to eliminate fireworks entirely, stated law enforcement is tremendously taxed that evening, and stated if the perception is that it could be dealt with by four officers, he is fine with that.

Chapjian asked who would pay for the additional officers and if they would be willing to pay overtime. Mayor Reyes stated TNT Fireworks would pay for four additional officers, and he understands they would be willing to pay overtime for the officers.

California Wild Heritage
Wilderness Act of 2002 (Reyes)

Mayor Reyes stated he received a letter from Senator Boxer requesting a letter in support of the California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002.

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to support the California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act of 2002, and carried unanimously.

Timely conclusion of Council
Meetings (Fasana)

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, stated she would not want to see any restriction of first amendment rights, and stated this would be taking away the rights of people to express their opinions.

Steve Hernandez, 2327 Park Rose, stated the City Council takes more time on the issues than the public does, stated issues need to be addressed, stated the people sincerely care about the City, and stated it is important to participate and get involved.

Fasana stated the intent is to ensure that Council meetings are conducted in a manner that assures deliberations and the decision-making process are accessible to all members of the public, stated the public does care and wants to be heard, in some cases they have not been able to be heard due to the late hour of the meeting, and others who have come to do business before the Council have had to wait

extraordinarily long to have their items addressed, and stated his motion includes six recommendations.

Fasana moved, Paras seconded 1) that the City Council reprioritize the agenda at 10:00 p.m.; 2) to revise public input from a maximum of five minutes to a maximum of three minutes per agenda item; 3) that the first oral communications item be limited to a finite period of time (30 minutes), as is done in some neighboring cities; 4) that there be a timing device operated by the City Clerk that is visible to the Mayor and speaker at the podium; 5) that a public input request form be developed and used in lieu of people coming forward to give their name, address, and items they wish to speak on, and there could still be community announcements under that item; and 6) that there be a reassessment of these policies at the first Council Meeting in September.

Paras stated reassessing and reprioritizing the agenda is a good point, and stated she is in favor of a timing device and a public input request form, but she is not in favor of not allowing the public to speak.

Mayor Reyes stated he supports reassessing the agenda at 10:00 p.m., he is not interested in putting any caps or time limits, and stated he thinks a timing device is important and speaker forms will make the meeting more manageable.

Chapjian suggested eliminating Item 2, implementing the recommendations, reviewing it in six months, possibly looking at a time limit later, and offered that as a friendly motion.

Paras stated she would like to eliminate Item 3.

Finlay stated she understands Item 3, stated if the second oral communications would be unlimited, the City's business could be conducted, and there would be some oral communications at the beginning.

Fasana stated in some cities, there is a 30-45 minute threshold for oral communications, they found they were able to move their agenda more orderly in terms of the public's business as well as the public's input, and stated he would be willing to eliminate Item 2, and would be willing to change the time in Item 3 to 45 minutes.

There was further discussion.

Fasana stated he is willing to amend the motion to remove Items 2 and 3, and restated the motion is to approve Items 1, 4, 5, and 6. The motion carried unanimously.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded that the first oral communications agenda item be limited to 30 minutes, if 30 minutes is insufficient, the remaining input will be received during the second oral communications agenda item, which will remain unlimited, and failed by a vote of 4-1.

Police programs for schools
(Chapjian)

Chapjian requested this item be tabled to a future meeting, as the person was not able to attend the meeting.

Code of Ethics (Paras)

Paras stated several have requested information about a code of ethics, stated a resolution adopting a code of ethics for City officials and employees was adopted in February 1971, stated this is available for the public, and suggested a copy of policy and procedures, as well the Brown Act, be

available on a regular basis in a binder at the back table for the public.

Duff stated if Council would like that, a binder would be made available, and stated it would be helpful if City Councilmembers would indicate what items are suggested to be included in the binder.

Fasana stated depending on what answer one wants, that is the answer they think they see, stated there are numerous precedents to explain current legal opinions, and stated a copy of the Duarte Municipal Code could be available for reference.

Chapjian stated he felt a copy of the Duarte Municipal Code would be more helpful than the Brown Act.

PARAS: 1) Welcomed Ms. Susan Holliday, and stated Mr. Moseley will be missed; 2) Thanked the Duarte Diversity Group for the Multi-Cultural Festival; and 3) Stated since the meetings are scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m., suggested if there is a quorum, the meetings start in a timely manner.

FASANA: Requested that hiring policies and practices be agendized.

FINLAY: 1) Discussed a presentation made by the Public Utilities Commission at the League's Board of Directors meeting concerning undergrounding of distribution wires, and inquired about Phase II funding. Duff responded; 2) Attended Legislative Days event, and stated there will be a \$23.6 billion gap in the state budget, there will be a \$75 million loss to redevelopment agencies, \$38 million loss for booking fee reimbursement, \$17 million reduction to local law enforcement agencies, with a total \$1.2 billion loss to all local governments; 3) Stated she does not need copies of applications for street and private right-of-way construction; 4) Stated if there is a problem with mosquitoes, black flies, and bees, residents can call the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District; 5) Congratulated the city of Paramount for their progress, and noted there were articles in both the Los Angeles Times and the New York Times; and 6) Stated with regard to County library funding, there is a \$9.4 million deficit for 2002/03, it will impact our library, and provided information about expenditures per capita.

CHAPIJIAN: 1) Welcomed Ms. Holliday; and 2) Suggested publicizing information about services available on Friday.

Duff stated most essential City services are available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Fasana stated the recording at City Hall provides several other numbers to call for additional services. Paras stated she received an e-mail stating that the bathrooms at Encanto Park on Memorial Day were not open until 2:30 p.m., and asked if that could be looked at. Duff stated the policy will be reviewed.

REYES: 1) Stated he would like to have Councilmembers contacted regarding interviews for the Planning Commission vacancy, and stated he has six applicants; 2) Stated he would like an item concerning the extension of the Puente Hills Landfill on the next agenda; 3) Congratulated the Rotary Club of Duarte for 50 years in the community, and congratulated Mr. Chapjian on his Presidency; 4) Thanked the City of Hope for the billboard promotion, and stated it

is a great campaign. Duff stated a letter of appreciation would be sent to the City of Hope; 5) Stated he received a fax from Congresswoman Solis requesting support for the Lower Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Study Act, and asked that it be agendized; 6) Asked if the old street signs can be purchased. Cox stated requests have been received, and one suggestion is to have a booth at the City picnic, and noted it would be advertised on the website; and 7) Stated there is an opportunity to go to a summer camp in China for 15 days, July 8-22, for \$800, and stated if anyone is interested, contact him.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

City Clerk Marla Akana