

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

- CLOSED SESSION** At 5:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Duarte met for a Closed Session. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m., and the Agenda was adopted.
- Mayor Reyes called a Closed Session at 5:15 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, for a conference with labor negotiators (Agency Negotiator: Steve Filarsky; Employee organization: SEIU). City Attorney Peale announced that direction was given by the City Council to the City negotiating team concerning the City's position on entering into a Memorandum of Understanding as to these negotiations.
- 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 7:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Harb Thind led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- INVOCATION** Councilmember Fasana offered some words of reflection and asked that all take a moment to give some thought to what has happened in the country over the last year, where we are today, and how we are progressing in our goal to be a great nation.
- CITY CLERK RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The City Clerk recorded the following in attendance:
PRESENT: Chapjian, Fasana, Finlay, Paras, Reyes
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Peale
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Mayor Reyes noted the Agenda had been adopted prior to the Closed Session.
- Finlay discussed an article in the L. A. Times about the banning of prayer at public meetings, stated a State Appellate Court upheld a ban on sectarian prayer in such settings, and read an e-mail received from a constituent suggesting the City refrain from sectarian invocation during City Council meetings.
- Peale stated the case may go further and there may be further decision-making on it, stated the ruling did not say there could not be an invocation, the ruling is that no particular deity could be invoked in the invocation, and urged the Council to continue to have an invocation and to keep it as non-sectarian as possible. There was further discussion about the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and it was noted that the decision is presently tabled.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Tim Lowry, 2039 Atlin, announced the Route 66 Parade on September 21 at 9:00 a.m., stated the Grand Marshal is Jennifer York from KTLA, stated the Parade will focus on American veterans, and thanked all sponsors.
- Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Good Morning Duarte on September 17 at Duffer's, Route 66 Blender on September 18 at Duarte Historical Museum,

City Picnic on September 21 where the Chamber will sell license plate frames and hats, and Hats Off on November 13 at the Buena Vista Pavilion.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated L. A. County has a website for sex offenders.

Mary Somerlott, 2998 Hacienda, announced Honor Among Ashes on September 11, 10:00 a.m., at the Performing Arts Center, and Rock'n at the Route 66 Car Wash Dance Party on September 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Brad Finlay, 2221 Rim, announced Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints photo booth at the City Picnic, and stated one picture will be for the family, and a second picture will be made into a collage and sent to service people in appreciation of their diligent service to protect our country.

Tim Lowry stated the Duarte Coordinating Council booth at the City Picnic will be selling City street signs that have been replaced, and stated the fundraiser will benefit 34 non-profit organizations.

Chapjian announced Duarte Rotary Club Golf Tournament on September 19, 2:00 p.m., at the Rancho Duarte Golf Course.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.

Mayor Reyes inquired about the payment made to a hillside lobbyist. Duff stated this is part of the effort to acquire the Wildlife Conservation Board tax credits, the City agreed to pay 25% of the lobbyist services, and the balance was paid for by Pacific Communities.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEM

Proclamation for "A Day of Remembrance and Unity"

Kristen Petersen, Assistant to the City Manager, announced "Honor Among Ashes" program on September 11, 10:00 a.m., at the Performing Arts Center, and provided details about the event. Mayor Reyes read and presented the Proclamation for "A Day of Remembrance and Unity."

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ernie Martinez, 482 Woodbluff, inquired if the City has thought about a memorial to victims, firefighters, and law enforcement, and suggested there could be an oak tree planted with a small plaque honoring them.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated he is a firm believer of separation of church and state, discussed the first amendment clause and the ruling about sectarian prayer, stated Bishop Finlay is a gentleman, stated he was pointing out a matter of law, and stated it is the duty of Council to uphold the law.

Karl Uhlig, 311 Mountaincrest, stated the Star newspaper included a delinquent list of taxpayers' names, noted there were three from Duarte, stated one listing was for Phillip and Angela Reyes, and asked why someone who is not paying taxes should be spending taxes paid by others.

Mayor Reyes stated he has an impound account, and his taxes have been paid.

Mark Montgomery, 1544 Delford, stated he felt that attack was unwarranted, stated people carry a hatred for popular people, and stated he loves Phil and will always love him.

Jose Lomas, 1533 Royal Oaks and 645 Winston, Bradbury, stated he is a business consultant hired by failing businesses to identify the root cause of the failure, repair the damage, and assist with the long-term rebuilding of it, discussed questionable business practices, stated he lives next door to the person running the Outreach Center and he lives in Bradbury, and stated he volunteered as a ranger and will complete the mission.

Fasana noted Council has received e-mails from Mr. Lomas about allegations, and stated those need to be dealt with the proper authority. Mr. Lomas stated the issues are internal and Council needs to fix things they have messed up, and stated he would be happy to meet with the entire Council as a whole. Mayor Reyes stated we have gone beyond internal investigation and inquiry. Chapjian suggested waiting until the investigation and dealing with it then.

William Moreno, 2336 Rim, stated the DCTV channel is not in his lineup, he has expanded basic service, and stated he called Charter and was told it was not in the lineup. Mayor Reyes stated some residents are not getting DCTV on Channel 55. Duff stated we have been assured by Charter that all cable subscribers would receive the channel lineup without buying a box, noted it appears that is not entirely correct, and stated staff is continuing to work with Charter to determine what is the case, as it is an ongoing concern.

Chapjian inquired about what satellite would entail, and asked if the Community Services Commission could look into that. It was noted that public access is a basic service, not expanded, and should include Channel 55. Duff stated we would do our best to get a direct response.

Harb Thind, 2593 Willowglen, stated he submitted a petition to the City Council and the School District regarding the traffic problem at the PAC Center, stated the situation is bad and he has not seen a solution provided by the Traffic and Safety Commission, asked if the gasoline tax goes towards the maintenance of the roads, and stated the solution is to put in a signal.

Fasana stated gasoline taxes fund a number of projects, such as highway resurfacing, transit system, and pavement. Mayor Reyes stated this may be a timing issue since school just started, stated it has been reconfigured, and stated he thought the problem at the entrance to the PAC Center had been resolved. Chapjian stated we may have to take another look at it. Mayor Reyes stated we would look at it again.

Jeff Woodson, 2334 Beardslee, stated he has satellite TV, stated the Community Services Commission meets tomorrow night, encouraged those not happy with Charter to attend the meeting and speak out, and encouraged the Commission to find an alternative cable provider.

Mary Ann Ur, 2209 Tall Pine, stated she is a Community Services Commissioner, asked those who have an issue with Charter to come to the meeting and look at the franchise agreement, stated they are trying to find a

solution to this problem, and stated there is need for more verbal documentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item E. Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, read the letter from Watkins & Watkins about the claim for damages, stated he finds it interesting about vicious dogs, and stated he has seen them.

Item A. Chapjian requested the Minutes indicate that his absence was due to his being on vacation. Mayor Reyes requested page 6271 be amended to include "noted all four applicants live on the north side."

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, with the Minutes amended as stated above, and carried with Chapjian abstaining from Item A (Minutes).

Approve Items A, B, C.

Receive and File Item D.

Deny Item E.

COUNCIL BILLS

Council Bill 02-O-04

Commissioner Appointment
(First Reading)

(Continued from 7/23/02)

Chapjian stated the intent is to take the politics out of the appointment process, this would give each Councilmember an opportunity to appoint, it will diversify the Commissions, stated he thinks this is the fairest way, and he hopes City Council will support it.

Ernie Martinez, 482 Woodbluff, stated he agrees with Mr. Chapjian's idea, stated each Councilmember would appoint the best person they think could do the job, and stated he thinks it will take the politics out of it.

Paras stated she understands the reasons this ordinance has come up and feels it would still politicize the process, stated each Councilmember would appoint one per Commission instead of a body discussing the appointments, and stated the current way has worked more times than it has not.

Chapjian stated this process is better than the current one, it still requires ratification from three members of the City Council, stated this is a good way to diversify and enhance the Commissions, and feels it would not be any more political than the current process.

Peale read by title Council Bill 02-O-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUARTE,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.30.080 OF THE
DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING THE
APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS (First Reading)

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to waive further reading, introduce for first reading, and set Council Bill 02-O-04 for Public Hearing.

Fasana stated he had opposed this, as he felt it was better if the Council collectively made the appointments, stated the process did move away from that, stated it will be political, stated he thinks it is beneficial for Planning Commissioners to have experience on another Commission, each Councilmember will have different criteria, stated as written, this ordinance does not require concurrence of Council of the individual appointments, stated he is willing to try it, stated there are some logistical issues, it is only fair to

allow sitting Commissioners to serve their terms, stated appointments should coincide with Councilmembers' terms, and stated there may be issues with the Economic Development Commissioners appointed by the Chamber, as well as the School District appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Reyes stated he has concerns with the implementation of the policy and dismantling of current Commissions, stated he tried to make an appointment two weeks ago, stated he thought it was a fair and open process, stated five submitted applications, one withdrew, and interviews were conducted with four, stated he hopes to get ratification of Robert Cuite, stated he was part of the original first group of applicants, stated Mr. Firth mentioned he is willing to withdraw his application in order to make this work, stated he is concerned about changing the rules and trying to circumvent the process, stated Mr. Cuite is impartial and unbiased, and stated he thinks this is political and unfair to the Commissioners that currently exist.

Chapjian stated he does not agree, felt Mr. Reyes circumvented the process by initiating a process on his own without full Council approval, stated that was not a legal process, stated this ordinance would remove that, it does not change the rules rather it enhances them, stated Mr. Reyes originally wanted someone on the south side, stated Mr. Cuite is not from the south side, and stated he feels this would not be as divisive as the current process.

Mayor Reyes stated he received a ruling from Mr. Moseley that he has every right to appoint and bring candidates forward, stated Council has the right to ratify or reject, and asked Mr. Peale if he is wrong. Peale stated he concurred with what Mr. Moseley stated. Mayor Reyes stated with regard to the issue of south side, his interest is to bring a compromise, and that is why he appointed Mr. Cuite.

Fasana stated the City Attorney's position is out there, stated carrying the process forward has been a change in practice, stated the current process is flawed as some Councilmembers would not serve as Mayor when appointments would be made, stated actual practice has changed, and stated Council has the power to bring forward remedies that would change the procedure.

Public Hearing Set 9/24/02

The motion to waive further reading, introduce for first reading, and set Council Bill 02-O-04 for Public Hearing, carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Chapjian, Finlay, Fasana

NOES: Paras, Reyes

Council Bill 02-O-05
Commercial Signs - MCA 02-2
(Second Reading)
(Continued from 8/27/02)

Mayor Reyes read by title Council Bill 02-O-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 19.80 (SIGN ORDINANCE), SECTION 19.80.090, EXHIBIT "A", OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SIGN REVISIONS FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES (MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT 02-2) (Second Reading)

Fasana moved, Chapjian seconded to waive further reading of Council Bill 02-O-05, and carried unanimously.

Chapjian stated if A-frame signs were deleted, it would help keep the City beautiful, stated there are a number of changes to the sign ordinance, stated he sees the results of A-frame signs in the work he does every day, stated the City would be enhanced by not approving A-frame or sandwich board signs, and stated he thinks the residents would appreciate the elimination of A-frame signs.

Fasana moved, Chapjian seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 763, with the deletion of Item 10 (A-frame sandwich board signs) for both Commercial Zones with a Single Tenant and Multiple Tenant or Shopping Centers.

Finlay stated she would concur, and stated her problem with A-frame signs is the liability.

Paras stated she supports the committee that worked diligently on this for City Council to review, stated her understanding is that the ordinance is enforceable and provides specific guidelines, stated she supports local businesses and has seen A-frame signs in other cities, and stated not giving them the opportunity to try it out is an injustice to business owners.

Fasana stated he hopes we do not end up with too much signage, stated A-frame signs could be considered later, and stated he would rather adopt it incrementally.

Chapjian stated he is in full support of business, this gives business a lot, stated the interests of residents need to be considered, and stated business interests and aesthetics need to be balanced.

Paras stated if the opportunity were provided to business owners, there are guidelines to follow, and stated she feels it will benefit local businesses, as well as residents to help them identify some of the businesses.

Finlay stated the City has one of the best records in risk management in the entire Los Angeles area, stated she does not want to put safety on the line, stated she supports business, that is why the sign ordinance is being changed, stated if something happens, business owners have limited liability and the City would be sued, and stated it is an abdication of responsibility to allow A-frame signs.

Mayor Reyes inquired if there was a legal opinion. Peale stated the opinion of Joint Powers indicates that if A-frame signs are placed on private property, there is no liability to the City, and stated the practical problem is if a business has dedicated a portion of private property to public use.

Mayor Reyes stated in terms of aesthetics, it is only a three-month period each year, stated he thinks it is a management issue and he does not think there is a liability issue, and thanked staff and the Chamber for all their work.

ORDINANCE NO. 763

The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 763, with the deletion of Item 10 (A-frame sandwich board signs) for both Commercial Zones with a Single Tenant and Multiple Tenant or Shopping Centers, carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Finlay, Fasana, Chapjian

NOES: Paras, Reyes

CITY MANAGER
Notice of Completion
Slurry Seal – Phase I
Doug Martin Contracting

Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to accept the Slurry Seal Phase I project, per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff Woodson, 2334 Beardslee, encouraged the Council to refrain from saying north, south, east, or west when referring to the City, encouraged Councilmembers to read the L.A. Times article about the situation in South Gate, asked if any Councilmembers are volunteering to sit in the dunk tank at the Picnic, and stated Mr. Peale should have a name plate.

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, stated the public is confused with the banter, voters thought they were voting for a representative of the whole City, not specific neighborhoods, felt each Councilmember could identify which neighborhood they are for so people will know who to talk to, and suggested representing people in the City equally the way they were voted to do.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated the comments about not using north, south, east, or west are idealistic, stated those terms are used to describe a place, and stated it is a problem if done in a derogatory manner.

Mark Montgomery, 1544 Delford, stated Councilmembers Chapjian and Finlay are anti A-frame, discussed Burma Shave signs, stated mom-and-pop stores will be driven out of business, stated they will regret it at election time as the issue will be brought back and approved, and stated A-frame signs increase sales tax revenue.

ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL
Historic preservation
ordinance (Chapjian)
(Continued from 7/23/02)

Chapjian stated he brought this item forward as an update, and stated he appreciates staff working with the Duarte Historical Society regarding the City's development of a historic preservation ordinance. Duff stated the Duarte Historical Society has offered its assistance in developing a list of sites that may have some historic significance to provide as a good starting point.

Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to receive and file this item, and carried unanimously.

Planning Commission
appointment (Reyes)
(Continued from 8/27/02)

Mayor Reyes stated he interviewed four applicants, and moved to appoint Robert Cuite to the Planning Commission. Paras seconded the motion.

Fasana stated Mr. Cuite was in the original set of applications, noted he has various qualities and qualifications, stated he prefers to see someone who has previous Commission experience, and stated he has issues with the process.

Chapjian stated he knows and respects Mr. Cuite, stated once the other process is finalized, he can be appointed to a Commission, stated it is premature to do this since we are talking about changing the process, and stated he would not support this.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated in the late 80s when there was a vacancy on the Council, City Council deliberated in public and selected Ed Beranek, stated Council will not always agree with the nominees, stated Council has the responsibility to comply with the municipal code, and suggested nominees be voted on until there is a majority vote.

Fasana stated we are dealing with an issue where this process has worked in the past as a process of equals, and stated the City Council as the ruling five, has the power to look at existing ordinances and to find another process or method of making appointments.

Chapjian stated three votes are needed to ratify, stated all Councilmembers serve the entire City, stated if three feel a candidate is good, maybe that is who should be appointed, stated we do not know why that candidate was rejected by the Mayor, stated Council has compromised, and stated he thinks the process needs to be changed.

Paras stated Council's responsibility is to fill the vacancy, stated she attended both interviews and saw three out of four candidates, and stated if Mr. Cuite is not the person that Council is going to agree upon, she thinks it is the Council's responsibility to find a suitable person to fill that vacancy so the Planning Commission serves at full capacity.

The motion to appoint Robert Cuite to the Planning Commission failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Paras, Reyes

NOES: Fasana, Chapjian, Finlay

Mayor Reyes stated he will continue to work to bring someone forward, stated he did not appoint Mr. Firth, stated Measure A was bad public policy and he did not support it, stated Mr. Firth and Mr. Chapjian were trying to protect their own interests in their own neighborhood, stated they both live near Attalla Ranch, they have selfish political interests, and want to make sure those units are minimized, stated the property owner has every right to develop the site, stated that is one of the reasons Mr. Chapjian and Mr. Firth went forward on Measure A, stated that is exactly the reason he is not going to support Mr. Firth for this appointment, and stated Mr. Cuite does not belong to anyone's camp and is a good compromise.

Chapjian stated there was a whole committee of citizens to save the foothills, stated it was not one property, rather it was four properties, the people brought the issue to the forefront and to the attention of the voters, stated although it was not voted for, people did want to save the foothills, stated they acted to save all the foothills for the future of the City, stated it was insulting as a lot of good people worked to help save the foothills and thanked them, stated he is proud he helped towards that, stated he did not appreciate the innuendoes and accusations, and stated his record is absolutely clean.

Mayor Reyes stated in November, if Mr. Chapjian is appointed Mayor, then he will make his appointment, stated the process has been politicized, stated he appreciated everything the group did to try to save the foothills, and stated he was on the other side of the issue, as he felt it was bad policy.

Chapjian stated Mr. Firth represents neighborhoods, he has a strong commitment to neighborhoods, he is not pro-development, he is pro-neighborhood preservation, and that is why he nominated him, and stated Mr. Reyes is a realtor and that may be the opposition he has to it. Mayor Reyes stated Mr. Firth has a strong commitment to one neighborhood, as does Mr. Chapjian.

Funding – Ray Bradbury event
(Reyes)

Mary Barrow stated the League of California Cities also scheduled Ray Bradbury on October 4 at 7:30 p.m., the same evening of the Duarte event, stated the League event is contractual and was set up with his publicist, whereas Mr. Bradbury had instigated the Duarte event and booked it himself, and stated he is extremely embarrassed and is willing to come to Duarte on Saturday, October 5.

Wanita Norgard stated Ray Bradbury had communicated with Peter Rosenwald when he received the Golden Apple Award, thanked the City for its substantial support, thanked Jack Collins for his personal loan to purchase books that will be sold to benefit the Duarte Library, requested a donation of \$250 for needed promotion and corrections, and provided information about events for “Ray Bradbury Day” on October 5.

Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to approve a \$250 donation to Friends of the Duarte Library for the Ray Bradbury event, and carried unanimously.

Travel and expense
reimbursement policy (Reyes)

Mayor Reyes stated Council may want to look at changing the 30-day limit in Item 4.C, stated he does not ask for reimbursement of his expenses as he uses his stipend, stated if he chooses not to ask for reimbursement, he does not know why he has to fill out a reimbursement form, stated staff indicated it would be recognized as income, stated Council is asked to pay out of their pockets then ask for reimbursement, stated he thinks there should be a City credit card for legitimate traveling, conferences, or meetings, so Council does not have to ask for reimbursement and put it on their credit cards, and stated he thinks it is bad policy.

Karl Uhlig, 311 Mountaincrest, stated submitting expenses is part of the U.S. tax law, stated he thinks the stipend is counted as income by the IRS, stated he feels it is a tax issue and a City law cannot be passed to preempt IRS rules, and regarding a credit card for Councilmembers, stated his experience is that it works best if it is on your own credit card as expense reports will be filled out more quickly.

Mayor Reyes asked staff to let him know if this is Federal law, as that is a different issue entirely, and stated he thinks he can recognize the expenses on his personal income tax.

Fasana stated he believes if one is not reimbursed through the City, the expenses could be reported on one’s taxes with the right justification, stated the policy could be reviewed to streamline it, stated in some cases where the advance is per diem, it is awkward to receive it and report it back, stated for City-related travel, it is reasonable to request that the City make hotels bookings, felt Items 6 and 7 need to be clearer, stated he does not want to see credit cards, and noted the City arranges for some of the conferences.

Mayor Reyes stated in some cases, a credit card is asked for, and he thinks it would be easier to put it on a credit card that is controlled and managed by staff, and stated all are in violation of Item 4.C. There was discussion about the length of time for advances to be submitted, the need to adhere to the policy, 60 days being more reasonable than 30 days, looking at different items and making recom-

mendations, streamlining of items, clarifying the per diem section, and other legitimate expenses.

Duff suggested Councilmembers review the expense reimbursement policy, make notes in the margins, and return it to staff, and staff would attempt to rewrite some of the language. Mayor Reyes noted all were in consensus with that.

CHAPJIAN: 1) Distributed copies of an article from the Star News regarding Caltech's Broad Center, stated Mr. Broad donated \$20 million to the center, stated he does not think we should give up on a biotech center as it is the wave of the future, and stated he would like to recapture the opportunity; 2) Thanked staff for their efforts on the 91 acres of Pacific Communities property, stated the bill is in the Governor's office now, and we hope he vetoes it; 3) Stated he is glad to see the Downtown Duarte Task Force is taking off, and stated we are moving forward for the betterment of our community; 4) Stated he would like to discuss the possibility of funding for a quarterly City newsletter at the next Council Meeting, and stated it should be bilingual; 5) Stated he would like to discuss the government access and community access channels at a future Council meeting, stated DCTV may not have enough air time and the School District may be ready to televise its meetings, and stated this may be an opportunity to split those up, with one channel strictly for government, and the other channel for community access so more people could use the community channel; and 6) Stated he attended the League's installation event, noted Arnold Schwarzenegger discussed after-school programs, stated our programs are great, and asked that the State measure for after-school programs be supported.

FINLAY: 1) Requested an update on what happened with the hiring practices allegations, as she was not here when that item was discussed; and 2) Stated the West Nile Virus is now in California.

FASANA: 1) Commended staff and expressed appreciation to Congresswoman Solis for a productive meeting, and stated she is a champion of open space preservation; 2) Inquired about the possibility of a Lowe's being placed in Irwindale south of Andres Duarte in the frontage area, and stated he heard they may want to install a road off Huntington east of Las Lomas to get freeway frontage. Duff stated it appears Irwindale is interested, the location falls just outside the City of Duarte's boundaries, it is within the jurisdiction of a redevelopment project area of Irwindale, our City staff has consulted with Irwindale's planning staff and our understanding is that the property is being reviewed by Lowe's Home Improvement, noted Lowe's indicated they will be in the Pasadena market, they explored Duarte, we were not able to accommodate them, and the market area they are looking at is between Lake Avenue in Pasadena, and the river east of Duarte. Fasana stated he hoped we would monitor that closely, as there would be impacts to our residents; and 3) Stated the jury is still out about the hillside acquisition effort and time will tell.

PARAS: 1) Stated she had previously requested the City Attorney look into neighboring cities that have commissions with regard to hiring policies and procedures, and

asked Mr. Duff to look into it; 2) Stated she also attended the League's installation event, noted Mr. Schwarzenegger's after-school initiative is Proposition 49, and stated she hopes the community supports it 100%; 3) Stated she hopes all join the community on September 21 for the Route 66 Parade and Picnic; and 4) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those servicemen and women and who lost their lives on September 11, the families who experienced that loss directly, and to celebrate the things we do have.

REYES: 1) Thanked Congresswoman Solis for attending the meeting, stated local and regional issues were discussed, and stated he hoped that when there is an opportunity to speak with our elected representatives, we make sure there are no conflicts so all five Councilmembers could attend; 2) Stated school has started, and asked that all drive safely; and 3) Invited all to attend the Parade and Picnic on September 21.

Finlay stated Citrus College is having its Taste of Autumn fundraiser on September 29 at 4:00 p.m., and she has tickets available.

Duff provided the most recent information about the status of AB 3009, stated it is sitting on the Governor's desk, stated the bill would suspend the Wildlife Conservation Board tax credit programs for this fiscal year, stated we have been actively asking the Governor to veto AB 3009, we have been working with representatives in Sacramento and as of 4:00 p.m. today, the Governor still had not signed the bill, stated we have been receiving tremendous help from the Trust for Public Land, and noted the State Resources Agency is also encouraging the Governor to veto this legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras moved, Chapjian seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, and to celebrate the lives and freedom that we are able to take part in, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

City Clerk Marla Akana