

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2003

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Chapjian called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Mayor Chapjian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A silent moment of reflection was observed.
- CITY CLERK RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The City Clerk recorded the following in attendance:  
PRESENT: Fasana (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Finlay, Paras, Reyes, Chapjian (left at 7:32 p.m.)  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Ralph Leech
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced grand opening of Wireless Connection on May 28 at noon, Shop Duarte bags to be distributed at Concerts in the Park, and stated this is the last week for business directory ads.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried unanimously.  
  
Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** Wanita Norgard, One Town One Book Committee, announced kickoff celebration on June 28, noon, at the Town Center Court-yard, requested financial support in the amount of \$500 from the City, and introduced Committee Chair Wendy Wright. Ms. Wright stated the book selected will be announced on June 28, as well as the selected children's book, and stated there will be book discussion groups and activities during the summer.  
  
Mayor Chapjian thanked Jack Collins for his work, and stated the request for funds will be on the Agenda for the next City Council Meeting.
- CONSENT CALENDAR** Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B, C, E, F.  
Receive and File Item D.
- COUNCIL BILLS** Leech read by title Council Bill 03-O-03:  
Council Bill 03-O-03  
Zone Change 03-1  
Andres Duarte Terrace Specific Plan (Second Reading)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, REVISING THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF THREE PARCELS OF LAND FROM R-4 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – HIGH DENSITY) TO SP (SPECIFIC PLAN – ANDRES DUARTE TERRACE SPECIFIC PLAN) (Zone Change 03-1) (Second Reading)
- ORDINANCE NO. 769** Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 769, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 03-R-12  
Appropriations Limit

Leech read by title Council Bill 03-R-12:

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. 03-12

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 03-12, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 03-R-13  
Intention – Landscape/Lighting  
Maintenance District  
Public Hearing set for 7/8/03

Leech read by title Council Bill 03-R-13:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 WITHIN THE CITY-WIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972; AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING TO HEAR OBJECTIONS THERETO

RESOLUTION NO. 03-13

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 03-13, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER  
Selection and Structure  
Downtown advisory committee

Duff provided a staff report outlining various alternative structures for an ad hoc downtown advisory committee, including members, duties, meetings, records, and officers.

Paras stated her opinion would be to select Alternative C, as the Economic Development Commission and staff already meet on a regularly scheduled date, dependent on issues and projects, it would take less effort to get the people together, and stated the Commission has two members from the business community.

Finlay stated she also thought Alternative B was good, and the 11<sup>th</sup> member could be the sitting Mayor.

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to select Alternative C (six members appointed to work in tandem with the Economic Development Commission, consisting of one member appointed by each of the five City Councilmembers from the original 21-member task force, and one member that is the Chair of the Planning Commission).

Reyes stated he liked Alternative B, he is concerned about conducting of meetings, the action plan says it is critical to form and ongoing committee to initiate five action steps, he does not see the implementation moving forward, and stated he sees this getting shelved if the right steps are not taken.

Mayor Chapjian stated everyone here is committed to moving this forward, feels it needs leadership from the Council, the sitting Mayor can chair this effort and move it along, that is the person who has the connection to the City Council, and stated with the sitting Mayor serving, there would be continuity with the City Council and its involvement in the process.

Reyes stated we need to commit to the people and the concept, he does not see it happening, felt there should be regularly scheduled meetings, and stated he sees this as being shelved.

Mayor Chapjian stated he does not agree, as the report was just received.

Reyes stated before the process was started, it was said the downtown concept was his thing, stated it is a community thing, they want the biotech at that location, and asked that scheduled meetings be committed to.

Mayor Chapjian stated we are here looking at a process, it cannot be jumped into, and stated he thinks there needs to be leadership from the City Council on this body.

Paras stated the Economic Development Commission meetings are regularly scheduled, a downtown agenda item could be scheduled at every meeting at the beginning, the discussion would be ongoing, we cannot afford to shelve this, she thinks the commitment is there, and stated there could be a standing agenda item on the Economic Development Commission meeting.

Fasana stated staff began working on tangible steps from the report immediately, this is not an independent movement, there is some benefit to letting this continue to be citizen-driven, his preference is to go with the Planning Commission Chair rather than the Mayor, he prefers Alternative C, and stated once the process starts, City Council can ask for updates as well.

Finlay stated she liked Ms. Paras' idea of having a monthly agenda item on the Economic Development Commission.

Fasana asked if it were agendaized monthly, would the committee be required to attend every month. It was determined that would be the case.

Paras stated if nothing is going on, there could be an update, it will be an opportunity for the public to be there, it may just be public input, it will be once a month, it is regularly scheduled, and City Council can review it after a few months.

Mayor Chapjian stated he does not want to put staff in the position to be a scapegoat, and felt leadership needs to come from the City Council.

Mayor Chapjian excused himself from the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Fasana assumed the Chair.

Reyes stated he is concerned about the Economic Development Commission, inquired if they have been asked, how long the meetings are, it might take up some of their meeting time, and stated Economic Development Commissioners may or may not want to be involved in this.

Finlay stated if the item is on the agenda and there is nothing to report, no report would be made, the public can speak on the item, and stated this way, it never goes off our radar.

Fasana stated City Council could direct the Economic Development Commission to make this their primary work program and report back periodically with progress reports, and stated City Council could appoint liaison members that were involved in the first task force.

Paras stated the ad hoc committee would have a separate agenda item, they would adjourn and go into the regular Commission meeting, and inquired about the length of current Commission meetings. Ed Cox responded, and noted the Economic Development Commission has seven members.

Duff noted one possibility is that there could be two agendas, possibly with the ad hoc committee meeting held prior to the Economic Development Commission meeting, or the ad hoc committee meeting could be held after the Commission meeting starts, or there may be times when there may not be business items on the Economic Development Commission agenda, and the entire meeting could be dedicated to the downtown effort.

Reyes stated he would be willing to look at the concept and try, and he hopes there are not scheduling problems.

Fasana stated perhaps other Economic Development Commission work product may be deferred while this item is the focus.

The motion to select Alternative C (six members appointed to work in tandem with the Economic Development Commission, consisting of one member appointed by each of the five City Councilmembers from the original 21-member task force, and one member that is the Chair of the Planning Commission) carried unanimously.

Fasana moved, Paras seconded that the Chair of the ad hoc downtown advisory committee be a resident of the City of Duarte, and carried unanimously.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Antonio Ogaz, Duarte, stated the Duarte Diversity event was great and thanked all for their participation, stated he was grateful the City took the lead with the community meeting at Pamela Park, some felt there was no notification, he thought it should have been highly attended, and suggested gang members be brought to the table to participate.

Ray Martin, Duarte, asked why he was not notified that he would be threatened with the loss of his home, why he had to notice it in the Chamber of Commerce newsletter, and if it makes the price of his home go down immediately.

Duff stated a workshop was conducted about redevelopment projects, State law dictates notification procedures, this project is in the beginning stages and it may never come forward, the possibility is being pursued, if there is the possibility of a project, all property owners will be notified as required by law, public hearings will be held, and stated at this point, it is premature.

Fasana stated at this point, there is not a viable project or a viable plan that is before the Council to be voted upon, if that does happen, there will be proper notification, it may or may not happen, if a project was never to occur, it would be premature, if a project were to occur, it would be our goal to negotiate with residents and treat everyone fairly, this is something that may not happen, there was an expression of interest made, and stated if something happens, we will work with residents and keep them informed.

#### ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

PARAS: 1) Attended the Multi-Cultural festival, and stated it was wonderful and the entertainment was superb; 2) Asked if appointments to the ad hoc downtown advisory committee would be discussed at the next Council Meeting. Duff responded yes; and 3) Stated she would like the Downtown Duarte Task Force to be recognized at a future meeting for their time and effort.

FINLAY: 1) Thanked staff for arranging the Community Summit, it was extremely beneficial to those that attended, and stated she would like a follow-up report; 2) Thanked the Public Works Department in our City and in others for doing a great job, and stated the Public Works Day event was held at Encanto Park; and 3) Announced Beardslee School Read-In on June 3, at 10:00 a.m.

REYES: 1) Stated local artist Bill Hyatt will participate in an art show at the Aztec Hotel in Monrovia on June 1 at 4:00 p.m.; 2) Regarding the Community Summit, stated he was concerned about the outreach efforts, felt fliers could have been passed out at schools, stated he asked to develop a task force to get the community involved, he supports the programs, when 20-year

olds are involved in illegal behavior, we are missing something somewhere, stated he has asked to be invited to the quarterly gang task force meetings, he has attended them and they are informative, we need to continue to look at this issue, there was no action taken at the meeting, he appreciated everyone attending, and asked about outreach efforts for the meeting at Andres Duarte School; 3) Thanked the Duarte Diversity Group for its hard work, and stated it was a great festival and program; 4) Stated there is a conflict with the Duarte High School graduation and the Concerts in the Park on June 19, and stated the Beautification Awards are also on that day; 5) Thanked Mr. Ornelas and his team, stated he attended the Public Works event, and commended everyone involved; 6) Congratulated all involved in the Immaculate Conception Church fiesta, and stated it was a great event; and 7) Congratulated Mike Sims, and stated the Duarte High School baseball team made it to the second round of playoffs.

Duff stated with regard to the outreach for the meeting at Andres Duarte School, the same notification was made as was for the Beardslee School meeting, and with regard to June 19, staff has been in contact with the High School principal, and we are working out some adjustments.

FASANA: 1) Regarding the Community Summit, stated he appreciated the efforts, felt good information was provided, we offer many opportunities for intervention to allow youth to make better choices, and stated some have not responded to the programs and some law enforcement was needed; 2) Inquired if the quarterly task force meetings hosted by the Sheriff's Department are open to anyone; 3) Congratulated the Duarte Diversity Group on the festival, stated the entertainment was fabulous and it was a great event; 4) Stated at the San Gabriel Valley COG meeting, there was a presentation made by LAFCO about municipal service reviews, and provided information about efficiency improvements and infrastructure needs; and 5) Suggested the possibility of asking the Neighborhood Watch Captains in the vicinity of Andres Duarte School to distribute fliers about the Special Council Meeting to be held on June 3.

Don Anderson stated with regard to the Gang Advisory Council meetings, if anyone wishes to be added to the list, whether it is City Council or members of the public, they will be. Reyes stated he would like to be added to the list.

Finlay stated with regard to notification about the Special City Council Meeting, suggested the principal at Andres Duarte School be contacted to see if the information can be placed on the marquee.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to the Special City Council Meeting, June 3, 2003, 7:00 p.m., at Andres Duarte School, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor George Chapjian

ATTEST:

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City Clerk