

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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 7:10 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Jack Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A silent moment of reflection was observed.
- RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:  
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras, Reyes, Chapjian  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Ralph Leech
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to conduct the Redevelopment Agency Meeting after Item 6 (Special Items), and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pat Wood, Duarte Diversity Group, thanked all involved in the Helping Hand event.  
Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Grand Opening of Universal Insurance on October 16, Networking Breakfast, October 21, at Duffer's, and Noon Blender, October 22, at Lockaway Storage, and stated the Chamber has 24 new members.  
Tina Heany, Rebuilding Together, announced house restoration event on October 18 and 25, and Laughlin trip fundraiser on November 1.  
Jack Collins, Duarte, thanked all who participated in the Duarte Festival of Authors.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.  
Paras moved, Fasana seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS** Phyllis Young, Los Angeles County Library, introduced Duarte Community Library Manager Pui-Ching Ho and Children's Librarian Kay Pearlman.
- Proclamation– Red Ribbon Week** Mayor Chapjian read and presented the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to Crime Prevention Specialist Abby Lai, who described the activities planned for Red Ribbon Week.
- RECESS** Mayor Chapjian called a Recess at 7:29 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 8:32 p.m., with all members present.
- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:  
Susie Bence – Prayers and pledge at Council Meetings, ethics.  
Cheryl Taylor – RV parking on Central in front of Andres Duarte School.  
Bill Hyatt – Thanked Public Safety and Sheriff's Department regarding scooter problem, letter from private investigator.
- CONSENT CALENDAR** Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B, C.

<p>CITY MANAGER Building lease agreement renewal Duarte Montessori School, Inc. (Continued from 9/23/03)</p>	<p>Chitra Liyanage, Duarte Montessori School, provided information about the school, and asked that City Council extend the lease.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Building Lease Agreement with the Duarte Montessori School, Inc., and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>City Commission appointment schedule</p>	<p>Dori Neuman, Duarte, inquired about the application procedure.</p> <p>Kristen Petersen, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a staff report, stated applications are available at City Hall and on the City's website, and the deadline is November 20.</p> <p>Paras suggested information be provided in the senior and teen newsletters.</p> <p>Reyes moved, Paras seconded to approve the City Commission appointment schedule, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>2003 LLEBG Program</p>	<p>Reyes moved, Finlay seconded that the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds be allocated to target area 1A, employing on a continuing basis new law enforcement officers, specifically the School Resource Deputy position, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Notice of Completion Cape Seal (Phase I Streets) Pavement Coatings Company</p>	<p>Reyes moved, Paras seconded to accept the Cape Seal (Phase I Streets) project, per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<p>The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Pat Wood – Agenda packets for City Council candidates. Dori Neuman – Diversity, City Council bios on City website.</p>
<p>ITEMS FROM COUNCIL Gold Line Phase II Construction Authority JPA – Alternate</p>	<p>Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to designate Councilmember Finlay as the Governing Board Alternate to the Gold Line Phase II Construction Authority JPA, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>2004 Picnic at Beardslee Park (Paras)</p>	<p>Dori Neuman, Duarte, supported the item, and felt if the venue was changed, it should be permanent.</p> <p>Antonio Ogaz, Duarte, supported the item, and felt it would show diversity of leadership.</p> <p>Lino Paras, Duarte, supported the item, and felt other parks could also be used.</p> <p>Paras moved, Reyes seconded that the 2004 City Picnic be planned and scheduled to be held at Beardslee Park.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Finlay seconded a substitute motion to send the item pertaining to the scheduling of the City Picnic at Beardslee Park to the Parks and Recreation Commission, to include consideration of all alternatives and a discussion with the Parade Committee.</p> <p>Paras withdrew the main motion. The substitute motion carried unanimously.</p>
<p>Letter received from private investigator (Chapjian)</p>	<p>Mayor Chapjian suggested the letter be forwarded to the appropriate authorities, and stated no tax dollars had been spent.</p> <p>Lino Paras, Duarte, stated his daughter complied with all codes regarding residency.</p> <p>Chapjian moved, Finlay seconded to send the letter received from the private investigator to the appropriate authorities.</p>

After discussion, it was determined that Councilmembers could send the letter as individuals rather than as a Council. No action was taken on the item.

REYES: 1) Stated in January, this City Council took action and sent a report to the D.A.; 2) Thanked all involved in the Duarte Festival of Authors; 3) Stated he would like Eagle Scouts in the area recognized; 4) Suggested Duarte resident Craig Stogner be recognized for being named Arcadia's Firefighter of the Year; 5) Thanked staff and all involved with the College Fair; 6) Thanked the Sheriff's Department for its added service due to the activities in front of Ralphs; and 7) Stated Councilmember Fasana is not being respectful by being late to Council Meetings.

FASANA: 1) Commended all involved with the Festival of Authors; 2) Commended the Diversity Group and those involved with the event on Goodall Street; 3) Commended the Kiwanis Club and newly-installed President Ed Cox; 4) Complimented the Phoenix House on its recent event; 5) Stated Beardslee Park improvements were anxiously awaited and it was a great project; 6) Inquired about the RV parking in front of Beardslee School being referred to Traffic and Safety Commission. Duff stated the issue would be addressed immediately by staff, and a long-term solution would be considered by the Traffic and Safety Commission; 7) Regarding the work stoppage at MTA, stated Foothill Transit is providing service for San Gabriel Valley residents; 8) Regarding Ralphs, stated ongoing affordability of health care is the issue; and 9) Stated he would not make excuses for being late, and he hopes his service is looked at favorably.

FINLAY: 1) Stated the PSAT exam will be given at Duarte High School on October 18 at 8:00 a.m.; 2) Welcomed Duarte Community Library Manager Pui-Ching Ho to the community; 3) Thanked the Friends of the Library for the week-end event; 4) Thanked all involved with the College Fair; 5) Stated one of the activities of Red Ribbon Week is the walk on October 25; and 6) Thanked City Commissioners for their dedicated work.

PARAS: 1) Stated the wonderful events in Duarte are a joint effort of the community; and 2) Congratulated the Chamber on the recent grand openings and its new members, and stated she is looking forward to Hats Off.

CHAPJIAN: 1) Discussed a report from the AQMD regarding PM-10, and asked that the report be provided to City Council; 2) Stated the County has reduced the 2003-04 Fire Department's special tax; 3) Thanked all involved with the Festival of Authors; 4) Stated the good things in Duarte are a collective effort, and stated special events take a lot of time; 5) Suggested Steve Esbshade be recognized at a Council Meeting for being named the Maintenance Superintendents Association's Los Angeles/Orange Chapter Member of the Year; 6) Suggested lease agreements be reviewed first by the City Attorney in the future; and 7) Apologized for being late a few times and for missing two meetings during his term.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

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Mayor George Chapjian

ATTEST:

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City Clerk