

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2003

At 5:30 p.m., a Welcome and Farewell Reception was held.

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Pro Tem Fasana called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Former Duarte Mayor Bob Davey 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, Gaston, Paras ABSENT: Reyes ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Ralph Leech
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City and staff for making the Hats Off event a success, and announced Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and Community Service Recognition Awards on November 26, 2003, at 7:00 a.m.
FISCAL AFFAIRS	Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.  Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
SPECIAL ITEM City Council Reorganization Election of Mayor	City Manager Duff assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor.  Finlay nominated John Fasana for Mayor.
Mayor John Fasana	There being no further nominations, the motion to elect John Fasana as Mayor carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Gaston, Finlay, Paras, Fasana NOES: None ABSENT: Reyes
Election of Mayor Pro Tem	Mayor Fasana assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem.  Gaston nominated Margaret Finlay for Mayor Pro Tem.
Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay	There being no further nominations, the motion to elect Margaret Finlay as Mayor Pro Tem carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Paras, Gaston, Fasana, Finlay NOES: None ABSENT: Reyes
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Anela Freeman – Congresswoman Solis' bills regarding military immigration and renaming of the Duarte Post Office signed by the President. Mary Ann Ur – Recent election, vandalism to personal property. Steve Hernandez – Election results, voters. Brian Lister – Good job of picking up campaign signs.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM  
Final EIR, Mitigation Monitoring  
Program, Tentative Tract Map  
52867 (Attalla Ranch)  
(Continued from 11/11/03)

Mayor Fasana stated the Public Hearing to consider the Final Environmental Impact Report, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and Tentative Tract Map 52867 (Northeasterly terminus of Sunnydale Drive and Woodbluff Avenue – Attalla Ranch) was held and closed on November 11, 2003.

James Coughlin, attorney representing Attalla Ranch, requested a continuance of the item until a full Council is present.

Mayor Fasana asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

George Chapjian, Duarte, stated he would not see the hillside if this development goes in, he thinks it can be built on the natural contours of the land, and suggested Council walk the property.

Continued to 12/9/03

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to continue the item to the City Council Meeting of December 9, 2003, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Fasana called a Recess at 7:50 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 8:00 p.m., with four members present, and Reyes absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B.

Receive and File Item C.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL  
Intergovernmental Organizations

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to concur with the following appointments to intergovernmental organizations, and carried unanimously.

Area “D Emergency Services

City Manager – Representative

Full Council – Alternates

California Contract Cities

Margaret Finlay – Delegate

Lois Gaston – Alternate

City Selection Committee (County)

John Fasana – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Community Education Council

Tzeitel Paras – Representative

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Duarte Community Service Council

Lois Gaston – Representative

Tzeitel Paras – Alternate

Duarte Education Foundation

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Lois Gaston – Alternate

Foothill Employment and Training Consortium

John Fasana – Delegate

Phillip Reyes – Alternate

Foothill Transit Zone

John Fasana – Delegate

Lois Gaston – Alternate

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Margaret Finlay – Director

City Manager/Full Council – Alternates

League of California Cities

John Fasana – Delegate

Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

John Fasana – Governing Board Representative

Lois Gaston – Alternate Governing Board Representative

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Tzeitel Paras – Representative

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22

John Fasana – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments

Tzeitel Paras – Representative

Lois Gaston – First Alternate

Fasana, Finlay, Reyes – Second Alternates

City Council representative to  
CDBG Citizen Advisory Comm.

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to appoint Lois Gaston as the City Council representative to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2004-2005, and carried unanimously.

GASTON: Stated it is time to accept the election results, negativism and vandalism are damaging and intimidating, it is disappointing when State and National officials ignore years of service by citizens, it is rewarding to accomplish something together, the election involved teamwork, and stated she hopes Mr. Reyes will attend the next meeting.

PARAS: 1) Stated it is wonderful to work with her colleagues, the past should be put behind, there will be times when the City Council will not all agree, she appreciates the voters coming out, and she looks forward to good things happening soon; and 2) Thanked Congresswoman Solis for her efforts in renaming the Duarte Post Office for Francisco Martinez Flores.

FINLAY: 1) Stated it is a pleasure to serve on the Council with those elected; 2) Congratulated Mohamed Trafeh on signing with the University of Arizona, and noted he is on the cover of the School Sports Magazine; 3) Thanked the Chamber, City staff, and the businesses for the wonderful Hats Off event; 4) Stated residents on Three Ranch Road north of Fiesta Floats have complained about cars speeding and not stopping when coming off the ramp to Evergreen; and 5) Wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

FASANA: 1) Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and thanked those protecting our liberties; 2) Requested an item be agendized about sending a letter to the Governor indicating how vital vehicle license fees are to cities, with copies to State and Federal officials; 3) Requested an item be agendized at the next meeting in support of AB 712 (Liu) pertaining to modifying the structure of the Gold Line Construction Authority; 4) Requested an item about the Patriot Act be agendized in January; 5) Requested the issue of Oral Communications be re-agendized; 6) Regarding the election, stated the people have spoken, they want the City and School District to work together, there was damage to homes during the election, and stated he hopes when there are disagreements, the dialogue would include facts; 7) Congratulated his colleagues, and stated he is looking forward to a great year; and 8) Announced Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, November 26.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., and carried unanimously.

---

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

---

City Clerk