

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004

At 5:00 p.m., interviews were conducted for an Executive Recruiting Firm.

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Fasana called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Lieutenant Biagini 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: Finlay, Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Fasana ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Ralph Leech
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Ernie Martinez, Duarte Rotary, announced Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 10, 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced State of the City and Public Employee Awards on March 24, grand openings of Infocus Vision Center on March 25 and Aron's Square Dance Shop on April 12, and announced new Chamber mugs are available.</p> <p>Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced cartoon drawing workshop on March 30, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Nita Norgard, Friends of the Duarte Library, presented information about One Town One Book events, stated Mystic Sisters will sell the selected books, and asked that recommendations be submitted.</p> <p>Kristen Petersen announced Public Forum on March 30, 7:00 p.m., to receive feedback on the City Manager position.</p> <p>Mayor Fasana stated City Council interviewed three executive recruiting firms prior to the Council Meeting, and made a recommendation for staff to negotiate a contract with Maximus to conduct the search.</p> <p>Gaston announced Foothill Unity Center Hoop Challenge Fundraiser on March 27 at Felix Event Center.</p>
FISCAL AFFAIRS	<p>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.</p> <p>Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.</p>
SPECIAL ITEMS	Mike Riffey, past president of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, presented the 2004 Rose Float Picture Trophy, and thanked the City for 31 years of joint participation with the City of Hope.
Proclamation – Beautification Month	Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Beautification Month to Donna Georgino, who provided information about the Annual Beautification Awards program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried with Reyes abstaining from the Minutes. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E. Receive and file Items F, G.

CITY MANAGER
Duarte Education Foundation
Request – \$5,000

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to approve the request from the Duarte Education Foundation for \$5,000 to support the Foundation’s second annual musical, and carried unanimously.

Update – Fish Canyon Falls
access

Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, provided an updated report about the City’s efforts to establish better access to the Fish Canyon Trail and to Fish Canyon Falls.

Gaston moved, Paras seconded to receive and file the update report concerning Fish Canyon Falls access, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:

Jim Kirchner – Appreciation for expressions of sympathy, City Manager Duff, Assistant City Manager Yelton.

Jack Collins – Lighting on the trail, Library event, barricade situation.

Ernie Martinez– Access to Fish Canyon, Oral Communications.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL
Andres Duarte statue (Fasana)

Bill Hyatt stated any one of the statues presented would be fantastic, he supports it and would be willing to assist, and stated he would like to see a commitment on the part of the City.

Jim Kirchner stated he favors the Huntington/Mt. Olive site for the statue, and stated it may take the community a long time to raise a large amount of money.

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to select the statue proposed by Richard Myer that includes a horse, commit to placement of the statue at the northeast corner of Huntington Drive/Mount Olive, and to match dollar-for-dollar the fundraising amount up to \$50,000.

There was discussion about costs, discussion with Irwin Margiloff about fundraising efforts, level of commitment, quality of work, maintenance costs, possibility of art assessment fee and an ad hoc committee, and potential arts ordinance. Reyes called for the question.

The motion carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Reyes, Gaston, Paras, Fasana

NOES: None

NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE: Finlay

PARAS: 1) Stated she was appointed President of APAMO for the National League of Cities and is proud to serve on that board; 2) Stated the positive outcome of the situation on Mount Olive proved that the City’s emergency plan works; and 3) Stated some type of reflector or low lights could help with the darkness at the intersection on the bike trail.

REYES: 1) Congratulated Councilmember Paras for being appointed President of APAMO; 2) Inquired about the cause of emissions and fumes in the Andres Duarte area. Duff responded; 3) Thanked staff for assisting with the recent tragedy in the community and the barricade situation; 4) With regard to Vulcan, looks forward to ultimately accessing the canyon every weekend, and 5) Thanked Congresswoman Solis for the outstanding dedication ceremony at the post office.

GASTON: 1) Thanked and congratulated Jack Collins and Nita Norgard for being Golden Apple recipients; 2) Thanked participants in the beautification day on Saturday; 3) Attended the Women’s Conference at Citrus College, commended Mary

Barrow who headed the steering committee, and stated Ed Ortell complimented Duarte voters who boosted the passage of the Citrus College bond; 4) Stated the Red Cross was in awe of the organization at Royal Oaks Park during the recent incident; 5) Noted there were two recent tragic situations in the City, some were concerned about the trauma and aftereffects of the tragedy, and hoped information about domestic violence that was presented by the steering committee at the Citrus College event could be used to help; and 6) With regard to an article about Duarte in the Los Angeles Times, thanked staff and Mary Barrow for their assistance with the media.

Duff stated the City is working with the L. A. County Sheriff's Department and America's Promise in planning a domestic violence education program and workshop, and provided information about the systematic response and approach that was taken during and after the recent incidents, including counseling and victims' assistance programs.

FINLAY: 1) Stated since we are approaching mosquito breeding season, standing water and other breeding places should be removed; 2) Congratulated Nita Norgard and Jack Collins for receiving the Golden Apple Award, and stated the library has great programs; 3) Appreciated the opportunity to assist with Career Day at Andres Duarte School; and 4) Thanked staff and Sheriff's Department for their dedication and assistance during the recent incident and in setting up the evacuation center.

FASANA: 1) Congratulated Margaret Viramontes for being recognized by Congresswoman Solis as one of the Women of the Year in her district, and asked that she be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting; 2) Stated he attended a recent COG meeting, and provided information about the impact of growth and housing; and 3) Congratulated staff for safely evacuating neighbors near the incident, stated the disaster plan worked well, and with regard to the incident on Lewiston, asked that the services that were made available be incorporated in the manual's check list.

RECESS

Mayor Fasana called a Recess at 8:50 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 8:52 p.m. with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Fasana called a Closed Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss and take possible action concerning public employee appointment for position of City Attorney, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. City Council reconvened at 9:34 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Fasana announced the City Council directed staff to commence negotiations with Rutan & Tucker for the position of City Attorney, and to bring the item back to the City Council at the April 13, 2004, meeting for action.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. in memory of Wanda Smith, Joshua Harmon, Murray Smith, Jr., Al Velasquez, and Johnny McLaurin's mother, sister, and nephew, to March 30, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Special Meeting (Public Forum), and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk