

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

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 7:14 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Alan Heller 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 Slater
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- 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.
Gaston moved, Paras seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEM**
Presentation – Vulcan Materials Jim Gore, Vulcan Materials Company, presented an overview of the Azusa Rock Quarry location, existing operations plan, reclamation goals and objectives, concurrent mining, comparison of existing and proposed operations, and proposed expansion of reclamation plan to be completed by 2038, answered questions from Councilmembers, and invited City Council to tour the area.
Karl Uhlig, Duarte, inquired about what would be visible from the City of Duarte when the expansion takes place.
Mayor Fasana requested maps be provided showing the current mining with the current permit and the proposed mining with the amended permit, and that the item be agendized at a future meeting.
- Presentation – Community Union** Miriam Fox, Northview School Principal, provided information about the Community Union technology enhancement program, and introduced Larry Ortega and students who graduated from the program.
- JOINT PUBLIC HEARING**
D.D.A. – Emporium Family Trust (Re-scheduled to a future date) Mayor Fasana announced this was the time and place set for a Joint Public Hearing to consider a proposed Disposition and Development Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Parbhubhai J. Patel and Padmaben P. Patel, trustees and/or trustors of the Emporium Family Trust, dated November 2, 1994, and notice of sale of real property. Chairperson Paras called the Redevelopment Agency into session for the Joint Public Hearing, and noted all members were present.
Agency Attorney Slater stated as this item was continued from August 24, 2004, no further notice was required, and asked City Clerk Akana if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Akana stated there were none.
Agency Attorney Slater stated the recommendation from staff is to re-schedule the Joint Public Hearing to a future date to be determined by staff, with the re-scheduled Joint Public Hearing to be re-noticed/re-advertised.
Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to close the Joint Public Hearing,

and to re-schedule this item to a future date to be determined by staff, with the re-scheduled Joint Public Hearing to be re-noticed/re-advertised, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Fasana called a Recess at 8:25 p.m. to continue the Redevelopment Agency Meeting, and to conduct a Special Meeting. City Council reconvened at 10:58 p.m. to continue the Regular City Council Meeting, with all members present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C.
Receive and File Item D.

CITY MANAGER

Award of Contract
Slurry Seal Streets – Phase II
Doug Martin Contracting

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to award the contract to Doug Martin Contracting for Slurry Seal Streets – Phase II, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:

Lino Paras – Congratulations to new City Manager.

Harb Thind – Congratulations to Mr. George.

Jack Collins – Congratulations to Mr. Duff and Mr. George.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Voting Delegate/Alternate
National League of Cities

Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to designate Councilmember Paras as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Finlay as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the National League of Cities 2004 Congress of Cities in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 4, 2004, and carried unanimously.

REYES: 1) Stated he enjoyed the joint meeting with the School Board, and stated Mr. Duff can take credit for the collaboration and cooperation over the years; 2) Inquired about the waiting list for the new senior housing project. Paras stated staff will take calls at City Hall and refer them to Sally Little; 3) Thanked staff for the great Bridge Party; 4) Stated the Honor Among Ashes program was a great event; 5) Suggested a thank you letter from the Mayor be sent to Supervisor Antonovich's office for their assistance with the Community Union program; and 6) Stated he will not be in attendance at the next City Council meeting, thanked Jess Duff for his 25 years of service to the community, and congratulated him on his retirement.

GASTON: 1) Stated the Bridge Party was excellent; 2) Stated she enjoyed the program of remembrance on September 11, thanked Helene Cadornigara for singing at the event, and thanked staff for their work; 3) Requested the item Cities That Read be agendaized; 4) Asked that the large potholes on the bike trail adjacent to the east bank of the San Gabriel River be looked into; and 5) Thanked Jess Duff for his assistance, for bringing the people of our town together, and for a staff that is the best.

FINLAY: 1) Announced Sewer Science teacher workshop sponsored by the Sanitation Districts on October 2, tour of Puente Hills landfill and San Jose Creek on October 23, and discussed proposed Puente Hills Intermodal Facility, with trash being taken to the Mesquite Landfill by rail; 2) Stated the Bridge Party was great, and thanked the City Engineer and Field Services staff for their dedication to the City; 3) Stated she and Mr. Figueroa and Mr. Fasana went to Sacramento to lobby for our portion of the bond from Prop 14, and noted the decision about library funding will be decided by November; and 4) Stated she will provide updated vector control reports at a future meeting.

Mayor Fasana noted the idea of waste-by-rail started in Duarte in 1987.

PARAS: 1) Stated she participated in the groundbreaking of the 80-unit senior homes this morning; 2) Stated the September 11 event was respectful, and suggested Helene Cadornigara be recognized at a future City Council meeting as the Duarte Idol winner and perhaps be invited to sing; 3) Stated the joint meeting with the School Board was very productive; and 4) Welcomed Darrell George to the City.

FASANA: 1) Thanked staff for working extremely hard on the bridge and bike trail improvements, and provided a chronology of the project and staff involvement; 2) Stated there is graffiti under the bridges on the bike trail along the 210 Freeway and Huntington Drive; 3) Noted the Cities That Read item will be agendized; 4) Stated the Governor will hold a press conference on September 15 about the Yes on 1-A measure; 5) Stated the South Coast Air Quality District is offering funding for alternative fuel and conversion vehicles, and Congressman Solis has offered to write a letter of support in our behalf; 6) Announced Tour of Hope event with Lance Armstrong at City of Hope on September 30 at midnight; 7) Stated a press conference about trauma care funding in the San Gabriel Valley will be held on September 16 in Covina; 8) Announced La Puente Mayor's Cup 5K race for municipal employees; and 9) Thanked Jess Duff for his years of service to the City, and offered congratulations to Darrell George as our new City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk