

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

A farewell reception was held at 6:00 p.m. for City Manager Jesse Duff.

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 7:27 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Girl Scout Troop 454 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, Fasana
ABSENT: Reyes
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Slater
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to include a statement from City Manager Jesse Duff as a Special Item, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Steve Hernandez stated Betty Chow passed away.
Mayor Fasana stated Jerry Marugg passed away.
Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Hats Off to Duarte on November 10, 5:00 p.m., and provided names of sponsors and participants.
Mary Barrow announced Duarte Festival of Authors on October 2, 10:00 a.m., at Westminster Gardens.
Helen Ferguson and Jack Collins, representing Duarte Education Foundation, presented outgoing City Manager Jesse Duff with an engraved clock in recognition of his 25 years of dedicated service to the City of Duarte, and thanked him for his support.
- 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.
Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**
Girl Scout Troop 454 Mayor Fasana presented Certificates to members of Girl Scout Troop 454 in recognition of their bridging and Troop Patrol, and congratulations were extended.
- Farewell Comments – Jesse Duff** City Manager Jesse Duff thanked all who attended the reception in honor of his 25-year Duarte career, described a number of projects and programs that had been implemented, spoke about future projects, and thanked City staff, former and current City Councilmembers, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, Duarte Education Foundation, Duarte School District, and his family and friends for their love, support, and understanding throughout the years.

City Councilmembers expressed appreciation to Mr. Duff for his positioning and preparing the City on a steady growing path and for seeing it through with integrity, and thanked him for partnering residents and volunteers with the City, and for inviting people to be part of the solution.

Metro Gold Line – Artwork	Leslie Elwood, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, provided an overview of the Authority’s search for artists to design artwork for each of the twelve train stations along the future route, showed slides of current artwork, and encouraged local artists to participate in the process.
Target Stores - \$1,000 grant	Don Anderson, Director of Safety Coordination, introduced representatives from Target Stores, who presented a \$1,000 grant to the City’s Public Safety Department for communication equipment to enhance bicycle patrols.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Paras moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B. Receive and File Item C. Deny Item D.
COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 04-R-25 Relocation Plan – Maryvale	Slater read by title Council Bill 04-R-25: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING A RELOCATION PLAN FOR THE MARYVALE CHILDCARE CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT
RESOLUTION NO. 04-25	Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 04-25, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 04-R-26 Council Bill 04-R-27 Grant Funds	Slater read by title Council Bills 04-R-26 and 04-R-27: 04-R-26 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE ROBERTI-Z’BERG-HARRIS BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 04-R-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE PER CAPITA GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT OF 2002
RESOLUTION NO. 04-26 RESOLUTION NO. 04-27	Finlay moved, Paras seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 04-26 and Resolution 04-27, and carried unanimously.
CITY MANAGER Notice of Completion Remove/Replace Asphalt All American Asphalt	Finlay moved, Paras seconded to accept the Remove and Replace Asphalt Concrete Pavement – Phase II project, per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Dori Neuman – Tour of Hope event. Mark Montgomery – Mr. Duff’s retirement.
ITEMS FROM COUNCIL SGV Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (Fasana)	Mayor Fasana stated one of the Governor’s Performance Review recommendations is to remove the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as a State agency, and to make it a regional joint powers authority, and asked that a letter opposing this recommendation be sent to the Governor, with copies to other cities in the San Gabriel Valley urging them to take similar stances, and perhaps at a later date, adopt a resolution.

Dori Neuman, Duarte, stated she hopes the City sends a letter to the Governor opposing this, as the San Gabriel Valley Mountains are vital to the ecosystem.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded that a letter opposing the Governor's intention to remove the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy as a State agency be sent to the Governor, with copies to other cities in the San Gabriel Valley urging them to take similar stances, and carried unanimously.

Cities That Read (Fasana)

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to participate in the Cities That Read campaign, to support all five of the categories on the Mayor Commitment Form, and to designate the Site Manager of Duarte's Promise Project, Karen Herrera, as the liaison, and carried unanimously.

GASTON: 1) Thanked all who participated in Jesse Duff's farewell event; 2) Stated the Route 66 Parade was great, and thanked all involved; 3) Provided a copy of a resolution adopted at the League Conference regarding healthier lifestyles, and requested it be agendized at the next Council Meeting; and 4) Expressed good-bye wishes to Jesse Duff.

PARAS: 1) Thanked all involved in the Parade and Picnic; 2) Congratulated Rosalie Palacios for being named Duarte School District Employee of the Year; 3) Attended the groundbreaking ceremony at the Hamilton site; 4) Stated staff participated in a nutritional meal program during the week to promote a healthy lifestyle; 5) Announced Lance Armstrong event at City of Hope on September 30; and 6) Wished Jesse Duff a happy retirement.

FINLAY: 1) Announced Household Hazardous Waste Roundup on October 23, 9:00 a.m., at the City Hall parking lot; 2) Announced College Fair on October 5 at Duarte High School; 3) Stated the Picnic and Parade were great, and thanked committee members; and 4) Thanked Jesse Duff for a great run.

FASANA: 1) Thanked staff for its work on receiving grant funding from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; 2) Congratulated staff on the groundbreaking at the Hamilton site; 3) Congratulated the Parade Committee; and 4) Stated he will miss Jesse Duff.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., in memory of Betty Chow and Jerry Marugg, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk