

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 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 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Lt. Steve 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: Interim City Manager Yelton, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Good Morning Duarte on October 19, 7:15 a.m., Chamber Mixer on October 27 at UPS Store, and Hats Off to Duarte on November 10, 5:00 p.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, Reyes seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to Crime Prevention Specialist Abby Lai, who provided information about the events for the week.

City of Bradbury – \$35,000 Grant Bradbury Mayor Beatrice LaPistro-Kirtley and City Manager Katie Wilson presented the City with a check for \$35,000 in State Supplemental Law Enforcement Grant funds, which will be used for the School Resource Deputy, motorcycle patrol, and the DAMAGE taskforce.

American Medical Response Michael Johnson, American Medical Response (AMR), stated AMR has been the ambulance provider for the City for many years, the County is accepting Requests for Proposals for ambulance service, presented an overview of a number of incidents where AMR was deployed and performed transports, described its community service programs, and requested assistance from the City in contacting L.A. County Supervisors and asking them to keep AMR as the ambulance provider in the County.
Finlay moved, Gaston seconded that a letter signed by the entire City Council supporting AMR be sent to Supervisor Antonovich, with copies to each County Supervisor and a request to Supervisor Antonovich that the City be notified as to when the decision would be made so interested parties could attend the meeting, and carried unanimously.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Nick Conway, Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (COG), presented an overview of the history of the COG, its achievements over the past 10 years pertaining to partnerships, transportation, environment, and community and economic development, discussed the COG's mission, goals, and objectives, and invited all Councilmembers to participate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Paras moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried with Reyes abstaining from the Minutes. Approve Items A, B.

COUNCIL BILL
Council Bill 04-R-28
Healthier lifestyles

Slater read by title Council Bill 04-R-28:
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ENCOURAGING HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES FOR CHILDREN, ADULTS, AND SENIORS

RESOLUTION NO. 04-28

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 04-28, and carried unanimously. Gaston asked that this resolution be shared with the School District.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:
Jack Collins – Walk for Hope, Festival of Authors, lights on bike trail.
Rodney Jefferson – A Game Fundamental Basketball clinic.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL
CDBG Citizen Advisory Comm.

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to appoint Councilmember Gaston as the City Council representative to the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee for fiscal year 2005-2006, and carried unanimously.

GASTON: 1) Stated Jesse Duff's retirement party was awesome and commended those involved; 2) Apologized that she could not attend the Festival of Authors, and stated it was a tremendous success; 3) Congratulated the participants in the Lance Armstrong Tour of Hope event, and thanked City of Hope; and 4) Requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jack Norgard.

FINLAY: 1) Stated she had a great time on the bike ride with Lance Armstrong; 2) Thanked City staff and the School District for the College Fair; 3) Noted Edison provides a rebate for energy saving refrigerators; 4) Stated Jesse Duff's going away party was great; 5) Congratulated those involved with the Festival of Authors; 6) Announced Household Hazardous Waste Roundup on October 23 at Duarte City Hall parking lot; and 7) Provided an update on West Nile Virus statistics.

PARAS: 1) Stated the Lance Armstrong event was exciting and special; 2) Congratulated participants in the City of Hope Walk on Sunday; 3) Thanked Committee members for the Festival of Authors; and 4) Stated Ray Bradbury is coming to Duarte in March 2005.

FASANA: 1) Asked that an item supporting Proposition 1A be agendaized at the next meeting; 2) Thanked the Friends of the Library for the Festival of Authors; 3) Stated the Tour of Hope was a great event; 4) Stated the Walk for Hope on Sunday was a success; and 5) Attended the College Fair, and stated there was an increase in attendance as it was held on Back to School night.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., in memory of William John Norgard, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk