

**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE  
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 26, 2004**

At 5:30 p.m., a reception was held to welcome City Manager Darrell George.

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 7:05 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Jim Kirchner 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 George, City Attorney Marticorena
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Finlay moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Mayor Fasana introduced and welcomed City Manager Darrell George and City Attorney Bill Marticorena.
- Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Mr. George, and announced Chamber Mixer on October 27 at UPS Store, Hats Off on November 10, and grand openings of Hungry Howie's Pizza on November 1 and SCE Credit Union on November 4.
- Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, announced the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority is inviting qualified artists to submit RFQs for selection of station art, stated the new Duarte's Promise Fellows will be introduced at a future City Council Meeting, and announced kick-off of Holiday of Promise at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.
- Bill Baca, Senator Romero's office, stated the Senator will be meeting with auto dealerships on October 28, and she is working to find funding sources for trauma centers.
- Bill and Nita Norgard thanked City employees and City Council for their kindness, thoughtfulness, and honor given to their family in the loss of their son.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.
- Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**  
Healthy Choice Program Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented an overview of the Healthy Choice Program, and introduced Rebecca Michaelis, Healthy Choice Coordinator, who discussed a number of programs that promote good nutrition and physical activity. Paras suggested the presentation could be made to School Board members.
- CONSENT CALENDAR** Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B.

COUNCIL BILL  
Council Bill 04-R-29  
Supports Proposition 1A

Marticorena read by title Council Bill 04-R-29:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 1A ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004, STATEWIDE BALLOT

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to waive further reading, and carried unanimously.

Lino Paras, Duarte, stated he thinks this is a good proposition, and felt Prop 59 should have been agendized also.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-29

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 04-29, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER  
Nextel communication pole

Jason Golding, Senior Planner, provided a staff report about the proposed Nextel cellular communication pole at Otis Gordon Sports Park, with the recommendation that City Council approve the draft lease agreement and authorize the City Manager to execute the final lease agreement, and answered questions from Council pertaining to access, lighting, and maintenance issue concerning current contract with Nextel for the clock tower at Duarte Park.

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to approve the draft lease agreement with Nextel Communications for a cellular facility at Otis Gordon Sports Park and authorize the City Manager to execute the final lease agreement, contingent upon the City Manager's satisfaction that an appropriate compliance plan for maintenance of the clock at the existing facility has been adopted and put in place, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:  
Lino Paras – Warrant description, seating arrangement.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

REYES: 1) Stated the property on the northeast corner of Greenbank and Royal Oaks needs to be improved; 2) Thanked all involved with Red Ribbon Week; and 3) Welcomed Darrell to the City, and suggested the possibility of a team building retreat to include department heads.

GASTON: 1) Welcomed Darrell to the City; 2) Thanked staff for hosting the welcome reception; 3) With regard to the team building exercise, stated she has information and a video on ethics she received from the League, and will provide that to the City Manager; 4) Thanked Donna Georgino for the Healthy Choice Program; 5) Congratulated John Hasley on his retirement from the L. A. County Assessor's Office, and noted she will represent the City Council at that event; and 6) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mrs. Silvia Bell Coleman Polk.

FINLAY: 1) Stated the Household Hazardous Waste Roundup in Duarte was a success, and thanked all who participated; and 2) Stated she helped in placing red ribbons on Huntington Drive and appreciated information provided by deputies.

PARAS: 1) Welcomed Mr. George; 2) Inquired about a warrant for Maximus. Yelton responded; 3) Attended the morning program for Red Ribbon Week, and thanked the Duarte Woman's Club and staff; 4) Stated she agrees with a goal-setting workshop or retreat to include department heads, and asked that this item be agendized in the future; and 5) Stated the carnival at Royal Oaks Park on Sunday is an opportunity for youth participation.

FASANA: 1) Stated he received correspondence from Santa Teresita Hospital about its medical center being open, and asked that they be invited to a future Council Meeting to provide an update on the facility; 2) Regarding the selection process for Metro Gold Line's art program, stated the process includes community selection of artists, he would like to see this come back to the City Council for discussion of selecting two public members, two staff members, and one member from the City of Hope, and stated he feels staff needs to be involved; and 3) With regard to the issue about public art, stated there could be the creation of a public group within the community to offer advice on performing arts and fine arts, and stated that this discussion needs to be continued at some point.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m., in memory of Sylvia Bell Coleman Polk and Deacon Chuck Jones, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

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City Clerk