

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2005

At 5:30 p.m., a reception was held honoring those who volunteered at the Buena Vista Pavilion.

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Harb Thind led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A silent moment of reflection was observed. Mayor Finlay asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Victoria Duarte Cordova and Betty Georgino.
FITNESS WARM-UP	Rebecca Michaelis, Recreation Coordinator, led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Finlay ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Gaston moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting/Chamber Mixer at Duarte Elks Lodge on January 26, 5:00 p.m., State of the City and Community Employees Awards on March 9, and reminded all to Shop Duarte for their product and service needs.</p> <p>Nita Norgard, Duarte Education Foundation, announced Talent Show on February 5, Fiddler on the Roof musical April 21-23, and “iSold It” fundraiser at the Senior Center, January 29.</p> <p>Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Chinese New Year Program on January 29 at 2:00 p.m., and Chinese Cooking Demonstration on February 19 at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, provided information about the services for Victoria Duarte Codova, and announced Duarte’s Promise Annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 8.</p> <p>Jack Collins, Duarte in Bronze Committee, displayed the shirts that are being sold as a fundraiser for the statue to be built at Mount Olive and Huntington Drive.</p> <p>Mayor Finlay provided safety tips from the Fire Department pertaining to candles.</p>
FISCAL AFFAIRS	<p>Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company (warrants for 12/14/04, 1/11/05, and 1/25/05), and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.</p> <p>Paras moved, Fasana seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.</p>
SPECIAL ITEMS Duarte High School Chamber Ensemble	The Duarte High School Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. William B. Moore and accompanied by Lois J. Brooks, performed a selection of songs that they will be singing in Beijing and Shanghai during their tour of China.

Ken and Jean Mooney 60 th Wedding Anniversary	Cesar Monsalve, Recreation Superintendent, introduced Ken and Jean Mooney, and presented them with a cake in celebration of their 60 th Wedding Anniversary. Mayor Finlay presented them a Certificate of Congratulations.
Recognition – Field Service Employees	Councilmember Gaston thanked Field Service employees Bill Ornelas, Troy Wittenbrock, John Callens, Efren Castro, Gerard Batista, Mike Tarr, and Manny Perez for their professionalism, courtesy, caring, and concern for the residents of Duarte during the entire year, and especially for their assistance with the Buena Vista Pavilion event.
Presentation – Metro Gold Line	Habib Balian, Gold Line Authority Executive Director, provided an update on the Foothill Extension, made a presentation on the project schedule, budget, and specifics related to the proposed City station, and requested that the City Council adopt the Project Definition Report by March 1, 2005, and forward all City Council and public comments to Authority staff no later than March 4, 2005.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Paras moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B. Receive and file Items C, D, E. Deny Items F, G.
COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 04-0-06 Amends Conflict of Interest Code (Second Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 04-O-06: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.44, “CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE,” OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE (Second Reading)
ORDINANCE NO. 777	Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 777, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 05-R-02 Establishes Designated Positions/ Disclosure Categories	Slater read by title Council Bill 05-R-02: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.44.030 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE AS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE NO. 777
RESOLUTION NO. 05-02	Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 05-02, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 05-R-03 Supports H.R. 213 (Solis) Regulations for Perchlorate	Slater read by title Council Bill 05-R-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING H.R. 213 (SOLIS), TO AMEND THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT TO REQUIRE A NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATION FOR PERCHLORATE
RESOLUTION NO. 05-03	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 05-03, and that a copy of the Resolution be sent to Congressman Solis and the other cities in the Congressional district, and carried unanimously.
CITY MANAGER 2005-06 Budget Calendar	The 2005-06 budget calendar, as outlined in the staff report, was unanimously adopted, with the Budget Workshop set for Tuesday, May 3, 2005, 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, May 5, 2005, 6:30 p.m., if necessary.

Award of Contract – Lena Valenzuela Park Construction
Megaway Enterprises
Fasana moved, Paras seconded to award the contract to Megaway Enterprises for Lena Valenzuela Park Construction, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.

Agreement – Shopping Cart Retrieval
Paras moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Agreement for Shopping Cart Retrieval Service with A. B. C. Shopping Carts, Inc., effective February 1, 2005 – January 31, 2008, and carried unanimously.

2003-04 Audited Financial Statements
Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to receive and file the 2003-04 City audited financial statements, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:
Chris Russo – Donations for library.
Ed Houlemarde – Field lighting fees for DYAC.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL
Lighting fees – DYAC
Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to make a determination that, pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)2, there is a need to take immediate action on the item pertaining to field lighting fees for DYAC, and that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council subsequent to the Agenda being posted, and that this item will be added to this Agenda for immediate consideration, and carried unanimously.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to authorize the City Manager to meet with the School District to work out a remedy pertaining to lighting fees, which will not establish a change in City Council policy, and carried unanimously.

City's delegation to China
Reyes stated the Duarte High School Chamber Ensemble has been invited to the cities of Shanghai and Beijing, approximately 40 delegates will be traveling to China, and stated the Duarte International Friendship Committee is looking for logistical help in planning the project and possible staff support.

There was discussion about staffing needs and affordability. George stated he recognizes the needs of the Committee, and will look into staff availability and funding.

REYES: 1) Thanked Bill Ornelas and the Field Services crew for their hard work and for keeping the City clean; 2) Stated he attended the Mentor Recognition dinner, and suggested the mentors and mentees be recognized at a future City Council Meeting; 3) Thanked all involved in the Martin Luther King celebration, and suggested, during budget deliberations, looking into the possibility of a Citywide celebration to also include Cinco de Mayo; 4) Congratulated the Elks Club on its new facility; 5) Thanked Councilmember Gaston for her efforts at the Buena Vista Pavilion and for her leadership; and 6) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Bill Sullivan and Irma Busby.

GASTON: 1) Thanked volunteers, City staff, and City Councilmembers for their hard work at the Buena Vista Pavilion, and also for their assistance when the band from Costa Rica visited; 2) Congratulated and thanked the mentors who were recognized at the Mentor Recognition dinner; 3) Announced Duarte Talent Show on February 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center; 4) Stated she attended the Martin Luther King Day celebration in West Covina, noted Duarte needs to recognize how culturally diverse we are, and suggested the possibility of a sign board to recognize important days and events; 5) Provided invitations to

City Councilmembers for the Duarte High School assembly on February 18 featuring Dr. Terrence Roberts; 6) Announced Education Foundation fundraiser “iSold It” on January 29 at the Senior Center parking lot; and 7) Stated Councilmember Paras auditioned for and was successful in being selected to perform in Fiddler on the Roof.

PARAS: 1) Stated it is an honor and privilege to perform in Fiddler on the Roof, and invited all to attend the musical on April 21-23; and 2) Stated she had met Victoria Duarte Cordova at the Duarte Historical Society, she hopes the community members will continue the legacy, and stated it would be an honor for the bronze statue to come to fruition.

FASANA: 1) Expressed appreciation for the invitation to hear Dr. Roberts speak, and hoped the City could recognize him with perhaps a plaque; 2) Congratulated staff for their hard work in keeping the streets maintained so the City could weather the storm, as well as for their help at Buena Vista Pavilion; 3) Congratulated all community volunteers on the successful Buena Vista Pavilion event; 4) Requested that the City’s strategy pertaining to street trees and landscaping be considered during the next budget proposal; and 5) Stated the MTA San Gabriel Valley Sector is conducting a transit restructuring study, asked that the City consider participating in that study, and stated they are looking for \$4,000-\$5,000 in contributions.

FINLAY: 1) Thanked Becky Evans and staff for the Buena Vista reception, and thanked Councilmember Gaston for the great event; 2) Thanked and congratulated Duarte Wal-mart for being the fifth largest generator of money for the Children’s Miracle Network; 3) Stated there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission and on the Economic Development Commission, and applications are available at City Hall; 4) Stated she, along with City Manager George and Councilmember Gaston, were lobbying for Duarte while in Sacramento, and noted SB 163 regarding State restrictions on City contracts may be reintroduced; 5) Stated West Nile Virus is still around, and provided an update on reported cases; 6) Announced Cupid’s Corner fundraiser at the Senior Center, February 7-14; 7) Stated students at Mount Olive High School are training for the Los Angeles Marathon and attempting to raise \$10,000 for groundbreaking cancer research with the City of Hope, and invited those interested in contributing to call Mount Olive High School; 8) Announced “iSold It” Education Foundation fundraiser on January 29; 9) Stated she received a call about an obstruction due to parking on the west side of Vineyard across from the basketball courts; 10) Congratulated staff on the great mentor program and recognition dinner; and 11) Announced Duarte Talent Show on February 5 at the Performing Arts Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m., in memory of Irma Busby, Bill Sullivan, Betty Georgino, and Victoria Duarte Cordova, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk