

**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE  
REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

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** Nathan and Kathy Jurin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A silent moment of reflection was observed.
- 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: Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Fasana (7:17 p.m.), Finlay  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Reyes moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Nathan and Michele Kirschenbaum provided information about the Duarte/City of Hope Lions Club, and invited attendance at their meetings held at noon on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at The Old Spaghetti Factory.
- Bea LaPisto-Kirtley, Bradbury, announced Santa Teresita’s 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee celebration on July 29-30.
- Karen Herrera, Duarte’s Promise, announced 2005 Spring Fashion Fair on March 3, 3:00 p.m., at the Duarte Senior Center.
- Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, invited all to ride the Gold Line on Saturday, March 5, from Sierra Madre Villa to Los Angeles for a special tour.
- Craig Jurin announced local churches are coordinating a city-wide tsunami relief fund on Saturday, February 26, at Church of the Foothills.
- Fasana announced MTA meeting on Thursday, February 24, at 9:30 a.m., where there will be discussion about MTA providing funding for the construction of Phase II of the Gold Line, and noted bus transportation from City Hall to the meeting will be available for Duarte residents who wish to attend. Karen Herrera stated the bus would leave City Hall at 8:30 a.m., and is available for all community members.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Gaston moved, Paras seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.
- Paras moved, Fasana seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS** Mayor Finlay presented a framed Certificate of Appreciation to Terry Blackwood, City of Hope, for the grand opening of the Helford Clinical Research Hospital and for the City of Hope’s spirit of compassion in a patient-focused environment.
- Recognition – City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hosp.
- Presentation – SCAQMD Lee Lockie, Director of Area Sources for the South Coast Air Quality Management District, presented a detailed overview of Rule 1157, its impact on Vulcan’s proposed 80-acre expansion, mining operations in general, and the possibility of placing an independent monitoring station within the Duarte city limits.

Jim Gore, Vulcan, stated the five notices of violations have not yet been resolved.

Bea La Pisto-Kirtley stated smaller particles are a nuisance and have a dangerous effect on health.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B.

Receive and File Item C.

#### CITY MANAGER

Project Definition Report  
Metro Gold Line Authority

Jason Golding, Senior Planner, provided a detailed staff report concerning the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority's request for approval of the Project Definition Report to include station location, parking, traction power substation location, and configuration/location of grade crossings, as well as comments, and answered questions from City Council.

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the draft Project Definition Report (PDR) to include City staff recommendations and the following comments: *City Council supports the location of the TPSS as shown within the draft PDR; City Council requests further analysis of potential TPSS crash barriers or other mitigation from errant southbound Highland Avenue traffic*, and carried unanimously.

Agreement – DUSD – Pool Use

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Agreement with the Duarte Unified School District for use of the City-owned Fitness Center Pool, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

Gaston requested that prior to the next budget session, information be provided about the cost to keep the pool open year-round. George stated staff would look into the matter.

Award of Contract – Street  
Improvements/Mountain Avenue  
All American Asphalt

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to award the contract to All American Asphalt for Street Improvements/Mountain Avenue, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.

State Supplemental Local Law  
Enforcement Svcs. Grant Funds

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to approve the use of the 2004/2005 State Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services Grant funds for front line law enforcement services, specifically, the motorcycle deputy, special deputy overtime patrols, school resource deputy, motorcycle patrol, and the DAMAGE task force, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL  
Community Service Award  
(Gaston)

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to nominate Dorothy Smith as recipient of the Community Service Award to be presented by Waste Management, and carried unanimously.

Travel Teens update (Gaston)

Gaston stated Northview staff indicated that it was too late to change the date of the current Travel Teens Sacramento trip without incurring financial penalties. City Council suggested the date for next year's Travel Teens Sacramento trip be moved to a mid-week day, or a day prior to an in-service day or holiday to avoid the possibility of absenteeism, and that actual meetings with local legislators be set so youth can meet their representatives and see them in action at the Capitol, with assistance from City staff to help facilitate the meetings, if necessary.

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to approve the funding for this year's Travel Teens Sacramento trip, and carried unanimously.

GASTON: 1) Thanked Rebecca Michaelis for helping with the Fitness Warm-Up; 2) Thanked Councilmembers for attending

the Black Students Union's Black History assembly, and stated Dr. Roberts did an outstanding job; 3) Complimented the Field Services Department for being well prepared, and noted there was minimal rain damage in the City; 4) Stated Huntington Drive east of Encanto outside the City of Duarte's limits is highly traveled and needs to be repaired, as there are huge potholes; and 5) Stated the Just One Day event was held at the Aztec Hotel so people could contribute to the tsunami victims, and the next event will be held at Mystic Sisters to assist the troops in Iraq.

REYES: 1) Attended the Helford Clinical Research Hospital ribbon cutting event, and stated it was outstanding; 2) Thanked Pui-Ching Ho for sponsoring the Chinese cooking exhibition; and 3) Thanked the Black Students Union and high school staff for the program celebrating Black History Month, and noted it was a demonstration of pride.

PARAS: 1) Thanked Councilmember Gaston for nominating Dorothy Smith to receive the Community Service Award; 2) Stated Senator Romero is seeking nominations for outstanding women of the 24<sup>th</sup> District to celebrate Women's History Month; 3) Stated she presented the Proclamation to Rae Gordon, noted Mrs. Gordon's son has memorabilia from Mr. Gordon that the family would like to contribute, suggested the possibility of displaying these items at the parks, and stated she would follow up with the family; 4) Stated the Helford Hospital is an amazing facility, and the staff and volunteers are wonderful; 5) Stated Dr. Roberts is a wonderful speaker and thanked the Black Students Union for the event at the high school; 6) Thanked staff for the Parks and Recreation luncheon, and suggested the public be able to view the motivational video that was shown; 7) With regard to the City's website, suggested there be guidelines as to how items are placed on it, felt some items are taking up space and need to be updated, stated the event calendar is sparse, and feels community activities should be specified; 8) Stated Mrs. Medina and parents from Andres Duarte School have expressed concern about motor homes parked across the street from the school, as it affects safety, parent parking, and teacher parking; and 9) Stated the Planning Commission has a vacancy, she hopes it is open to the public, and stated it is a good compromise to ask current Commissioners about their interest. Mayor Finlay invited anyone interested in the Planning Commission vacancy to contact Kristen Petersen.

FASANA: 1) Stated Dr. Roberts is an excellent speaker, and the Black Students Union put forward a provocative display of talent; 2) Stated the opening of the Helford Hospital is a great thing, and it was good to hear about the Lions Club Chapter of the City of Hope; 3) Congratulated staff and expressed appreciation for the weather-related preparations in advance of the storms; 4) Congratulated First Baptist Church on its celebration of 121 years; and 5) Stated Otis Gordon has an extensive scrapbook about the early formation of our community, and feels we should try to find a home for this information.

FINLAY: 1) Stated the Black Students Union presented a great assembly, and Dr. Roberts did things that were monumental and historical; 2) Thanked Pui-Ching Ho for the Chinese cooking class at the library; 3) Attended the First Baptist Church's 121<sup>st</sup> anniversary event; 4) Congratulated the Academic Decathlon at the high school for placing 20<sup>th</sup> out of 45; and 5) Stated Immaculate Conception Church is having its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, noted

the City of Monrovia has put a full-page ad in the program, and requested an item be agendaized for the next Council Meeting to discuss the possibility of the City of Duarte placing an ad in the program at a cost of \$250.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 p.m., to the Community Meeting, March 1, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at Valley View Elementary School, 237 Melcanyon Avenue, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

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City Clerk