

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE BUDGET WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

CALL TO ORDER The City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a Budget Workshop in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Mayor Finlay led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras, Reyes
ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager/Executive Director George
Director of Administrative Services Yelton
Director of Community Development Cox
Director of Parks and Recreation Georgino
Director of Safety Coordination Anderson
Assistants to the City Manager Petersen and Herrera

It was determined that the meeting would function as a “Committee of the Whole.”

PUBLIC INPUT Alan Heller requested continued funding for DCTV, and discussed the Historical Society’s need for roof repair, and the Andres Duarte statue.

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, requested continued support of the Chamber, and stated the Chamber and DCTV have outgrown their space.

Lino Paras discussed the ERAF contribution and its impact.

BUDGET OVERVIEW After introductory remarks by the City Manager, the Finance Director reviewed the budget highlights.

LINE ITEM BUDGETS It was determined by the City Council to forego specific line item budget review.

DELIBERATION/APPROVAL City Council discussed the following items for staff review: Blue Star Banners displayed along Huntington Drive, services for veterans listed on website, pedestrian crosswalk upgrades/counting, Encanto/Huntington Drive potential sinkhole, Lena Valenzuela grand opening in five weeks, Presbyterian Homes grand opening announcement on cable, by press release, and in the Duarte View, RFP for outreach consultant, possible purchase of energy efficient vehicles (propane, hybrid), permanent marquee along Huntington Drive, and survey of other cities pertaining to an arts fee or arts ordinance.

The following items were identified for staff analysis regarding prioritization, cost, and implementation schedule, with staff to present a report to City Council in June when the budget is being considered for adoption: Grant writer/community grant workshop, Performing Arts Center sound system upgrade, DCTV upgrade/space issues, bathrooms at Otis Gordon Duarte Park, Chamber storage needs, Duarte in Bronze, Historical Museum roof, adoption of accord and inclusion of bike path link and signage in Emerald Necklace Plan, kitchen at Senior Center, and play equipment at Encanto Park.

It was recommended and determined that \$12,500 would be allocated from the Redevelopment Agency budget for City Council outreach on behalf of the Redevelopment Agency.

City Council reviewed departmental goals that were outlined in the budget document.

After discussion, Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the proposed 2005/06 City and Redevelopment Agency budgets, with the above changes, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Chairperson Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

Secretary