

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005

CALL TO ORDER The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a special meeting at Santa Teresita Medical Center, 819 Buena Vista Street, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

WELCOME Sister Michelle, on behalf of the Carmelite Sisters, welcomed those in attendance.

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Robert Cuite led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS Nita Norgard, Friends of the Duarte Library, announced events for the upcoming year.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS The following presentations were made:

Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager – Vulcan Materials. Information was provided about Vulcan's recent application to the city of Azusa for a new CUP that would expand the operations area by 80 acres to the west. It was noted that the City of Duarte's opportunity for comment on the application will come with the submittal of the Environmental Impact Report. Ryan Nevins stated he has started a citizen's group to save Van Tassel Ridge and to assist local government in whatever way it can. Harb Thind stated Vulcan should be stopped or forced to do its reclamation at a pristine level, and suggested a performance bond or trust fund.

Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager – Library Grant. Information was provided about the status of the State's library grant program and anticipation of the City's application for a grant in the next cycle.

Silvia Hurtado, City Planner – General Plan update. The public was invited to participate as much as possible in the City's upcoming General Plan update process.

Kristen Petersen, Assistant to the City Manager – Hillside preservation. Information was provided concerning the large parcels of private property owned by Pacific Communities and Darrel Wright. It was noted that City staff is working on a grant application with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Pacific Communities property, and the Trust for Public Land is working on a grant application for the Wright and Romvary properties located in the city of Azusa. George Chapjian and Ryan Nevins suggested the City look into slope issues.

Don Anderson, Director of Safety Coordination – Crime information. Crime statistics in the City of Duarte were presented. It was noted that automobile theft continues to be a problem, and several suggestions were given as to how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke about items not on the Agenda.
George Chapjian – Fireworks application for Booster Club.

Reyna Diaz – Presented a picture from the Mayor of Quezaltepeque.

Council directed staff to agendize the Booster Club’s fire-works application for the next City Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:05 p.m., to the regular City Council Meeting of June 14, 2005, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk