

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 28, 2005

At 5:30 p.m., a Public Safety Workshop was held, and included information pertaining to increased services related to the night overlap patrol.

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 7:12 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Nathan Jurin led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A silent moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS WARM-UP	Mayor Finlay led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Fasana, Finlay ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to consider Item 13.G after Item 7.G, and carried unanimously.
FISCAL AFFAIRS	Reyes moved, Gaston 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 Oath of Office – Chris Russo	Mayor Finlay introduced newly appointed Traffic and Safety Commissioner Chris Russo. The Oath of Office was administered, and congratulations were extended.
Recognition – Robert Prado	Mayor Finlay introduced Robert Prado, who read one of the poems he had written in a class conducted by Julie Davey at the City of Hope. Mayor Finlay presented Mr. Prado with a Certificate in appreciation of him being an inspiration to all Duarteans to overcome adversity.
Recognition – Jurin Family	Mayor Finlay introduced members of the Jurin Family, and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their volunteer work and community involvement, and wished them well in their move to Ohio.
Recognition – Dottie Van Doren	Mayor Finlay presented Dottie Van Doren with a Certificate in recognition of her 17 years of dedicated service to the Duarte Unified School District, and wished her a happy retirement.
Recognition – Kathy Parnell	Mayor Finlay presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Kathy Parnell congratulating her on her retirement from Santa Anita Family YMCA. Ms. Parnell introduced Damon Colaluca, the new CEO of Santa Anita Family YMCA.
Presentation by LARA (Los Angeles Regional Agency)	Karen Coca, Los Angeles Regional Agency, presented an engraved clock to Mayor Finlay for serving as the first LARA chair, and congratulations were extended.
RECESS	Mayor Finlay called a Recess at 7:53 p.m. Council reconvened at 8:12 p.m., with all members present.
Presentation – Emerald Necklace Coalition	Jeff Yann presented an overview of the Emerald Necklace Coalition, and stated the accord is entered into by municipalities and agencies in the San Gabriel Valley Region to establish a

network of support, cooperation, and collaboration to preserve the rivers and tributaries in this region for recreational, open space, and native habitat conservation/restoration purposes.

CITY MANAGER
Emerald Necklace Accord

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Emerald Necklace Accord, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council Bill 05-R-20
Revenue Bonds – City of Hope

Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider the issuance of bonds by the ABAG Finance Authority on behalf of the City of Hope National Medical Center.

City Attorney Slater asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given. Akana stated the notice had been given and the affidavit was on file. Mayor Finlay asked if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Akana stated there were none.

Mayor Finlay asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Terry Blackwood, Chief Finance Officer, City of Hope, thanked the City for considering this item, and discussed the new hospital facility and services at the City of Hope related to this bond issue.

Mike Yelton, Assistant City Manager, presented a staff report about the proposed bond financing, including background information and analysis.

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

Slater read by title Council Bill 05-R-20:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF ABAG FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS REVENUE BONDS (CITY OF HOPE NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER), SERIES 2005A AND ABAG FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS INSURED REVENUE BONDS (CITY OF HOPE NATIONAL MEDICAL CENTER), SERIES 2005B, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING AND REFINANCING THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND EQUIPPING OF HEALTH CARE AND RELATED FACILITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO

RESOLUTION NO. 05-20

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 05-20, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B.
Deny Item C.
Receive and File Item D.

COUNCIL BILL
Council Bill 05-R-21
Purchase/Sale of Property
Palmdale Summit

Mayor Finlay read by title Council Bill 05-R-21:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND JOINT ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUARTE AND PALMDALE SUMMIT

Mayor Finlay removed herself from the Council Chambers. Due to the fact that her house is less than 500 feet from the Palmdale Summit property line, the FPPC regulations require her to recuse herself from participating in the item.

Kristen Petersen, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a staff report about the application to the Wildlife Conservation Board, the general terms of the agreement, and funding sources.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-21

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 05-21, and carried with Finlay absent for the vote.

Mayor Finlay resumed the Chair.

CITY MANAGER

Contract – Federal lobbying
Womble Carlyle Sandridge &
Rice

Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a staff report about the proposed contract for federal lobbying services associated with transportation projects, and described the four projects for which the City is currently trying to acquire federal funds.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the contract with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice for federal lobbying services associated with transportation projects, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, and carried unanimously.

Contract – Museum roof repair
Veterans in Community Service

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the contract with Veterans in Community Service, Inc., for roof repair at the Duarte Historical Museum, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the contract, and carried unanimously.

Duarte In Bronze – Grant writer

Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to approve the allocation of \$2,500 from the City's \$50,000 pledge for matching funds to Duarte In Bronze for a grant writer, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents, and carried unanimously.

Adjustment to Sheriff's Dept.
Contract

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to increase the Sheriff's Department contract for 2005-06 in the amount of \$75,000 to increase services related to the night overlap patrol, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

Contract – Graffiti Removal
William Marino Enterprises

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the contract renewal with William Marino Enterprises for graffiti removal services, effective July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008, with two additional one-year options, and carried unanimously.

Contract – Street Sweeping
Clean Streets

Paras moved, Fasana seconded to approve the contract renewal with Clean Streets for street sweeping services, effective July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2008, with two additional one-year options, and carried unanimously. Gaston asked that an update about parking/street sweeping problems on Park Rose be presented at a future Council Meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

Mr. Hooker – Parking on Highland.

Waleed Shindy – Closed Session item.

Steve Cortner, Vulcan Materials – Azusa Rock reclamation project.

Mayor Finlay suggested Mr. Hooker meet with Don Anderson.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

FASANA: Suggested City Council appoint a Poet Laureate for the City of Duarte, possibly for a two-year term, and asked that this item be agendized.

PARAS: Wished all a safe and fun 4th of July weekend.

GASTON: 1) Announced Concerts in the Park on June 30; 2) Attended San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments event, and congratulated those who received the Jack Phillips Award; 3) Complimented DYAC on its closing event, and thanked parents and coaches for the successful year; and 4) Thanked Don Anderson for the clarity he brings to the Public Safety Office.

REYES: 1) Thanked staff for the traffic signals at Crestfield/Huntington and at Wal-Mart; 2) Encouraged all to be safe and sane with fireworks, and noted there are fines for the use of illegal fireworks; 3) Congratulated all families with graduates; 4) Congratulated Duarte High School for having one-third of its graduates accepted to a four-year university; 5) Congratulated Mayor Finlay on her daughter's accomplishments; and 6) Stated he will not be attending the next City Council Meeting.

FINLAY: 1) Read a thank you note from the Blount Family in appreciation of the Council's condolences; 2) Stated Gordon Whitby has received the Hiram Award, and asked that he be recognized at the second meeting in July; 3) Congratulated Kristen Petersen as the new Rotary President; 4) Provided an update on West Nile Virus, and stated no cases have been found this year in this area; and 5) Wished all a happy and safe 4th of July.

RECESS

Mayor Finlay called a Recess at 9:34 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 9:38 p.m., with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Finlay called a Closed Session at 9:38 p.m. Slater stated the Closed Session is a conference with legal counsel pertaining to anticipated litigation, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) and (b)(3)(D), regarding 2404 and 2412 Rim Road, and City drainage easement; Potential number of cases: Two.

The City Council reconvened at 10:25 p.m., with all members present. Slater stated the City Council discussed the anticipated litigation issue, and unanimously authorized staff to continue to seek to obtain funding for repair to the drain in the City easement area off of Rim Road, and unanimously authorized the City Manager to contact the property owners for further discussions, with no further action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 p.m., in memory of Deputy Jerry Ortiz, Derek Hanway, Mark Gassman, and David Tolbert, Jr., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk