

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

CLOSED SESSION
Performance Evaluation

At 6:00 p.m., a Closed Session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6; Public employee performance evaluation; Title of position: City Manager; Designated representative: Dan Slater, City Attorney.

Lino Paras stated he felt the performance evaluation does not need to be done in Closed Session.

City Council reconvened at 7:00 p.m., with all members present. Slater stated the Closed Session was continued to later in the meeting.

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 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Marina Paiz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

George 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

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to add two items to Consent Calendar Item B (City Council Conference Attendance), and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marina Paiz displayed bracelets she is selling to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina victims.

John Greenwood stated he is interested in coordinating a free concert with donations collected to assist hurricane victims.

Rainbow Yeung, AQMD, announced Town Hall Meeting on air quality on September 21, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

Jan Wight announced upcoming Chamber events, and displayed Duarte pins offered for sale.

Nita Norgard thanked all involved in the Honor Among Ashes event, and announced Festival of Authors on October 1 at Westminster Gardens.

Karen Herrera announced College Fair on September 26, 5:00 p.m., at Duarte High School quad.

Mary Barrow announced Route 66 Parade on September 17.

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.

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Extreme Dance FX

Valerie Ramirez, Instructor, introduced the youth clogging group Extreme Dance FX, who performed a number of their dance routines. Mayor Finlay presented the cloggers with Certificates of Appreciation, and congratulations were extended.

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| Community Union | Larry Ortega and Eva Bautista, Community Union, described the technology redeployment program, and presented a framed photograph of Cesar Chavez and children to the City Council. Mayor Finlay presented Certificates to the program graduates and staff, and congratulations were extended. |
| Councilmember statements | City Councilmembers Paras, Reyes, and Finlay discussed their goals and objectives for their next terms. Fasana and Gaston congratulated the Councilmembers who have been appointed, and thanked residents for the opportunity to serve. |
| ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT CALENDAR | Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to add A Taste of Autumn and San Gabriel Valley Leadership 21 Program to the City Council Conference Attendance item, and carried unanimously. |
| CONSENT CALENDAR | Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B. Deny Item C. |
| COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION DCTV Funding | Kristen Petersen provided a staff report from the Community Services Commission concerning DCTV funding request, and introduced Commissioner Alan Heller, who answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to operating budget, video/audio streaming, grants, public access to technology, and proposed improvements if funding is provided. Gaston moved to accept the recommendation of the Commission. The motion died for lack of a second. There was discussion about funding source, franchise fees, and need for further analysis. Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to direct staff to bring back to City Council at a future meeting a plan to address the budget issues on the proposed DCTV expenditures, to include information related to video/audio casting with internet streaming, operating plan, and additional services that would be provided, and carried unanimously. |
| ORAL COMMUNICATIONS | The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Anil Gunaratne, Bill Dorman, Mr. Kostanian, Mr. Abekian, Harb Thind, Carlette Colvin – Request removal of overnight parking restrictions in Hearthstone development. Chris Russo – Clock tower needs painting, mining in Azusa. Lino Paras – Overnight street parking, satellite dish permit. |
| CITY MANAGER Grant writing contract Amigos de los Rios | Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the contract with Amigos de los Rios for grant writing services pertaining to recreational projects associated with the Emerald Necklace Accord, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously. |
| Website homepage redesign | Kristen Petersen provided a staff report about the completed redesign of the “Latest News” section on the City’s website, and proposed redesign of the homepage, and introduced Wendy Moore, Moore Business Results, who conducted a power point presentation of a number of site redesign options. There was discussion about design cost, website content, multi-lingual content, updates, and community input. Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the redesign of the City’s website as presented at a cost of \$3,600, and asked to receive additional comments from the Community Services Commission pertaining to site content, length of time an item stays on the site, and determination of policies, and carried unanimously. |

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| Hurricane Katrina assistance | <p>John Greenwood stated he could coordinate the talent for a free show “Tribute to the Rat Pack” with donations to the Red Cross to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and asked the City to help with promoting the show. Mr. Greenwood stated there is need for a facility, sound, lighting, and an audience.</p> <p>Karen Herrera stated a request has been made of the School District for free use of the Performing Arts Center, and the Red Cross has been contacted to receive proceeds on-site.</p> <p>It was determined that staff would work with Mr. Greenwood to secure dates for use of the Performing Arts Center for one or two free “Tribute to the Rat Pack” concerts possibly in October, with donations going to the Red Cross, and that the City would assist with promotion of the event.</p> <p>Fasana stated with regard to general community preparedness, suggested the Community Services Commission look into a survival kit to be distributed or sold in the community to help during the first 72 hours of an emergency. Gaston stated that any evacuees in the City are advised to register with FEMA. Mayor Finlay stated there is a concern about West Nile Virus in the Gulf Coast, and the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control Board has spent \$10,000 in labor and materials to assist with vector technology.</p> |
| Update – Emergency Repairs | <p>George provided an update on the status of emergency repairs pertaining to a portion of Rim Road between 2404 and 2412 Rim Road, and stated there was a walk-through with contractors at the site last week, bids will be received on September 20, and City staff is maintaining contact with the contractors to answer any questions they may have.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file the update report, and carried unanimously.</p> |
| CalTrans Agreement Extension | <p>Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Amendment No. 4 to State of California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) Agreement No. 07-4548, extending the previous contract termination date from July 27, 2005, to July 27, 2006, and carried unanimously.</p> |
| Notice of Completion Slurry Seal Phase II Doug Martin Contracting | <p>Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to accept the Slurry Seal Phase II Project, per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.</p> |
| Notice of Completion Traffic Signal Installation Pete & Sons Construction | <p>Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to accept the Traffic Signal Installation Project (Huntington Drive & Crestfield Drive; and Mountain Avenue & WalMart/Home Depot), per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.</p> |
| Voting Delegate/Alternate NLC Business Meeting | <p>Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to appoint Mayor Finlay as Voting Delegate and Councilmember Paras as Voting Alternate for the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting on December 10, 2005, in Charlotte, North Carolina, and carried unanimously.</p> |
| Closed Sessions – 6:00 p.m. | <p>Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to direct the City Attorney to prepare the necessary ordinance and resolution to change the City Council Meeting to 6:00 p.m. when there are closed session items, and carried unanimously.</p> |

City Councilmember salaries

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for City Council consideration concerning an increase to the monthly salary paid to City Councilmembers, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

REYES: 1) Suggested the issue about removal of overnight parking restrictions in the Hearthstone area be sent to the Traffic and Safety Commission. Finlay agreed; 2) Requested an update on the status of the Andres Duarte statue, and suggested Mr. Kirchner may be able to present the information at an upcoming Council Meeting; 3) Discussed a recent newspaper article concerning the age of the Morris Dam, and requested a presentation by Public Safety about preparedness in the event of an emergency. Finlay suggested the possibility of taking a tour of the dam; 4) Regarding the position of Boxing Coordinator at the Teen Center, requested a survey of programs offered by other cities in the San Gabriel Valley to see what their total service package is, and stated this could be part of the Teen Center presentation; 5) Announced AQMD meeting on September 21, 7:00 p.m., at the Community Center regarding proposed mining expansion of Vulcan; 6) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Louise Hewitt and those who lost their lives due to Hurricane Katrina; and 7) Thanked staff for the Honor Among Ashes event, and felt holding the ceremony at the elementary school gave it more meaning.

GASTON: 1) Thanked the City for recognizing her when she received a tribute from the church in Monrovia; 2) Stated the Honor Among Ashes program was touching and timely, and thanked Hilda Solis' staff for helping with the purchase of a bugle; 3) Asked that the City Council Meeting be adjourned in memory of Nick Bomgaars and Debra Mosby. Finlay requested the meeting also be adjourned in memory of George Montgomery; 4) Stated the Hewitt family sent a note thanking the City for the condolences; 5) Commended Community Union for its outstanding computer program; and 6) Stated volunteers are needed for the Parade and Picnic to assist with donations to the Salvation Army.

PARAS: 1) Thanked all involved with the Set for Life Senior Program, and stated she would like to have someone coordinate transportation for seniors to attend next year; 2) Stated the tree planting commemoration at Royal Oaks was impactful; 3) Announced grand opening of Lena Valenzuela Park on October 22, and stated the family wants Margaret Viramontes to be part of the program; 4) In addition to the disaster preparedness plan, stated she would like agendized at a future Council Meeting the responsibilities of the City Council and Department Heads, inquired about the possibility of a City-wide drill, and suggested this item be included for discussion at the next Joint School District/City Council Meeting; and 5) Announced Parade and Picnic on Saturday, and welcomed Michaela Pereira as Grand Marshal.

FASANA: 1) Provided a letter to the City Manager from P. Seidel about wireless internet access throughout the community, and asked that staff respond to the resident and City Council also; 2) With regard to the General Plan update process, stated he thought there were going to be ad hoc committees focusing on land use, traffic, education, and the environment, in addition to a steering committee, and asked that staff clarify this and provide the information to City Council; 3) Stated it is great that the Amigos de los Rios grant is moving forward, and

suggested official correspondence be sent to the Gold Line Construction Authority to make sure we can access the areas around Santa Fe Dam; 4) Thanked Supervisor Antonovich for the resolution on the Gold Line governance issue, thanked his colleagues for getting involved, and discussed the Star News editorial; and 5) Urged all residents to come out to the Parade and Picnic.

FINLAY: 1) Stated donations to help with the hurricane relief can be made to the Salvation Army at the Parade and Picnic, to the Red Cross at the fundraiser concert in October, and by purchasing bracelets being sold by Marina Paiz; and 2) Announced Community Meeting on October 4, at 7:00 p.m., at Beardslee Elementary School.

It was determined that the Closed Session would be continued to the next City Council Meeting on September 27, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 p.m., to a Closed Session at 5:30 p.m., September 27, 2005, in memory of Louise Hewitt, Nick Bomgaars, Debra Mosby, George Montgomery, and the victims of Hurricane Katrina, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk