

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 27, 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 5:40 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Finlay, Fasana (5:45 p.m.)
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Paras moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the agenda, and carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP Public Safety Update

A workshop was conducted to provide an update about public safety issues. Sergeant Dave Bly, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, presented information and answered questions from City Councilmembers regarding current public safety issues in the community.

RECESS

Mayor Finlay called a Recess at 6:54 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:07 p.m., with all members present.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Raymur Sweeny led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

Gaston led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho stated the library is a collection site for small cash donations to the Red Cross to assist hurricane victims, and announced Survival Skills of Native Americans event on October 22 at 3:00 p.m.

Sherilyn Canady announced Walk For Hope event at the City of Hope on October 9.

Jan Mosby-Winston, Joyce Washington, and Deidre Washington thanked City Council for adjourning the last meeting in memory of Debra Mosby.

Karen Herrera announced Community Meeting on October 4, 7:00 p.m., at Beardslee School, Hurricane Benefit Concert on October 21, 7:00 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center, and stated letters from the Mayor will be sent to local businesses and churches asking if they would accept a Red Cross donation box.

Karen Wilson, Duarte Education Foundation, announced Community Shopping Day on October 27 at Macy's in Pasadena.

Jan Wight announced upcoming Chamber events.

Mary Barrow announced Festival of Authors on October 1 at Westminster Gardens.

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

SPECIAL ITEMS SBC Yellow Pages

Mayor Finlay presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Annie Hernandez for SBC's in-kind donation valued at over \$21,000 by featuring Duarte's Promise on the cover of the June 2005 SBC Yellow Pages, and congratulations were extended.

Promise Fellows	Karen Herrera welcomed and introduced new Promise Fellows Heather Hutchens, Sandra Hernandez, Angelica Ramirez, and Michael Curtis, as well as returning Promise Fellows Cristy Brizuela and Javier Diaz. Mayor Finlay presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Promise Fellows Shannon Harvey, Daniela Rodriguez, and Leti Lopez, and thanked them for their service to the City.
Recognition – Lela Wallace	Mayor Finlay welcomed Lela Wallace to the meeting. Councilmember Gaston presented Ms. Wallace with a Certificate congratulating her on her retirement, and thanking her for her many years of service to the youth of Duarte.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, E, F. Deny Item C. Receive and file Item D.
COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 05-O-04 Date/Time – Regular City Council Meetings (First Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 05-O-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 2.04.-020 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO DATE AND TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (First Reading) Fasana moved, Paras seconded to waive further reading and introduce Council Bill 05-O-04 for first reading, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 05-O-05 Increase Monthly Salary City Council (First Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 05-O-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, INCREASING THE MONTHLY SALARY RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL (First Reading) Slater stated the salary amount needs to be determined by City Council, and inserted in Section 1 of the Council Bill. Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to set the City Council salary at \$550 per month, waiver further reading, and introduce Council Bill 05-O-05 for first reading, and carried unanimously. Councilmembers asked that the Expense Policy be agendized at a future meeting for discussion.
CITY MANAGER Update – Emergency Repairs	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 were two bids received last week, there is a low qualified bid that includes insurance, it will be brought to City Council at a future meeting, and he and the City Attorney are meeting with both property owners to finalize agreements.
Amendment No. 1 – Lease Kanchan M. Bhakta	Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Residential Lease or Month-to-Month Rental Agreement by and between the City of Duarte and Kanchan M. Bhakta to provide an additional 30 days (to October 31, 2005) for Mrs. Bhakta to vacate the premises, and carried unanimously.
ITEMS FROM COUNCIL	Mayor Finlay asked City Manager George for an update about the Vulcan project. George stated the City Manager of Azusa indicated he does not have anything on his desk regarding the submittal by Vulcan, the Azusa City Attorney is reviewing for completeness a package that was submitted last week, and he

will provide an update to the City Council when additional information is received.

REYES: 1) Inquired about the overnight parking issue in the Hearthstone area; Council indicated it was sent to the Traffic and Safety Commission for review; 2) Congratulated Kiwanis on its 50th Anniversary; 3) Thanked Immaculate Conception Church for 100 years of serving the community; 4) Stated he will not be able to attend the Community Meeting on October 4; 5) Thanked the Friends of the Library for the Festival of Authors; 6) Thanked all involved in the Parade; 7) With regard to the AQMD forum, stated his perspective is that it is time for Vulcan to move out of the valley; 8) Thanked all those involved in the College Fair; 9) Thanked Lela Wallace for her dedication and compassion, and stated he thinks we need to recognize other retirees; 10) Requested a list of Steering Committee members for the General Plan update; and 11) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pomona Mayor Cortez.

GASTON: 1) Thanked the Parade Committee for an outstanding event, and stated she would like the City to do something to publicly thank them; 2) Stated the AQMD meeting was extremely productive, and encouraged input from the public; 3) Asked if stakeholders can still be interviewed regarding the General Plan. Silvia Hurtado stated comments can be included on the survey, or residents can contact her or the consultant; 4) Stated she gave Cardinal Mahoney a bracelet made by Marina Paiz; and 5) Thanked Mayor Finlay for honoring Lela Wallace.

PARAS: 1) Stated the Parade, Picnic, and Car Show were great, and agrees that the volunteers should be honored; 2) Stated the AQMD meeting was well-attended, and she thinks they should be continued until Vulcan is gone; 3) Stated Michaela Pereira was one of the best grand marshals; 4) Thanked Duarte's Promise for the College Fair; 5) Stated she likes the new website design, and invited the public to send comments about it; 6) Stated there are a few small potholes on Mount Olive between Huntington and Royal Oaks Drive; 7) Stated she wants CPR and/or First Aid certification included for City staff, and asked that it be included when the budget is discussed; and 8) Encouraged residents to respond to the General Plan survey either by mail or on the City's website.

FASANA: 1) Stated the County Board of Supervisors passed a motion today to have a helicopter stationed in the San Gabriel Valley to transport persons from the East San Gabriel Valley to County USC in the event of an emergency; 2) Stated the Parade Committee does a great job and deserves recognition, and stated there is a need for more volunteers to continue the Parade; 3) Congratulated Immaculate Conception Church on its 100th Anniversary; 4) Stated he is grateful for Lela Wallace and other teachers; 5) Stated he appreciated the efforts of staff and the Mayor with regard to the AQMD meeting; 6) Stated Pomona Mayor Cortez will be missed; and 7) Asked that the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Simon Wiesenthal.

FINLAY: 1) Read a note of thanks from Michaela Pereira; 2) Read a letter from a Monrovia resident thanking the City for the Honor Among Ashes program, and thanked Royal Oaks School principal and students; 3) Stated the College Fair was great; 4) Thanked all involved with the AQMD meeting, and stated excellent information was provided; and 5) Congratulated Immaculate Conception Church on its great event.

RECESS

Mayor Finlay called a Recess at 8:34 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 8:42 p.m., with all members present.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Finlay called a Closed session at 8:42 p.m. City Attorney Slater stated the Closed Session is 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.

City Council reconvened at 11:40 p.m., with all members present. Slater stated the City Council met in Closed Session for the purpose of a performance evaluation of the City Manager which, for the purpose of discussion of salary, the City Attorney attended as the City's designated representative. The City Council completed the evaluation and directed the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the City Manager's contract to increase the salary to \$152,700 per year. That contract amendment will be brought back at a subsequent meeting for City Council consideration in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Paras seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m., to the Community Meeting, October 4, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at Beardslee Elementary School, in memory of Pomona Mayor Cortez and Simon Wiesenthal, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk