

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 10, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Reyes, Paras-Caracci
ABSENT: Finlay, Gaston
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Yelton, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Cathy Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

Teresa, YMCA staff member, led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the agenda, and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Good Morning Duarte on January 17, grand opening of Roasty Toasty and Great Clips on January 19, Lunch Connection on January 25, and Monrovia-Arcadia-Irwindale-Duarte Chamber mixer on February 9.

Michael Curtis, Duarte's Promise, announced Martin Luther King Day Beautification Project on January 14, and Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 8.

Bill Baca, Senator Romero's office, invited anyone who needs assistance to call the Senator's office.

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced author Hugh Sanders will be speaking at the library on January 28 at 2:00 p.m.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

It was determined that the Southern California Edison Company warrants for December 27, 2005, and January 10, 2006, would be continued. Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve the other warrants for December 27, 2005, and carried unanimously. Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the other warrants for January 10, 2006, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Outgoing City Commissioners

Mayor Paras-Caracci presented plaques to outgoing City Commissioners in recognition of their years of service, and congratulations were extended.

Oath of Office
City Commissioners

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly appointed City Commissioners, and they were presented with Certificates of Appointment.

Presentation – Duarte Teen Center

Donna Georgino, Parks and Recreation Director, and Cathy Soto, Teen Center Supervisor, presented an overview of the programs conducted at the Duarte Teen Center, and introduced Duarte teens Sandra Avila and Juan Serno, who discussed their participation in various activities and conferences. Georgino presented additional information about the boxing program, including a comparison with boxing programs offered by other cities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B.
Receive and file Item C.

CITY MANAGER
Update – Emergency Repairs

Slater provided an update on the status of emergency repairs pertaining to a portion of Rim Road between 2404 and 2412 Rim Road, and stated the agreement with the Villasenor's has been signed, the agreement with the Shindy's has been finalized, and the City received a verbal assurance that FEMA has approved a six-month extension to the grant for repair costs.

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to receive and file the update, and carried unanimously.

Redevelopment Agency Annual Report

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to receive and file the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report, and carried unanimously.

Agreement with DUSD
Use of Fitness Center Pool

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the agreement with Duarte Unified School District for the use of the Fitness Center pool by the high school swim team for the 2006 season, authorize execution by the City Manager, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Pastor Nessive Watson – Zoning for churches.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

REYES: 1) Wished all a happy new year; 2) Thanked all involved in the Buena Vista Pavilion event, thanked Ms. Gaston for her leadership, and stated we may need to look at other venues and sites; 3) Thanked Solis, Romero, and Liu for their contributions during the holiday season to serve the poor; and 4) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Kathryn Ludwig and Sally Duarte.

FASANA: 1) Stated the Buena Vista Pavilion event is a tremendous job, thanked Ms. Gaston for her efforts, and agreed that there is a need for analysis of other sites; 2) Attended the Governor's press conference regarding infrastructure bond plans; 3) Stated the Gold Line will be finalizing cooperative agreements, and we need to watch to see if our comments are incorporated; and 4) Wished all a happy new year.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Stated she appreciates the work Ms. Gaston does at the Buena Vista Pavilion, and noted there was a large amount of television coverage; 2) Stated the Tournament of Roses executives are interested in keeping a float pavilion in Duarte; 3) Read a card from the family of Betty Anderson in appreciation of adjourning the meeting in her memory; 4) Displayed a plaque presented to the City by the Duarte Hawks; 5) Stated Al Scalise will be retiring from Mount Olive School, and requested a Certificate be prepared for presentation to him; 6) Inquired about the possibility of blinking lights at the brick crosswalk on Vineyard and Royal Oaks Drive, and inquired about the expense for crosswalk lights with timers; and 7) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Calvin Bell, Jean Mooney, Clara Morgan, and Pat Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., in memory of Kathryn Ludwig, Sally Duarte, Calvin Bell, Jean Mooney, Clara Morgan, and Pat Patterson, to a Special Joint Session of the Duarte City Council/Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council, January 17, 2006, 5:30 p.m., at Pamela Park, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk