

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 9, 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 7:12 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Bill Baca led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

Mayor Paras-Caracci led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Joy of Chinese Cooking event on May 20 at 2:00 p.m.

Miguel Figueroa, Ballet Folklorico Messico, invited all to their performance on June 11.

Lino Paras discussed Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, Hispanic-American Month, and Black History Month.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

Lino Paras inquired about the warrant register. Yelton responded.

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

SPECIAL ITEM

Proclamation
Older Americans Month
Recognition – Roxie Arnot

Donna Georgino introduced Roxie Arnot, Duarte's Outstanding Older American. Mayor Paras-Caracci, Mayor Pro Tem Gaston, and Councilmember Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Older Americans Month to Mrs. Arnot, and congratulations were extended.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B.
Receive and file Items C, D, E.

COUNCIL BILL

Council Bill 06-R-17
Commitment to Inclusion

Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-17:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF DUARTE'S COMMITMENT TO INCLUSION, AND JOINING THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PARTNERSHIP FOR WORKING TOWARD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 06-17

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 06-17, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Paras-Caracci called a Recess at 7:34 p.m. for the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 7:44 p.m., with three members present, and Finlay and Reyes absent.

CITY MANAGER

Expense Reimbursement Policy

Kristen Petersen provided a staff report about the Reimbursement for Expenses Policy Statement, and answered questions from

Councilmembers pertaining to personal travel budgets, qualified expenses, and requirements for an advance of public funds.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the City of Duarte Reimbursement for Expenses Policy Statement, and carried unanimously.

Vehicular access – Westvale Road Ed Cox provided introductory remarks about vehicular access from Westvale Road for a proposed subdivision in the city of Bradbury.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to continue this item to a future meeting when the entire City Council would be in attendance for the discussion. Mayor Paras-Caracci stated she would allow public input on the item.

Matthew Chew stated he is concerned with the proposed electric gate, traffic, safety, and security.

Michael and Michelle Arntzen stated they do not want a gate, the new houses are going to be huge, and there would be no cohesiveness.

Lino Paras stated he is against the gate and tearing down the wall, and the residents can privatize the road.

Giovanni D'Egidio stated he would like to know the hours of operation for construction, he is concerned with dust, and suggested adding a user tax to the development.

Milan Garrison, MG Resolutions, stated he would hold his comments over to the future meeting when this item is discussed.

There was discussion about bilateral agreements with Bradbury, drainage, sewer lines, legality of decision, and copies of maps.

(Item Continued) The motion to continue the recommendation to determine vehicular access from Westvale Road for a proposed subdivision in the city of Bradbury to a future meeting when the entire City Council would be in attendance for the discussion, carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Lino Paras – Agenda information.
Liz Reilly – Duarte Falcon Booster Club.
Christine Vasquez – Pedestrian crossing at Duncannon.
Linda Ysassi – Duarte Falcon Booster Club.
Shaquita Whiting – Duarte High Booster Club, pedestrians.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL FASANA: 1) Suggested the concerns about pedestrian crossing and traffic on Duncannon be referred to the Traffic and Safety Commission; 2) Appreciated the legislature for items included on the November ballot, and suggested the Council may want to consider taking a position on issues; and 3) Discussed the importance of ports.

GASTON: 1) Stated the curb numbering is wonderful; 2) Suggested a Proclamation for Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month be on an upcoming Agenda; 3) Received a letter of thanks from La Canada Flintridge; 4) Provided SCAG minutes to the City Manager, and asked that staff look at the budget prospect for any City Councilmember to be on one of the working committees; 5) Congratulated Judi Gutierrez on the State of the

Schools; and 6) Stated Duarte High School was ranked in the top five in the May 8 issue of Newsweek, and she would like to invite the School District to tell us about that.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Thanked Edison Company for hosting the Asian-Pacific Heritage Month event; 2) Received a card of thanks on behalf of the children of Coretta King for adjourning in her memory; 3) Stated the State of the School District was a great event; and 4) Requested Dante Haring and his classmates be invited to a Council Meeting to be recognized for their fund-raising efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m., to the Adjourned Regular Meeting, May 16, 2006 (Closed Session at 5:00 p.m., Open Session to commence not earlier than 7:00 p.m.), and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk