

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – MAY 23, 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 7:09 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay (7:15 p.m.), Gaston, Reyes, Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Yelton, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Dante Haring 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

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the agenda, as amended to consider Consent Item D (Proclamation) as a Special Item, and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui Ching Ho, Duarte Library, thanked the Miracle Workers for sharing the joy of reading, and announced Native American program on June 6, and violinist Paul Stein on June 10.

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events including Installation on June 2, Good Morning Duarte on June 20, Chamber Mixer on June 22, and MAD Golf Tournament on July 14.

Robert Cuite, Friends of the Duarte Library, announced group discussion for One Town One Book on May 24 at Westminster Gardens, screening of Chronicles of Narnia on June 3, and scholarship dinner on June 14 at Old Spaghetti Factory.

FISCAL AFFAIRS

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

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Don Anderson

Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a plaque to Don Anderson in appreciation of his 23 years of service to the City of Duarte as Director of Public Safety Coordination. City Councilmembers expressed personal thanks to Mr. Anderson, and congratulated him on his retirement. Julianne Hines, representing Assemblymember Carol Liu, presented Mr. Anderson a certificate of recognition, and congratulations were extended. Dori Neuman thanked Mr. Anderson for his service and volunteer programs.

Recognition – Immaculate Conception Kindergarten Class

Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Certificates of Appreciation to the kindergarten class from Immaculate Conception School in recognition of their fundraising efforts on behalf of the Foothill Unity Center, and congratulations were extended.

Proclamation – Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month

Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented the Proclamation for Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month to Pui-Ching Ho. Lino Paras discussed the history of Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month.

Presentation – Cal-Am Water

Gary Vallado, Cal-Am Water, provided a detailed presentation about the Duarte water system, the proposed rate increase, revenue requirements, and rate design, and answered questions from Councilmembers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried with Reyes and Finlay abstaining from the Minutes of May 9, 2006:

- Approve Items A, B.
- Deny Item C.
- Remove Item D. (Special Item)

COUNCIL BILL

Council Bill 06-R-18
Gold Line Foothill Extension

Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-18:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE LACMTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE OPERATION OF THE GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION IN THE CONSTRAINED SECTION OF THE LACMTA LONG-RANGE PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. 06-18

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 06-18, as amended to change the word in Section 3 from "Authority" to "Administration," and carried unanimously. Gaston suggested the resolution be provided to the General Plan team.

CITY MANAGER

Landscape/Lighting Maintenance District 2005/06 Assessment

Yelton provided a staff report about the assessment ballots for the Citywide Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District, and stated a majority protest was received.

Lino Paras stated it is the property owners' money, and felt there should be a citizen oversight committee.

There was discussion about the mix-up in ballots, amendments to the budget, public safety, and effects of the results.

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to direct staff to: 1) Prepare an amended Engineer's Report not showing an increase in the Citywide Zone of the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District over fiscal year 2005/06 assessment, and 2) Prepare a resolution declaring the majority protest of the assessment balloting, ordering the abandonment of the increase in the Citywide assessments, and approving the amended Engineer's Report, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Dori Neuman – Duarte in Bronze statue.
Lino Paras – Redevelopment Agency.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

REYES: 1) Thanked staff, City of Hope, and the high school choir for assisting with the Chinese delegation that visited; and 2) Announced Immaculate Conception Fiesta this weekend.

FASANA: Stated since the allocation for the statue has been made, he feels there is no need to agendaize the matter again, and discussed the committee's fundraising efforts.

FINLAY: 1) Thanked Councilmember Reyes and staff for the delegation from China; 2) Displayed an article in the Pasadena Star News about Duarte High School ranking in the top 1200 schools; 3) Announced Ballet Folklorico on June 11 at the PAC; and 4) Encouraged all to vote for the Library Bond on June 6.

GASTON: 1) Suggested Bill Martinez be invited to a Council Meeting for recognition about Duarte High School; 2) Thanked Bill Moore for the choir performance for the delegation from China, and suggested the embroidered painting presented by the Chinese delegation be framed and shown at a future Council Meeting; 3) Thanked all who participated in the Gold Line Station design reception; and 4) Stated her decision about

purchasing the statue was not based on where it was made, rather on the best dollar value for the City.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Thanked Councilmember Reyes for bringing the delegation from China; 2) Stated she attended the Older Americans Month event for Roxie Arnot; 3) Displayed the front page article about Duarte High School; 4) Stated we live in a diverse community, and she is supportive of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency decision about the statue; and 5) Stated the City has \$4.5 million in reserves in the bank.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. in memory of Milo Bixby and Lou Petrie, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk