

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 25, 2006**

At 5:00 p.m., a Closed Session was held (as stated below). Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSION** Lino Paras stated if the City has made an offer to the union, the information should be given to the public.
- Slater announced the Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators; Designated City Representatives: Darrell George, Steve Filarsky, Dan Slater; Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 347. The Closed Session concluded at 6:00 p.m.
- 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 7:13 p.m.
- RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Reyes, Paras-Caracci
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Mayor Paras-Caracci led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A silent moment of reflection was observed.
- PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION** Slater stated the City Council met in a Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Conference with Labor Negotiators; Designated City Representatives: Darrell George, Steve Filarsky, Dan Slater; Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 347. The City Council participated in a discussion about negotiations and terms of the proposed for the contract. The City Council unanimously directed the designated City representatives to continue discussions with representatives of the employee organization leading toward a new contract, with no further action taken.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, and stated the MAD Golf Tournament was successful.
- K. C. Caracci announced Route 66 Parade on September 16, and stated fundraisers will be held at the Concerts in the Park and the Elks Club.
- Rodney Jefferson announced A Game Fundamental Basketball Clinic, and stated the clinic was featured on the KTLA News.
- Karen Herrera announced Duarte’s Promise Back to School campaign for needed school supplies.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**
Proclamation
National Night Out
- Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented the Proclamation for National Night Out to Public Safety Coordinator Aida Torres, who outlined local activities for the event. Finlay announced Neighborhood Watch Meeting for the Duarte Mesa on August 1, and stated there will be a discussion about bears. Rick Forintos, Duarte Mesa Association, provided Councilmembers with a position statement.

Recognition – Herlinda Figueroa	Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Herlinda Figueroa, and thanked her for organizing the Ballet Folklorico program and for her years of service.
Blue Star Banner	Kristen Petersen described the Blue Star Banner program. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a Blue Star Banner to the family of Ernest Peredes, and congratulations were extended.
Recognition – Soy Foods	Mayor Paras-Caracci presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Soy Foods for receiving the Sanitation Districts’ Good Corporate Citizen Award, and congratulations were extended.
Every 15 Minutes Program	Michael Curtis, Duarte’s Promise, described the program “Every 15 Minutes” and showed a portion of the video about the event. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Certificates to the Sheriff’s Department, Fire Department, and California Highway Patrol in appreciation of their support of the program.
Amigo de los Rios	Claire Robinson, Amigo de los Rios, presented survey results from the community outreach efforts made on behalf of the two proposed Duarte Emerald Necklace recreational trails projects.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried with Reyes abstaining from Item A. Approve Items A, B. Receive and file Item C.
COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 06-R-27 Rate Schedule – Part-Time	Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-27: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN HOURLY RATE FOR PART-TIME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES
RESOLUTION NO. 06-27	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 06-27, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 06-O-05 Floodplain Management (First Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 06-O-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TITLE 16 “BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION” OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD CHAPTER 16.40 TO ESTABLISH FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS (First Reading) Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to waive further reading and introduce Council Bill 06-O-05 for first reading, with a Public Hearing on August 8, 2006, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 06-R-29 Propositions 1A and 1B	Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-29: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITIONS 1A AND 1B ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006, BALLOT
RESOLUTION NO. 06-29	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 06-29, and carried unanimously.
CITY MANAGER Overnight Parking - Hearthstone	Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, provided a staff report about the current parking policy and the proposed temporary overnight parking restriction policy. Anil Gunaratne stated the recommendation is doable, although he would prefer a tag that could hang on a rear-view mirror. Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to modify the current temporary overnight street parking policy to allow residents to call the

Public Safety Office to accommodate overnight visitors after business hours, as outlined in the staff report, and to restrict parking between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded a friendly amendment to modify the current temporary overnight street parking policy to allow residents to call the Public Safety Office to accommodate overnight visitors after business hours, as outlined in the staff report, and to keep the current restricted parking hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Paras-Caracci called a Recess at 8:41 p.m. to continue the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 9:10 p.m. with all members present.

Agenda – Oral Communications

This item was considered jointly with Redevelopment Agency Agenda Item 11.B. Slater provided a staff report about options for placement of Oral Communications on the Agenda, and speaker time limits for Oral Communications and Agenda items.

Lino Paras discussed previous placement of Oral Communications, stated he feels there is no problem with time, and stated it is the right of the people.

There was discussion about various options, time limits, and a combined agenda.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to allot a three-minute limit per speaker for remarks concerning each Agenda item, to place an Oral Communications item near the beginning of the Agenda with a three-minute limit per speaker and a limit of 30 minutes total for the entire item, but to also place a continuation of the Oral Communications item near the end of each Agenda to allow persons who were unable to speak during the initial Oral Communications period to have that opportunity during the continuation period, with a three-minute limit per speaker and a limit of 30 minutes total for the continuation period, and requested a sample City Council/Redevelopment Agency consolidated Agenda be provided for review.

Paras-Caracci suggested a friendly amendment to the motion that the time allotment for the Oral Communications continuation period be unlimited. Fasana and Finlay agreed to the amendment.

The motion to allot a three-minute limit per speaker for remarks concerning each Agenda item, to place an Oral Communications item near the beginning of the Agenda with a three-minute limit per speaker and a limit of 30 minutes total for the entire item, but to also place a continuation of the Oral Communications item near the end of each Agenda to allow persons who were unable to speak during the initial Oral Communications period to have that opportunity during the continuation period, with a three-minute limit per speaker and an unlimited continuation period, and that a sample City Council/Redevelopment Agency consolidated Agenda be provided for review, carried unanimously. The City Council also asked that the wording for the Announcements portion of the Agenda be revised.

RECESS

Mayor Paras-Caracci called a Recess at 9:28 p.m. to continue the Redevelopment Agency Meeting. City Council reconvened at 9:38 p.m., with all members present.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

REYES: 1) Thanked all involved with public safety during the 4th of July; 2) Suggested an item about Commission vacancies

be agendized; and 3) Thanked Pui-Ching Ho for the citizenship workshop.

FASANA: 1) Stated he and Karen Herrera went to Washington D.C. to meet with representatives about additional funding for the Mountain Avenue/Duarte Road project, and to provide information about the Emerald Necklace project; 2) Stated the COG adopted its budget, and there will be a one-time \$3200 assessment this year; 3) Regarding the DCTV allocation, stated there may be a funding gap, and asked that staff work with DCTV and report back to Council; and 4) Stated he hopes there is communication with the elderly and vulnerable population about avoiding the hot weather.

FINLAY: 1) Stated she attended the JPIA Annual Board of Directors Meeting, and they passed a two-year budget; 2) Invited all to participate in National Night Out; 3) Announced Education Foundation fundraiser on September 9; 4) Provided an update about West Nile Virus; and 5) Asked if a breakfast with the Sheriff's could be arranged to exchange information.

GASTON: 1) Announced Concerts in the Park on July 26; 2) Stated she is concerned with publicity about the parade and picnic; 3) Asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Louise Bourne; 4) Asked for an update on the Duarte Mediation Team. Villalobos responded; 5) Expressed concern about pedestrians walking out of the walkway by the pool; and 6) Stated there needs to be clarification about who is allowed to park at the sports park near the skate park.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Asked that Mike Sims be invited to a Council Meeting for recognition; and 2) Stated she is looking forward to the Concerts in the Park and National Night Out.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., in memory of Louise Bourne, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk