

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 12, 2006

At 5:00 p.m., a Workshop was conducted as stated below.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP
1) General Fund Budget
2) Landscape/Lighting Budget

Presentations were made and discussion ensued pertaining to the General Fund Budget and the Lighting and Landscape District Budget, including priorities for expenditures, proposed service reductions, and General Fund allocation for budget shortfall.

Lino Paras stated there is a structural deficit that is \$500,000 more per year than what staff is presenting, and Council needs to address that.

The Workshop concluded at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Gaston
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG JoAnn Brooks-Washington led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP Paras-Caracci led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Councilmember Finlay announced she will be a grandmother twice in May.

Karen Herrera, Duarte's Promise, stated the Holiday of Promise program was successful, and resulted in six truckloads of gifts.

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced the library will be closed for major parking lot repairs from January 8-23.

Mayor Gaston stated volunteers are needed for the Foothill Unity Center's gift distribution, and announced viewing of floats at Buena Vista Pavilion will begin December 28.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Irma Hernandez, Associate Planner, provided a brief staff report about Tract Map 62319 – Duarte Gardens (Item E).

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.

ORDINANCES

Council Bill 06-O-07
Trash Receptacle Placement
(Second Reading)

Slater read by title Council Bill 06-O-07:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.08 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO MODIFY THE PERMITTED TIME FOR TRASH RECEPTACLE PLACEMENT BY OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY IN THE MESA AREA OF THE CITY; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9.32 TO DECLARE AS PUBLIC NUISANCES SUCH ACTS, CONDITIONS, OR USES AS DECLARED BY OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE (Second Reading)

Slater stated as a clerical matter, the phrase “placement of trash receptacles not exclusively containing recyclable waste materials” will be inserted in Section 3, Clause D, to mirror the previous revision made in Section 3, Clause C (2).

ORDINANCE NO. 787

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 787, with the revision as noted above, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Landscape/Lighting Assessment
District budget shortfall

George provided a staff report, and noted detailed information about this item was presented during the Workshop conducted just prior to the City Council Meeting. George stated based on City Council input, it is recommended that \$73,490 be cut from the Landscape and Lighting Assessment District budget, as follows: Landscaping – \$36,340; Tree Planting – \$3,400; Tree Trimming – \$25,000; Repairs – \$6,750; and Miscellaneous Services – \$2,000.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to reduce the Landscape and Lighting Assessment District budget by \$73,490, as listed above, and carried unanimously.

Appointments to intergovernmental organizations

Slater stated that a Councilmember nominated to any intergovernmental organization that provides compensation cannot vote on that appointment. The compensated positions are Foothill Transit Zone, Gold Line Phase II JPA, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District, and Sanitation Districts. It was noted that the City Selection Committee and the Sanitation Districts’ designation of Delegate is automatically assigned to the current Mayor.

Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to concur with the following appointments to intergovernmental organizations, and carried with Fasana and Paras-Caracci abstaining from voting on Foothill Transit Zone, Fasana and Gaston abstaining from voting on Gold Line Phase II JPA and San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Finlay abstaining from voting on San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District, and Gaston and Finlay abstaining from voting on Sanitation Districts.

Area "D" Emergency Services

City Manager – Representative

Full Council – Alternates

California Contract Cities

Lois Gaston – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

City Selection Committee (County)

Lois Gaston – Delegate

John Fasana – Alternate

Community Education Council

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Phillip Reyes – Alternate

Duarte Community Service Council

Phillip Reyes – Representative

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Duarte Education Foundation

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Lois Gaston – Alternate

Foothill Employment and Training Consortium

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate

Phillip Reyes – Alternate

Foothill Transit Zone

John Fasana – Delegate

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate

Gold Line Phase II JPA

John Fasana – Member

Lois Gaston – Alternate

Joint Powers Insurance Authority

Margaret Finlay – Director

City Manager/Full Council – Alternates

League of California Cities

Margaret Finlay – Delegate

Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

John Fasana – Governing Board Representative

Lois Gaston – Alternate Governing Board Representative

San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22

Lois Gaston – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Phillip Reyes – First Alternate

Fasana, Finlay, Gaston – Second Alternates

CDBG Advisory Committee
recommendations

Irma Hernandez, Associate Planner, provided a staff report about the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program, proposed CDBG projects as recommended by the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee, and project descriptions.

There was discussion about the possibility of purchasing other cities' excess CDBG funds, reduction and use of public service funds, job training, possibility of revisiting this item at a future meeting prior to the February 1 deadline, need for balance pertaining to program funding, extensive recording requirements, and the possibility of a workshop about how to qualify for CDBG funds.

Jo Ann Brooks-Washington discussed the Committee's concerns, stated there is a need for more outreach, and recommended that City Council approve the recommendations.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the CDBG Advisory Committee recommendations.

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded a substitute motion to postpone action on the CDBG Advisory Board funding recommendation for expenditure of 2007/08 CDBG funds until the second meeting in January 2007, to allow time for staff and the CDBG Advisory Committee to conduct additional outreach related to youth public service programs and decrease the public works project allocation to allow for an increase in the public service component, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reyes

NOES: Gaston

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:
Lino Paras – Seating arrangement, minutes, Neil Bjornsen.
Harb Thind – CDBG allocation, storm drain repair.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REYES: 1) Stated there are tentative plans to take a youth delegation to China in April, and would like an item placed on the next Agenda for consideration; 2) Stated having a Youth Council is important, and he supports it; 3) Asked that the Duarte High School football team be invited to the next meeting for recognition; and 4) Wished all happy holidays.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Stated she appreciates the work of the CDBG Committee and staff; 2) Stated she received a note from the Sulzer's thanking Council for recognizing their anniversary; 3) Attended and reported on the National League of Cities Conference in Reno, and stated she serves on the APAMO Committee, Democratic Governance Committee, and Youth Education and Family Council; 4) Stated she would like the City Council to consider a Mayor's Youth Council in the future; 5) Stated the Agenda for the meeting with Mayor Antonovich should include an item for public input; and 6) Wished all happy holidays.

FINLAY: 1) Provided an update report about West Nile Virus, and stated there were only two cases in our District in 2006; and 2) Attended the National League of Cities Board of Directors meeting where there were discussions about pension/healthcare cost, affordable housing, emergency preparedness, impact of government-limiting initiatives, and immigration reform.

FASANA: 1) Discussed transportation bonds approved on the November ballot and completion of the carpool lanes on the 10 Freeway; 2) Attended a meeting with community colleges and transit providers, and stated Rio Hondo College has a program that includes bus passes with tuition; and 3) Wished all a happy holiday season.

GEORGE: Suggested the next City Council Meeting be held on January 2, 2007, due to the lack of a quorum on December 26, 2006, and January 9, 2007. City Council concurred.

GASTON: 1) Stated she and other Mayors met with Senator Romero about healthcare issues; 2) Attended football awards ceremony; 3) Attended holiday treat event at PAC Center; 4) Received a compliment from the Parks and Recreation Commission about Rebecca Michaelis; 5) Attended the Executive Board Meeting for Contract Cities where an item concerning claims against deputies was discussed; 6) Thanked the School Board and Town Council for meeting in the joint session with City

Council; 7) Stated 2007 is the 50th Anniversary of the City of Duarte; 8) Thanked whomever sent the newspaper article about her becoming Mayor to her hometown in Taylor, Arkansas; and 9) Wished all happy holidays.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m., to January 2, 2007, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk