

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2007

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:07 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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Don Watson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

James Coughlin provided a moment of reflection.

FITNESS WARM-UP

Slater led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced the library will be closed for major parking lot repairs from January 8-23, and will reopen on January 24.

Kristen Peterson announced Martin Luther King, Jr., beautification event on January 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Don Watson introduced his daughters.

Lino Paras announced Veterans Benefit Dinner on January 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Gaston displayed a table made from Duarte trees that had been pruned and tree limbs that had broken and were retooled into the table. She also welcomed former City Councilmembers James Coughlin and Don Watson to the meeting, and presented them with Certificates in appreciation of their service to the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Gaston read the Proclamation for Mentor Awareness Month. Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.

BUSINESS ITEMS

City of Duarte's 50th Anniversary

George provided a staff report about ideas to promote the City's 50th anniversary, and stated Mary Barrow would dedicate time each month toward the anniversary, a master calendar of events would be created, there would be a promotional item and logo designed, and the City's webpage would incorporate a 50th anniversary element.

Mary Barrow discussed a number of ideas to bring the community together in the 50th anniversary celebration.

Chris Sidrow, IT Manager, stated there would be a webpage for the 50th anniversary celebration through the City's website.

There was discussion about the Spring Musical incorporating historical information about Duarte residents in the armed forces, photo archives including pictures of old sites and former Mayors, 50th anniversary theme for the City of Duarte/City of Hope float, donations, invitation to community to provide input, discussion at Commission meetings, and including a historical item on City Council Agendas as the moment of reflection.

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to receive and file the report concerning the City of Duarte's 50th anniversary celebration, and carried unanimously.

Redevelopment Agency Annual Report

Slater stated Item 11.B would be heard concurrently with Item 12, and it would be appropriate for the Redevelopment Agency to take action first (Item 12), followed by City Council action (Item 11.B).

George stated the California Health and Safety Code requires all redevelopment agencies to submit an annual report to its legislative body, and discussed contents of the report, which were included in the Agenda packet. George further stated that a workshop about the Agency's budget will be conducted prior to the January 23 Council Meeting, and will include discussions on bonding capacity, fund balances, and tax increments.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded that the Redevelopment Agency approve the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report, and transmit it to the City Council, and carried unanimously.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded that the City Council receive and approve the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:

Lino Paras – Winds, fireworks, auditor RFQ.

Don Watson – City Council leadership.

Mayor Gaston – Kaiser Permanente water donation, request for letter of thanks.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REYES: Wished all a happy and healthy new year; thanked all involved with the float event, and thanked Mayor Gaston for her leadership; congratulated Duarte High School Falcon coach, staff, and athletes, read a portion of the newspaper article about their accomplishments, and stated they deserve to be honored; and thanked Don Watson for his service to the community and his pioneering leadership.

FINLAY: Thanked Mayor Gaston for the great job she did at the float pavilion; wished all a happy new year; stated she is looking forward to the City's 50th anniversary; and thanked Don Watson for leaving a wonderful legacy.

FASANA: Wished all a happy new year; thanked and congratulated Mayor Gaston for overseeing the pavilion event the past several years; stated Don Watson helped make Duarte a great city; discussed correspondence he received from Baldwin Park about the 10/605 Interchange and Prop 1-B funding, stated we are supportive of the project and Baldwin Park's request as it is a priority for the entire San Gabriel Valley, and stated we may have to act by January 15th, and if so, staff could follow-up on that and bring it back to City Council to ratify.

PARAS-CARACCI: Wished all a happy new year; thanked Don Watson for his comments about City Council and for attending the meeting; stated the Buena Vista Pavilion received much media attention, a number of floats built there won trophies, and thanked all volunteers and staff; stated some sidewalks and portions of the bike trail were affected by the recent winds; and stated she is looking forward to the 50th anniversary celebrations.

GASTON: Invited all to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event; received a letter from the Carmelite Sisters thanking the Council for attending Fantasia Family Festival; stated

the gate on Gardi entering Royal Oaks School is locked; thanked all who volunteered and visited the Buena Vista Pavilion; attended the San Gabriel Valley COG event on December 21, and would like to resume membership in the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership; attended the Contract Cities Budget and Finance Committee meeting and the Sanitation District meeting; thanked Mr. Cesena for driving her in the Monrovia Parade; thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for youth events; suggested a letter of thanks be sent to Supervisor Antonovich for meeting with the Council; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mary Blowers and President Gerald Ford.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., in memory of Mary Blowers and President Gerald Ford, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk