

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2007

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 7:10 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), Paras-Caracci,
Finlay (left at 9:35 p.m.), Gaston

ABSENT: Reyes

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to consider Item 14 (City Council Business Item) after the Consent Calendar, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Gaston led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Women's History Month event on March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, stated the Celebrity Waiter Dinner was a success, and announced State of the City/School District on March 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Annette Marquez, American Red Cross, announced Heroes Celebration Luncheon on May 11 at the San Gabriel Hilton Hotel.

Doreen Tulloch-Reid announced a health insurance counseling and advocacy program is available at the Duarte Senior Center.

Jim Kirchner, Duarte Historical Society, announced unveiling of Andres Duarte statue on March 31 at 1:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Blue Star Banner

Kristen Petersen, Deputy City Manager, described the Blue Star Banner program. Mayor Gaston presented a Blue Star Banner to the mother of Kari and Joseph Thomas, and expressed appreciation for their military service.

Sue Lawrence – 80th birthday

Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Sue Lawrence, and presented her with a cake in celebration of her 80th birthday. Mayor Gaston presented her with a congratulatory certificate.

DHS Varsity Girls Soccer Team

Mayor Gaston presented Certificates of Appreciation to members of the Duarte High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team and their coach, and congratulations were extended.

Heritage Park Senior Apartments

Mayor Gaston presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Heritage Park Senior Apartments resident representative Sylvia Swanson in recognition of their annual toy drive.

L.A. County Sheriff Deputies

Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, introduced Duarte Sub-Station Deputies. Mayor Gaston presented Sergeant Dave Bly, Deputy Robert Maclean, Deputy Wayne Goodrich, Deputy Ricardo Avila, Deputy Brant Frederickson, and Deputy Darren Blackmer with Certificates in appreciation of their dedication and service in making Duarte a safer community.

Presentation – AQMP

It was determined that the AQMP presentation would be made later in the meeting.

Public Safety Department 2006 Review	Brian Villalobos presented a Public Safety Department 2006 Review, including public safety services, crime statistics, burglaries, patrol activity, Team Duarte, animal control, residential/business compliance, and youth services.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Harb Thind – Fresno budget. Mark Montgomery – 10/605 interchange, H. P. Lyngard.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.
BUSINESS ITEM Naming of future plaza 1563 Huntington Drive	George stated the Duarte in Bronze Committee has requested that the plaza where the Andres Duarte statue will be placed be named Plaza Duarte. Jim Kirchner stated he was available to answer questions, and described the proposed layout of the plaza. Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the naming of the future plaza at 1563 Huntington Drive as Plaza Duarte, and carried unanimously.
ORDINANCE Council Bill 07-O-02 Illegal Businesses (Second Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 07-O-02: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.04, "LICENSES AND PERMITS GENERALLY," OF TITLE 5, "BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS," OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISION ADDRESSING ILLEGAL BUSINESSES (Second Reading)
ORDINANCE NO. 789	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 789, and carried unanimously.
RESOLUTIONS	It was determined that Item 13.A (Council Bill 07-R-04) would be considered after the AQMP presentation later in the meeting.
Agency Bill RA-366 Council Bill 07-R-05	Slater stated Item 13.B would be heard concurrently with Item 15, and it would be appropriate for the Redevelopment Agency to take action first (Item 15), followed by City Council action (Item 13.B). Slater read by title Agency Bill RA-366: A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BONDS, IN TWO OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000 IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERGED REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA, AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS Slater read by title Council Bill 07-R-05: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE OF TAX ALLOCATION REFUNDING BONDS, IN TWO OR MORE SERIES, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000 Peterson provided a staff report about the Merged Redevelopment Project Area 2007 tax allocation refunding bonds in Series A and Series B. Suzanne Harrell, Harrell & Company, answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to interest rates, municipal bonds, and timeframes.
RESOLUTION NO. RA-366 RESOLUTION NO. 07-05	Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Agency Resolution No. RA-366 and City Resolution No. 07-05, and carried unanimously.

Presentation – Draft 2007 AQMP
1) South Coast Air Quality
Management District
2) The Gas Company

Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Rainbow Yeung, SCAQMD, who made a detailed presentation about the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan, including highlights of control measures and consequences of non-attainment, and asked that the City Council support the resolution focusing on mobile source controls. Marty Kay, Program Supervisor, discussed costs. Bob Cruz, The Gas Company, presented information about the portion of the draft plan addressing natural gas, stated the Gas Company feels natural gas is part of the solution, and asked if Council passes the resolution, that a letter be sent to the AQMD requesting that they work with the Gas Company to develop a more cost effective way to deal with natural gas fuel specifications.

Fasana left the room due to a potential conflict of interest.

There was discussion about timeframe for adoption of the resolution, direct effects to the City, and need for staff evaluation.

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Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to continue the items pertaining to the Draft 2007 Air Quality Management Plan and Council Bill 07-R-04 (supporting the development of the Draft Plan focusing on mobile source controls) to the March 27, 2007, City Council meeting, to allow time for staff evaluation and recommendation, and carried with Fasana absent from the vote.

Fasana returned to the room and resumed his chair.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:
Harb Thind – AQMD presentation, decision by State.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Thanked all involved in Job Shadow Day; congratulated Talent Show performers; and stated he will be attending a meeting on February 28 about efforts to get 10/605 funding restored.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended Youth in Government Day in Sacramento on February 16, and would like Duarte youth to participate; stated Job Shadow Day was a success; appreciated the opportunity to judge the Talent Show; attended San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Conference in Pasadena; and participated in the Chamber Celebrity Waiters event.

GASTON: Thanked Talent Show judges and participants; invited community participation in the Heroes Tribute; announced a number of upcoming 50th Anniversary events; attended Northview Middle School and Maxwell School Black History Month events; thanked We Pack It All for the tour of their business; attended Contract Cities regular monthly meeting and Sanitation Districts meeting where finances were approved; thanked staff for following up with Irwindale about Foothill Boulevard; and thanked Public Safety and asked that citizens be observant and report crimes.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m., in memory of Doris M. Yeats, Celia Bargaen, H. P. Lyngard, and Valerie Russell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk