

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 24, 2008

At 5:45 p.m., the Duarte City Council conducted interviews for City Commissions. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m., with four members present (Paras-Caracci arrived at 5:50 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1) Conference with Labor Negotiators
- 2) Conference with Legal Counsel–Threatened Litigation

At 6:05 p.m., two Closed Sessions were held. Slater stated the first 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 721. The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b); Conference with legal counsel; Anticipated litigation/Threatened litigation; Number of potential cases: 3. The Closed Sessions concluded at 7:00 p.m.

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 Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., and announced that Item 10.C (Special Item – Presentation by Metro) would be continued, and Item 17.B (Commission Appointments) would be considered after the Consent Calendar.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Felicia Ayala led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

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

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Slater stated during the first Closed Session, City Council provided input and direction to the designated City representatives on the proposed contract, and unanimously gave direction on the next steps in the negotiating process, with no further reportable action. During the second Closed Session, the City Council discussed the issue with the City Attorney about the status of three potential litigation cases, and unanimously provided direction to the City Attorney about handling the cases should they proceed to litigation, with no further action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Laser Tour Show on June 20 at 2:00 p.m., and Summer Reading Program on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

K. C. Caracci, Route 66 Parade, stated the parade will be held on Saturday, September 20, announced fundraiser at the Duarte Elks Lodge on June 28 at 7:00 p.m., and stated parade volunteers are needed.

Karen Herrera stated City Commission applications are being accepted until the positions are filled, provided emergency phone numbers for Edison outages and claims, and announced Concert in the Park on June 25, Duarte's Promise/Kiwanis Fireworks booth at Ralphs, Metro meeting about Goldline extension on June 26, hazardous waste event on July 26 at Citrus College, and

Duarte's Promise/Foothill Unity Center back-to-school event on August 21 at Santa Anita Racetrack.

Brian Villalobos announced Rabies Vaccination Clinic on June 28 at the Public Safety Office.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Rudy Mungia

Brian Villalobos introduced Rudy Mungia and related the incident about his mature reaction to a critical situation involving a toddler. Mayor Reyes presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rudy for his quick thinking and actions as a local hero, and congratulations were extended.

Presentation – 2008 Rose Float Trophy

Gary Disano, Tournament of Roses Executive Vice President, presented the City of Duarte/City of Hope 2008 Rose Float Picture Trophy, and thanked the City for many years of participation in the parade. Donna Georgino thanked Image 2000 for sponsoring the 2007 golf tournament fundraiser, and announced the next tournament is November 6.

Online Youth Resource Guide

Karen Herrera described the City's newly-launched online youth resource guide (www.duarteyouth.org), demonstrated a number of features, and introduced Steve Beland from Ewing & Beland, who had built and designed the website. Gaston suggested a presentation about the website be made to the School Board, and suggested the possibility of pursuing grants.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

James Hunley – Neighbor's fence, code enforcement, lawsuit.

Jan Winston – Davis addition reunion event.

Adele Collins – No plans for reunion.

Sandy Paterson, Kevin Morris, Brandon Smith – Sirius Gearheads sponsorship, use of City logo.

Beatrice Heard – Andres Duarte Terrace bus stop.

Slater responded to comments about fence height, code compliance, and public records requests, and stated he would look into the use of the City logo by Sirius Gearheads on its race cars.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to add the following items to the Consent Calendar: (a) Finlay to attend Small Cities Council in Idaho in July 2008; (b) Gaston, Finlay, and George to attend Contract Cities Executive Board Planning Retreat in San Pedro on June 27, 2008; and (c) Paras-Caracci to attend NLC meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, from July 10-12, 2008, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows, and carried unanimously.

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

Receive and File item G.

(RESOLUTION NO. 08-14)
Woodbluff Avenue storm drain

(Item E–Council Bill 08-R-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE CONSENTING TO THE PAYMENT BY THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FOR THE CITY'S COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOODBLUFF AVENUE STORM DRAIN PROJECT)

(RESOLUTION NO. RA-374)
Woodbluff Avenue storm drain

(Item F–Agency Bill RA-374 A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE AGENCY'S PAYMENT FOR THE CITY OF DUARTE'S COST FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOODBLUFF AVENUE STORM DRAIN PROJECT)

BUSINESS ITEMS

City Commission appointments
(Some appointments continued)

It was noted that appointments would be made to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Public Safety Commission at this meeting, and appointments to the Mayor's Youth Council, Planning Commission, Traffic Safety Commission, Public Ser-

vices Commission, and Economic Development Commission would be continued to July 8, 2008.

Public Safety Commissioners Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to nominate Jim Kirchner (business owner), Rosalie Zesati (unincorporated area resident), Mary Ann Ur, Karen Carbajal, Anita Malave-Arevalo, and Ana Lisa Hernandez to the Public Safety Commission. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations. Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to appoint the nominees as stated above, and carried unanimously.

Parks/Recreation Commissioners Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to nominate Sagar Desai (non-resident), Elizabeth Thaller (senior citizen resident), Johnny McLaurin, Barbie Bylsma-Houghton, Lorraine Perez, and Laura Pinones to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations. Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to appoint the nominees as stated above, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-05:
Council Bill 08-O-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
Animal Feces (Second Reading) OF DUARTE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION
8.04.500 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL FECES (Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 802 Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 802, and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY Steve Esbenshade, Engineering Division Manager, provided a
COMMISSION – Parking in staff report about the recommendation from the Traffic and Safety
Hearthstone Tract Commission concerning overnight parking restrictions in the
Hearthstone Tract.

Russell Varing stated it is important for him to get a permit now, he has a company car that will not qualify to get a permit, he is concerned about family emergencies or if someone else stays at his house, cars can park on the other side of street without a permit, he does not want free parking, and he will pay the fee.

Frank Haynes provided a summary of his statement and copy of the neighborhood petition, felt restricted parking makes no sense above Royal Oaks, cars can be parked 50' from your house without a permit, he has four cars, he cannot afford to put his stuff in storage, and he wants two permits, not one.

Anil Gunaratne stated he would like to have interchangeable tags from car to car, and he has four cars.

Harb Thind stated he has to get permits every ten days, asked where the residents park on street sweeping days, stated this is not practical, and it should be equitable to everybody.

Paras-Caracci excused herself from the discussion and left the building, since she lives close to the area being discussed.

There was discussion about the neighborhood petition, possibility of having the neighbors vote on the issue, consistency, public safety, possibility of a one-year trial, City-wide issue, need to be equitable, possible repercussions, need to prohibit parking on street sweeping days, and how adjacent cities handle this issue.

(Continued)

The consensus of the City Council was to continue the discussion item pertaining to the Traffic and Safety Commission recommendation about overnight parking restrictions in the Hearthstone Tract to a future meeting. Paras-Caracci resumed her seat.

BUSINESS ITEMS Herrera provided a staff report about the proposed Services
2008/09 Chamber of Commerce Agreement with the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, and stated
Services Agreement

Bullet Point 8 in Exhibit A has been amended to read “Such seminars would be held once per quarter during the business week at the Duarte Community Center with no facility costs incurred by the Chamber.”

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Services Agreement between the City of Duarte and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce effective July 1, 2008, as amended above, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

FINLAY: Provided an update on the black flies situation, stated the Rotary Club hosted people from around the world in Duarte, and announced Congressman Dreier will speak at a free concert on June 28 at the LDS Church in Arcadia.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended Girl Scouts Gold Award ceremony where a Duarte youth was recognized, stated the job fair was a great event, the new youth website is awesome, and stated there have been youth solicitors in her area, and she and some of her neighbors are concerned whether they are part of a School District program.

GASTON: Attended volunteer recognition dinner, retirement event for Bill Martinez, and job fair, provided a copy of job openings at City of Hope, stated testing for L.A. County police officers will be June 28, stated Mayor Pro Tem Fasana will be presented the Community Service Award from the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership on September 12, and encouraged all to support non-profits at the fireworks booths.

REYES: Attended DYAC closing ceremonies, job fair, and COG Gang Summit, stated he would like to look at the tree replacement program again, congratulated all graduates, attended volunteer awards dinner and thanked staff for the program, and wished all a safe 4th of July and summer.

GEORGE: Provided an update about recent power outages and repairs, stated staff met with the local Edison representative and has sent a letter to the incoming CEO expressing our concerns, discussed the newspaper article about the \$700,000 we have set aside pertaining to Vulcan, stated the Azusa City Manager has indicated Vulcan has not submitted a formal application to date, noted interest has been received from other developers pertaining to the Northeast corner of Buena Vista and Huntington, and he will bring that information to an upcoming meeting, and noted two additional items on the Strategic Planning update have been completed.

SLATER: Announced the dates, times, and locations where safe and sane fireworks can be discharged in the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m., to July 8, 2008, 5:30 p.m. (City Commission interviews), and carried unanimously.

Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

City Clerk