

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 25, 2008

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 Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mary Somerlott led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tara Sellars announced the Duarte Falcons won last week and will play Monrovia in the playoffs on November 28, and thanked everyone for their support.

Mark Montgomery announced Indio International Tamale Festival next Saturday.

Donna Georgino announced the Parks and Recreation Department will host the San Gabriel Valley "C" Division Flag Football Tournament December 1-4, Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 4, and Breakfast with Santa on December 6.

SPECIAL ITEMS Reorganization

Mayor Reyes stated the past year was extremely busy, thanked staff, stated he is honored and privileged to serve on the City Council with his colleagues, and stated he knows this City Council will continue to work on behalf of every citizen in the community.

Election of Mayor/Chairperson

City Manager George assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor/Chairperson.

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to nominate John Fasana for Mayor/Chairperson. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to close nominations.

Mayor John Fasana

The motion to elect John Fasana as Mayor/Chairperson carried unanimously.

Election of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson

Mayor Fasana assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson.

Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to nominate Margaret Finlay for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to close nominations.

Mayor Pro Tem Margaret Finlay

The motion to elect Margaret Finlay as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Fasana offered a toast to the City's past, present, and future, and called a Recess at 7:35 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m., with all members present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

Jack Ochoa – Encanto Trail Project parking, speed limit.

Harb Thind – Homeless persons.

Gaston suggested appropriate Commissions look at the speed limit issue pertaining to the Encanto Trail Project. George stated staff is working with the Commissions on the speed limit, signage, and parking.

CONSENT CALENDAR Mayor Fasana asked that Item A (Minutes) be removed from the Consent Calendar, as he was not present at the previous meeting. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items B, C, E, F. Receive and File Item D.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-34 E. Council Bill 08-R-34 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE DESIGNATING THE GRANTEE'S AGENT FOR ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE 2008/2011 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NETWORK FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA LOCAL INCENTIVE AWARD #08-85564

Removed – Item A (Minutes) Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve Item A (Minutes), and carried with Fasana abstaining.

ORDINANCE Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-15:
Council Bill 08-O-15 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AMENDING SECTIONS 19.86.130, 19.86.140, MCA 08-4 Appeals of Planning Commission decisions AND 19.86.150 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO APPEALS TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF PLANNING COMMISSION DECISIONS ON VARIANCE APPLICATIONS (MCA 08-4) (Second Reading)
(Variance applications)
(Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 812 Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 812, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the agenda.
(Continued) Jack Ochoa – Encanto Park Trail Project safety concerns.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER REYES: Stated there was a great turnout at the Mayor's Business Connection and thanked Daniel Morales, thanked Mike's Foods for helping with the Falcons football team, congratulated Joe's Place on its first year anniversary, stated Santa Teresita Hospital's Fantasia was wonderful, thanked everyone for a great year, congratulated Mayor Fasana, and wished all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

FINLAY: Announced Sanitation District's Christmas Tree Recycling program will run from December 26-January 17, stated Fantasia was great, congratulated Joe's Place, thanked Becky for the reception, congratulated Mayor Fasana, thanked her colleagues for electing her as Mayor Pro Tem, helped with Thanksgiving food at the Foothill Unity Center, and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

GASTON: Congratulated Mayor Fasana on his 30th marriage anniversary, stated the Business Connection was terrific, asked if staff followed up with the owner of the silk screening business (George replied yes), attended Monrovia's Prayer Breakfast, asked that a letter be sent to Rob Hammond congratulating him for his service as Mayor of Monrovia, attended Thanksgiving Dinner at the Senior Center, stated she used City letterhead to personally endorse the Kare Youth League's application for an NFL grant, asked if anyone is interested in serving on the County Civil Grand Jury to contact her, stated Melissa Houlemarde and Heather Gonzales went to Las Vegas for the America's Got Talent competition, and she would like to have them attend a

Council meeting since they started in our Parks and Recreation program, and congratulated Mayor Fasana.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated Joe's Place, attended Duarte High School/Mt. Olive staff members basketball game, stated the Thanksgiving potluck event was great and thanked Key Club members, met Jennifer and said hello to the Beardslee second grade class and teacher, wished all a happy Thanksgiving, and congratulated Mayor Fasana.

FASANA: Wished all a happy Thanksgiving, and provided information to the City Manager from First 5 LA regarding a grant for fluoridated water.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk