

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 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 Fasana called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Finlay, Reyes, Fasana, Gaston (7:09 p.m.),
Paras-Caracci (7:09 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

It was noted that the Closed Session was not held.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to remove Items 11.G and 11.H from the Agenda, remove Item 11.F from the Consent Calendar, and to adjourn in memory of Paul Salcedo, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Harb Thind led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Walton, Love Our Children 2, Inc., announced opening of a community food pantry in January, and toy distribution on December 20 at Moore Park.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Eulanda Brancato 95th Birthday

Donna Georgino introduced Eulanda Brancato, and presented her with a cake in recognition of her 95th birthday. Mayor Fasana presented Mrs. Brancato a certificate, and congratulations were extended.

Mayor Fasana also acknowledged today was Councilmember Gaston's 72nd birthday, and congratulations were extended.

Recognition – Bob Margett

Mayor Fasana introduced the Honorable Bob Margett, and presented him a plaque in appreciation of his vision, dedication, and outstanding leadership as the City of Duarte's representative in the California State Legislature from 1995-2002. Mr. Margett introduced Lillian Moloian, who presented historical albums to Mr. Margett from the volunteers at his office.

Presentation of Awards SCMAF-San Gabriel Valley

Donna Georgino introduced Mike Cresap, Association Director for the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation-San Gabriel Valley, who presented the SCMAF Agency Award to the Parks and Recreation Department, and presented the Merit Award to Recreation Supervisor Teesha Tarr. Georgino also introduced Recreation Supervisor George Dang, and stated Mr. Dang and Ms. Tarr deserve the recognition for these awards.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

Robert Cuite – Request to adjourn in memory of Jim Yarnell.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, E, I, J.

Receive and File Item D.

Removed from Agenda – Items G, H.

Removed from Consent – Item F.

Removed – Item F
Council Bill 08-R-36
City Council benefits

F. Council Bill 08-R-36 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND SPECIFYING CERTAIN TERMS RELATED THERETO

Reyes inquired about life insurance and vision/dental coverage. Petersen responded, and stated the resolution memorializes the benefits City Council has, and the group life insurance and the vision/dental coverage is the same as the employees.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-36

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve Item F (adoption of Resolution No. 08-36), and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council Bill 08-O-16
Wireless Communication
Facilities (MCA 08-3)
(First Reading)

Mayor Fasana announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Municipal Code Amendment 08-3 pertaining to wireless communication facilities.

Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-16:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTERS 19.08, 19.22, 19.54, 19.66, AND 19.70, AND ADDING CHAPTER 19.72, OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE, PERTAINING TO WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (MCA 08-3) (First Reading)

Slater asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given. Akana stated the notice had been given, and the affidavit was on file. Mayor Fasana asked if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Akana stated there were none.

Irma Hernandez, Senior Planner, presented a staff report about the proposed ordinance which would consolidate code sections relating to wireless communications facilities into one chapter, and does not change the zones in which wireless communications facilities are currently permitted, and stated the Planning Commission recommendation is for City Council to adopt the Negative Declaration for MCA 08-3 and EIA No. 233, and to adopt the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Fasana asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the matter. There were none.

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Negative Declaration for MCA 08-3 and EIA No. 233, and to introduce Council Bill 08-O-16 for first reading, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION
Council Bill 08-R-35
Prescription Discount Program

Slater read by title Council Bill 08-R-35:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT CARD PROGRAM

George provided a staff report about the NLC Prescription Discount Card Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-35

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 08-35, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS
CDBG Advisory Board
Recommendation

Irma Hernandez, Senior Planner, provided a staff report about the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) program and proposed 2009-2010 CDBG projects and allocation of funds as recommended by the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee, and answered questions from Council pertaining to possible reduction of Federal funds.

Fasana stated he would like a report back on the availability of other cities' CDBG dollars.

Gaston asked staff to take an in-depth look at the city of Monrovia's housing rehabilitation program that uses CDBG and redevelopment dollars, and asked staff and community members to think about ways to donate hours of volunteer service.

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects and allocation of funds as recommended by the CDBG Advisory Committee, and carried unanimously.

Audited Financial Statements

Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager, presented a detailed staff report about the Fiscal Year 2007/08 audited financial statements for the City and the Agency.

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file the City and Agency audited financial statements for fiscal year 2007/08, and carried unanimously.

Redevelopment Agency Annual Report

Petersen provided a staff report about the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report, including independent financial audit, State Controller's financial transaction report, housing activities, and list of properties.

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to receive and approve the Redevelopment Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2007/08, and carried unanimously.

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.

Finlay 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 Fasana 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)

John Fasana – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – 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
Phillip Reyes – Delegate
Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – 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
Phillip Reyes – Representative
Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District
Margaret Finlay – Representative

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22
John Fasana – Delegate
Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments
Phillip Reyes – Representative
Full Council – Alternates

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REYES: Asked that a future agenda include items about an alternative to the Los Angeles County Plan Check process, removal of AQMD test site at Royal Oaks School, Small Business Development Center, and Weihai China as a sister city, stated the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was outstanding and congratulated the awardees, attended Supervisor Antonovich's installation, attended the Mayor's Teen Council meeting, and announced Joint City Council/School Board Meeting on December 11.

FINLAY: Thanked the Rotary Club for a great breakfast, stated the tree lighting ceremony was nice, stated unwrapped toys and canned food can be dropped off at a number of locations in town, and announced a free concert by the Southern California Mormon Choir on December 13 in Arcadia.

GASTON: Thanked all for recognizing her birthday, attended event recognizing Ron Beilke for his service as Mayor of Pico Rivera, attended Supervisor Antonovich's oath of office event, encouraged all to shop Duarte, stated some at the Senior Center are concerned about the striped area in the parking lot near the cutout curb, as there is a tendency to trip, and asked that it be looked at, requested an item about the traffic signal across Huntington Drive be agendized, stated the Christmas tree lighting was wonderful, Foothill Unity Center fed 1200 families on the Thanksgiving holiday, noted attendance at Beardslee dropped, announced Sign Ordinance Workshop on December 18, inquired

about shifting the meeting in January since she and Council-member Finlay will be in Sacramento, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Nicholas Sidrow, Virginia White, and Jim Yarnell.

There was discussion about the January 13, 2009, City Council meeting. It was determined that there will be a quorum, and the meeting will be held.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she was honored to emcee the annual Celebration of Abilities event, stated her neighbors expressed concern about people going through their recycling bins, she will provide the information to Public Safety, inquired about the opening of the plaza, announced upcoming SGVCOG strategy development program, and wished all happy holidays.

GEORGE: Stated the City is working with the Duarte Historical Society on a date in January for the opening of the plaza, noted the December 23, 2008, Council Meeting will be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum, and discussed the progress of the Best Buy and Fresh & Easy projects.

SLATER: Stated new legislation pertaining to cities will become effective January 2009, and he will be working with staff to implement the new requirements.

FASANA: Inquired if staff is moving ahead with the No Parking signs on Encanto Parkway (George responded yes), and asked if the City will be ready for a massive installation program for the FiOS system, and if DCTV will be included. Petersen stated she would research the matter, and provide information in the City Manager's update.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m., to the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting, December 11, 2008, 5:30 p.m., Duarte High School Library, in memory of Paul Salcedo, Virginia White, Nicholas Sidrow, and Jim Yarnell, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk