

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 14, 2009

At 6:30 p.m., two Closed Sessions were held (as stated below). Mayor Fasana called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., with four members present (Paras-Caracci arrived prior to the Closed Session).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to adjourn the meeting in memory of Doug Collins, Ed McGinnis, and Geneva Washington, and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1) Real Property Negotiations
- 2) Labor Negotiations

Slater stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with real property negotiators; Agency negotiator: Darrell George; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Duarte-Jacobsen Family Holdings I, LLC, a California limited liability company; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Property: 1470 Mountain, APN 8530-012-005, 073, 074, 079, 080, 081, 082, 083, 084, 089, 090, 091, 092, 093, and 094. The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with labor negotiators; Negotiators: Darrell George, Kristen Petersen, Steve Filarsky, Dan Slater; Regarding SEIU Local 721 Management and Professional Employees and General Employee Units. The Closed Sessions concluded at 7:25 p.m.

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 7:28 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Fasana
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

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

Fasana and Finlay provided the warm-up.

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Slater stated during the first Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed adjusting the price and terms of payment regarding the DDA and its amendments, and voted to adjust the price and terms by providing an additional \$50,000 to the developer, with an additional \$100,000 coming from the \$3,000,000 the Agency had already provided as part of the DDA, which would move back the remaining \$2.9 million in payments, so that the outer timeline will remain the same, by a vote of 3-2, with Fasana and Gaston voting no. Slater stated an addendum to the DDA to implement the adjusted terms will be brought back at a future public hearing. During the second Closed Session, City Council received a report on a potential new voluntary retirement program, and unanimously voted to continue the item so staff could bring back additional information about that program at a future meeting, with no further action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori Berg, Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center, announced Open House and Walk-A-Thon on April 25.

Sister Mary Patrice, Hayden Childcare Center, thanked the City for its support of the 5K event, stated there were 600 partici-

pants, and presented T-shirts and a card from the children to City Councilmembers.

Ryan Kuo, Southern California Association of Governments, announced 2009 General Assembly of member cities on May 7-8 in La Quinta.

Kay Perlman, Duarte Library, announced National Library Week, reading to children program April 16-17, book sale on April 18, "tween" program on April 24, and Chinese calligraphy demonstration on April 25.

Karen Herrera announced Farmer's Market every Saturday, Teen Center book club sign-ups, Family Wilderness Day on April 18, Encanto Nature Walk opening on April 18, Rebuilding Together project on April 25, hazardous waste event in Azusa on April 25, Duarte Community Clean-Up Day on April 25, home improvement grant program applications at Community Development Department, free lecture about diabetes at City of Hope on April 30, and Moonlight Basketball on Saturdays.

Donna Georgino announced Opening Day of the Senior Center softball program on April 16.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Dr. Levine

Mayor Fasana stated Dr. Alexandra Levine, City of Hope, was recently elected to the level of Master of the American College of Physicians, and noted as she was not in attendance, the framed certificate would be delivered to her.

Introduction – Reed Strege
Duarte Community Library Mgr.

Reed Strege, Duarte Community Library Manager, introduced himself, and stated he is looking forward to continuing the relationship the library has had with the City for many years. City Councilmembers congratulated and welcomed Mr. Strege.

Proclamation – Foothills
Pregnancy Resource Center

Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center to Lori Berg and Sheila Fleming, and congratulated the Center on its fifth anniversary.

Proclamation – DMV/Donate
Life California Month

Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for DMV/Donate Life California Month to Sandra Madera, who encouraged all to consider becoming donors.

Presentation by Upper SGV
Water District

Tim Jochem, General Manager, Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the water supply in the San Gabriel Valley, including water demands, averages, recycling program expansion, conservation measures, and goals, and introduced Al Contreras, President, who answered questions from Councilmembers about reclaimed water, drought-resistant landscaping, water efficient irrigation systems, and water costs.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the agenda:
Victor Lopez – Lawyer, district attorney, court costs.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to add Council attendance at the SCAG General Assembly, May 7-8, 2009, La Quinta, the Sheriff's Youth Foundation event, April 23, 2009, Beverly Hills, and Paras-Caracci's attendance at the League of California Cities Legislative Days, April 15-16, 2009, Sacramento, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, H.
Receive and File Items F, G.

BUSINESS ITEM

ENA – Redevelopment Agency
and Sweet Magnolias, Inc.

Craig Hensley, Community Development Director, provided a staff report about the proposed Exclusive Negotiating Agreement pertaining to the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street.

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Sweet Magnolias, Inc. (Lisa Magno) for potential development of the Agency-owned lot at the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Brian Villalobos – Cal-GRIP grant was not received.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GASTON: Inquired about Gifts for Guns program (Villalobos stated the item will be on the next Agenda), attended basketball awards event and Contract Cities Planning and Executive Board Meetings, testified before the water board regarding the basin plan and asked that we agendize the issues raised and what they pose for the City, met with the seniors at the Senior Center and received inquiries about the crosswalk, asked if the Farmer's Market sign can be mounted (George stated the sign is being remade), stated the Silver Streak is clean and efficient, however seniors are not allowed a discount prior to 10:00 a.m., stated there is no shelter at the bus bench on the northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista, and stated the Community BBQ was outstanding and the survey was excellent.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked staff and those who participated in the BBQ and stated it was a neighborhood event, attended the dedication of the Michael Amini Transfusion Medicine Center, asked that the information received at the Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Workshop be provided to City Councilmembers, attended the Mayor's Youth Council meeting, stated the Strategic Planning Retreat included a focus on youth and families, met with Foothill Family Service regarding future partnerships, and inquired about the permit process for tapings and filming in the City. Petersen provided information about the film permit process.

SLATER: Stated his office is continuing to monitor SB 93 pertaining to the use of redevelopment agency funds.

GEORGE: Stated the city of Azusa has accepted the application from Vulcan Mining for its expansion, and has declared it to be complete.

FINLAY: Stated April 20-26 is West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week, the Vector Control District no longer removes swarms of bees, although they remove nests, stated the seniors at the Senior Center are looking for a donated sewing machine (Gaston stated she could provide one), inquired about the possibility of holding a community job fair, and reminded all not to litter, and to act responsibly.

REYES: Thanked all involved in the event at Otis Gordon Park, suggested the State of the City be presented to the residents, attended Baldwin Park's State of the City, the Easter Egg hunt was well-attended, requested a report about the rail cars, graffiti, and oleanders on Duarte Road, and noted the passing of Doug Collins, and stated he will be missed.

FASANA: Congratulated Royal Oaks School for winning the track meet title, stated the Duarte Talent Show was fabulous with a great turnout, suggested the top finishers could attend a Council Meeting or Concerts in the Park, attended the boys' basketball awards event, stated the Community BBQ was a great idea, the AQMD has a lawn mower exchange program, stated we need to look into the bus bench shelter issue, Foothill Transit

has application processes for funding that can be used for shelters, and asked that we look at the type of bus bench to be used as some have rails between the seats, thanked staff and Councilmembers for attending the Strategic Planning Workshop and thanked Westminster Gardens for the hospitality, congratulated the Foothills Pregnancy Resource Center on its fifth year anniversary, and thanked the Upper District for tonight's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., in memory of Doug Collins, Ed McGinnis, and Geneva Washington, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk