

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – MAY 12, 2009

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 7:10 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Finlay (arrived at 8:55 p.m.), Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Fasana

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Petersen, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the Agenda, with the removal of Consent Item 10.D, and acknowledging the adjournment of Virgil Buckley and Glenn Bell at the previous meeting, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Dorothy Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced movie matinee on May 16, and volunteer summer reading program.

Karen Herrera announced Moonlight Basketball on May 16, Farmer's Market every Saturday, early voting for May 19 election at the Registrar-Recorder's Office, free prescription drug discount program, Commission opportunity, hazardous waste event on May 16 in West Covina, Hats Off on May 20, Public Safety Department community movie night on July 10 at Beardslee Park, and Teen Talk program on June 6 at the Teen Center.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Proclamation – Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month to DJ and Shari Hayden. Ms. Hayden provided information about the disorder and the Children's Tumor Foundation.

Proclamation – Outstanding Older Americans Month
Recognition – Dorothy Smith

Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Dorothy Smith, 2009 Outstanding Older American for the City of Duarte. Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Older Americans Month to Dorothy Smith, and congratulations were extended.

Proclamation – Bike Month

Mayor Fasana read and presented the Proclamation for Bike Month to Steve Boyd from Dahon Bicycle, who provided information about Bike to Work week.

Recognition – Esveidi Salmeron

Georgino stated Esveidi Salmeron was invited to the meeting to be recognized for her achievements as recreation ROP student, silver medalist, and Duarte Senior Center volunteer, but was not able to attend. Mayor Fasana congratulated Ms. Salmeron and stated the Certificate would be delivered to her.

Recognition – Shahan Causey
Outgoing EDC Commissioner

Mayor Fasana presented a plaque to Shahan Causey, and thanked her for her service to the City as an Economic Development Commissioner from July 2008 to April 2009.

Recognition – Talent Show

Mayor Fasana introduced and presented Certificates to the 2009 Duarte Talent Show finalists, school principals, coordinators, and volunteers, and congratulated them for making the "World of Talent" show a success.

Recognition – Trail Maintenance Crew	Georgino introduced the youth trail crew workers who renovated the Fish Canyon Trail prior to Family Wilderness Day. Mayor Fasana presented crew members Carlos Acevedo, David Burris, Jesus Rodriguez, Erik Cerna, Miguel Pasillas, Henry Perez, and Israel Munoz with Certificates in recognition of their outstanding work on the trail.
Presentation/Recognition – Los Angeles Conservation Corp Youth Workers	William Ordonez, Teague Weybright, and Neasha Monegan, Los Angeles Conservation Corp, presented a pictorial overview of the Encanto Nature Walk project. Mayor Fasana presented Certificates of Appreciation to the youth workers for their hard work resulting in the beautification of the Encanto Nature Walk.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda: Dave Campbell – Oppose rail maintenance yard, traffic, noise. Tom Bea – Crossing guards, oppose rail yard, Metro Board. Debra West – Rail yard, pollutants. Gonzalo Murillo – Oppose rail yard, residential area.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, F. Receive and File Item E. Remove Item D.
ITEM REMOVED	Item D. (Amendment to ENA – Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group-West, Inc.) Reyes requested an update on the project. Community Development Director Hensley provided a staff report about the proposed six-month extension to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement. Tom Wulf, Lowe Enterprises, discussed the progress made during the past year.
Item D approved	Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Lowe Enterprises Real Estate Group-West, Inc., and to authorize the Executive Director to sign Amendment No. 2 (related to potential transit oriented development), and carried unanimously.
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING Fifth Addendum to OP/DDA Duarte-Jacobsen Family Holdings (Continued)	Slater stated it is staff's recommendation to continue the Joint Public Hearing and renote it once it is scheduled. Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to continue the Joint Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.
COUNCIL BILLS Council Bill 09-R-08 PERS amendment Council Bill 09-O-02 PERS amendment (First Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bills 09-R-08 and 09-O-02: 09-R-08 A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF DUARTE 09-O-02 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF DUARTE AND THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (First Reading) Marcella Marlowe, Human Resources Manager, provided a staff report about the voluntary early retirement incentive. Lino Paras asked how many cities in Los Angeles County are considering this option, and if the City is overstaffed. Petersen stated this is an opportunity to look at restructuring and different position levels. Marlowe stated 20 cities in the

State are considering this option, with others looking into it and offering something similar.

There was discussion about paying the obligation in two years, not binding future Councils, and the current financial situation.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-08

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve Resolution No. 09-08, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes

NOES: Fasana

ABSTAIN: Finlay

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to introduce Council Bill 09-O-02 for first reading, and carried with three votes.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

Lino Paras – Budget workshop, cuts, last year’s budget.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REYES: Thanked the volunteers who were recognized at the Senior Center event, congratulated Dorothy Smith, congratulated Councilmember Gaston on her installation as President of Contract Cities, and stated he received a letter from Mrs. Yap thanking the Council for adjourning in memory of her husband.

FINLAY: Received a letter from the Azusa Pacific University students thanking the City for supporting their project, stated there were 1225 households served at the April 25 hazardous waste event, and congratulated Councilmember Gaston on her upcoming installation as President of Contract Cities.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended the presentation by the APU students, will attend the conference at Citrus College regarding greening of jobs, congratulated Royal Oaks School for receiving the Title 1 Academic Achievement Award, suggested the budget workshop could be filmed or put on the web or DCTV, and attended the Mother’s Day Tea, volunteer recognition dinner, swearing-in ceremony for Monrovia’s Mayor and Councilmembers, and Elk’s Lodge Mother’s Day breakfast.

GASTON: Congratulated the Talent Show winners, stated she hopes Shahan Causey can serve the City again, received a notice on her door about refrigerator refrigerant and received a notice in the mail about property tax reassessment, and would like these two potential scams checked out, cars are parked in front of mail boxes for extended periods of time on Millbrae, she hopes there would be a neighborhood meeting about bears, and suggested Valley View School might host a community meeting, thanked Councilmember Paras-Caracci for bringing the prescription drug program to Duarte, asked that Hats Off, Citrus College conference about greening jobs, Peace Officers Memorial on May 27, League’s Mayor/City Council Forum on May 27-30 in San Diego, and ALADS Awards Banquet on May 30 at Industry Hills be added to City Council conference attendance, thanked all for their support regarding Contract Cities, discussed the May rewrite of the State’s budget, attended the volunteer dinner, tea, Elk’s police event, gang violence reduction workshop, Contract Cities meetings, and Best Buy grand opening, and thanked Best Buy for honoring the Ed Foundation and Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Fasana congratulated Councilmember Gaston on the new duties she will assume at Contract Cities, and asked Petersen about the City Manager’s absence and the recent hate crime.

Petersen stated City Manager George was at a nuisance abate-

ment hearing all day, he will attend the upcoming Contract Cities and ICSC Conferences, provided information about the State's budget situation, and stated updated information is on the City's website. Sergeant Haynes provided an update on the recent vandalism incident.

FASANA: Attended the event and presented a plaque to outgoing Monrovia Mayor Hammond, stated he hopes a presentation of the final budget will be made similar to the one presented at the budget workshop, attended Foothill Transit annual meeting, congratulated all involved with the Best Buy grand opening, attended the volunteer dinner, congratulated Dorothy Smith, attended opera and Cinco de Mayo events at Westminster Gardens, Citrus College "I Will Ride" event, and meeting held in Azusa by Assemblymember Hernandez, and stated the budget for Metro includes \$126,000 of Measure R dollars for the Gold Line.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m., in acknowledgment of the adjournment of Virgil Buckley and Glenn Bell at the previous meeting, and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk