

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 10, 2009

CALL TO ORDER 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 7:07 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to remove Special Item 7.B, and carried unanimously.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Fasana
ABSENT: Finlay
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Sgt. Tony Haynes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP Slater provided the warm-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced greeting card workshop on December 8 at 4:00 p.m.
Robert Cuite, Duarte Education Foundation, announced the Pen-nies for Progress campaign continues through December.
Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events in November.

SPECIAL ITEM
Update – Youth/Family Master Plan
Donna Georgino, representing the Co-Chairs of the Youth and Family Master Plan Ad Hoc Committee, provided an update on the process, including task groups, educational sessions, and the selection of a logo.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Steve Hernandez – Election results, parks, sidewalks.
Carol Ciminelli – Election results, newsletter.
Tina Carey – MTA site in Monrovia.
Lino Paras – Election results, email inquiry.

CONSENT CALENDAR Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, G.
Remove Item F.

ITEM REMOVED (Item F)
City Commission absence report and declaring one Public Safety Commission seat vacant
Paras-Caracci inquired about the process for Commission absences (staff responded), discussed a code of conduct for Commissioners, and inquired if Commissioners in other cities are given a code of conduct in addition to taking the Oath. Gaston stated she agrees with a code of conduct for Commissioners.

Item F Approved Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve Item F, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEM
Burrtec refuse collection and recycling rate adjustment
Kristen Petersen provided a staff report about the proposed Burrtec refuse collection and recycling rate adjustment as outlined in the staff report, to become effective January 1, 2010.
Lino Paras inquired about the portion of tipping fees on a proportional basis.
Richard Niño, Burrtec, described the components, calculations, and answered questions from City Councilmembers pertaining to tipping fees, closure of Puente Hills in three years, notifica-

tion of residents, post cards, variables, and formulas. Petersen responded to questions about rates in other cities and commercial survey.

Paras-Caracci asked that during the next round of discussions for refuse collection and recycling, we get additional information about Athens and Waste Management services. Reyes stated he would like to see the formulas and a commercial survey.

Lisa Magno stated she also has a business in Monrovia, she pays less for Burrtec's service in Duarte, and she is in favor of the Burrtec increase.

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the annual Burrtec refuse collection and recycling rates, as outlined in the staff report, effective January 1, 2010, per staff recommendation, subject to staff checking the formulas in the rate adjustment and providing a commercial survey, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Fasana, Reyes (abstained without cause; abstention counted with majority)

NOES: None

ABSENT: Finlay

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Lino Paras – Contract negotiations, bin rental.

Carol Ciminelli – Senior rate, bin size.

Steve Hernandez – Election literature, credibility, rail yard.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

GASTON: Complimented voters on their turnout, voters deserve the very best, congratulated the winners, suggested calling the anonymous tip line to report illegal and unethical things, asked that an item about a stoplight or crosswalk across Huntington Drive be agendaized, inquired about sports equipment storage bin at Encanto Park (Georgino responded), asked that staff look into the possibility of cutting an access through the curb dividers that separate the parking lanes at the senior center to make it easier for persons using canes and walkers, inquired about the last time curb addresses were painted, as some of them have worn off, attended Halloween event, Census meeting, and HIV/Aids event at City of Hope, asked that Dr. Levine's presentation made at that event be agendaized and presented here, attended Pasadena police chief's retirement event, asked that we take a second look at our campaign procedures and codes before the next election, hopes City Council can work together in a calm and professional manner, inquired about the possibility of holding a Duarte Mediation Team Meeting on November 24, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., prior to the Council Meeting, and congratulated Ken Bell and Reyna Diaz on their re-election.

REYES: Congratulated his colleagues and looks forward to working with them the next four years, thanked the voters, he is humbled and honored to serve, and congratulated his son and wife on the arrival of his new granddaughter.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated due to the afternoon traffic at Duarte High School, there are possible accidents from the eastbound traffic making left turns into the circle driveway, asked that staff work with the School District to educate students and parents, and to have the Traffic Safety Commission and a representative from the high school look at the afternoon traffic situation and bring something to City Council, there is an ongoing and growing list of City projects, met parents of incumbents living in the City while campaigning, she took personal offense at some messages, she promises to make a difference and will work with

anyone the voters elect to this Council, asked that the voters be respected, stated City Councilmembers are role models, and she expects herself to move forward.

GEORGE: Stated he responds to emails and phone calls in a timely manner, apologized if he did not respond to the one email, and stated the issued was addressed.

FASANA: Stated there was a concern raised about distribution of a campaign newsletter containing advertisements and the finding was that the newspaper had rights, received an idea from a resident and suggested the possibility of a campaign to promote residents sweeping in front of their property, he and City staff met with Monrovia staff about the upcoming gang injunction, congratulated Councilmembers on their re-election, although some things were said and done that created division, stated we have worked hard to apply services throughout the community, and it is important to work together to face the challenges ahead.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m., in memory of the Fort Hood victims (Juanita Warman, Libardo Caraveo, John Gaffaney, Russell Seager, Justin Decrow, Amy Krueger, Jason Hunt, Frederick Greene, Aaron Nemelka, Kham Xiong, Michael Pearson, Francheska Velez, and Michael Cahill), Earline Mountjoy, and John McTaggart, and carried unanimously.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk