

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 8, 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 Finlay called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
RECEPTION	A reception was held in recognition of current and retiring City employees.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci (left at 9:31 p.m.), Fasana ABSENT: Reyes ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Craig Stogner 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.
SPECIAL ITEMS Recognition–Retiring Employees	Mayor Finlay introduced and presented City of Duarte retiring employees with City tile plaques, as follows: Evelyn de Jesus, Silvia Hurtado, Anita Laygo, John Mack, and Patricia Razavi. Patricia Lopes, Steve Maroste, and Sandra Shannon were not in attendance to receive their plaques. City Councilmembers expressed appreciation to the employees for their years of service.
Recognition – Employees	Mayor Finlay introduced and presented service awards to employees and Commissioners with 5, 10, 20, and 25 years of service to the City, and congratulations were extended.
Oath of Office Councilmember Phil Reyes	As Councilmember Reyes was not in attendance, Slater stated the Oath of Office would be administered to him at a later time.
Introduction–Gold Line Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee members	Darrell George introduced the 15 members of the Gold Line Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee, and described the primary responsibilities of the Committee.
Presentation – Youth and Family Master Plan update	Donna Georgino introduced Co-Chair Vincent Castro, who provided an update on the progress of the Youth and Family Master Plan, including educational sessions, youth safety issues, and task group reports, and encouraged community members and youth to attend the meetings and provide input. Gaston asked that all Commission and Committee meeting agendas include the street addresses where the meetings are held.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Eddie Howard, Duarte Church of Christ, announced food program beginning December 15. Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced gingerbread house-making program on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events in the month of December. Robert Cuite, Duarte Education Foundation, announced Pennies for Progress campaign will continue through the holidays. Lino Paras, Duarte Elks Lodge, announced Kids Hoops Contest and Christmas Party on December 20.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Steve Hernandez – Retiring employees, staff. Lino Paras – City Council, staff, Commissioners, absenteeism.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. (Gaston noted a correction to the minutes that she had attended a YWCA speaker’s reception and Wishing Well reception.) Approve Items A, B, C, D, E. Remove Item F.
ITEM REMOVED (Item F) Conference Attendance Item F approved	Paras-Caracci stated there is a scholarship available for attendance at this event, and she will forward the information. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve Item F, and carried unanimously.
PUBLIC HEARING Agency Council Bill RA-385 Five-Year Implementation Plan	Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider the Agency’s five-year implementation plan for 2010-2014. Slater read by title Agency Bill RA-385: A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AGENCY’S FIVE-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2010-2014 Slater asked Acting City Clerk Herrera if notice of the hearing had been given, and if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Herrera stated the notice had been given, the affidavit was on file, and no written communications were filed. Craig Hensley provided a staff report about the five-year implementation plan, reviewed projects completed during the past five years, and discussed potential projects in the next five years. Mayor Finlay asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the matter. There were none. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.
RESOLUTION NO. RA-385	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt Resolution No. RA-385, and carried unanimously.
BUSINESS ITEM Appointments to Commissions	Mayor Finlay noted the item appointing City Commissioners would be considered prior to the Commission Items. Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to make the following appointments to City Commissions, and carried unanimously. <u>Planning Commission</u> – Terms expire 12/31/13: Bill Lawrence, Ron Phadnis, Sheryl Lefmann <u>Traffic Safety Commission</u> – Terms expire 12/31/13: Neil Bjornsen, Jim Kirchner, William Riordan <u>Public Services Commission:</u> Ming Lim (Term expires 12/31/11) Frank Haynes, Pattie Dalessandro (Terms expire 12/31/13) <u>Public Safety Commission:</u> Craig Stogner, Supervisor representative (Term expires 12/31/13) Ken Bell, School District representative (Term expires 12/31/13) Jim Dinsmore, Business representative (Term expires 12/31/13) Christine Frye, Resident (Term expires 12/31/11) <u>Parks and Recreation Commission</u> – Terms expire 12/31/13: Elizabeth Thaller, Senior Citizen representative Eddie Howard

It was noted that the School District representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission would be appointed at a later time.

Economic Development Commission – Terms expire 12/31/13:
Joelle DeBrest, Nick Zigic, Vince Castro (Business owners)

Mayor Finlay stated she would like a City Council/City Commission workshop dinner meeting held in late-January, approximately two hours long, with a 15-minute presentation about Robert's Rules of Order. Fasana stated the members of the Gold Line Regional Transportation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee and the members of the Youth and Family Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee are welcome to attend the City Council/City Commission public workshop.

COMMISSION ITEMS
Traffic Safety Commission
Recommendation – Stop signs

Steve Esbenshade, Engineering Division Manager, presented the recommendation from the Traffic Safety Commission pertaining to the installation of stop signs on Fish Canyon Road at Melcanyon Road.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Traffic Safety Commission recommendation and authorize the placement of stop signs to control traffic traveling east and westbound on Fish Canyon Road at the intersection of Melcanyon Road, and carried unanimously.

Public Safety Commission
Recommendation–Bear task force

Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, presented the Public Safety Commission recommendation pertaining to a task force to address the bear issue.

There was discussion. Gaston and Finlay asked that packets containing documents and pictures from the City of Bradbury, Richard Ur, and the Star News pertaining to bears be prepared so they can be given to State legislators when they travel to Sacramento in January, and also suggested that members of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments may be interested in the issue. Finlay asked that an update about the bear situation be agendaized for the second meeting in January.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Public Safety Commission recommendation that the Duarte Public Safety Office take the lead in exploring as a public safety issue a Foothill Task Force to address bears as a regional issue, and to receive and file the report, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS (Continued)
Intergovernmental Organizations

It was noted 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 further 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, Gaston and Paras-Caracci abstaining from voting on Gold Line Phase II JPA, Fasana and Gaston abstaining from voting on San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, Finlay abstaining from voting on San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District, and Finlay and Paras-Caracci abstaining from voting on Sanitation Districts, with Reyes absent for all votes.

Area "D" Emergency Services
City Manager – Representative
Full Council – Alternates

California Contract Cities

Lois Gaston – Delegate

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

City Selection Committee (County)

Margaret Finlay – Delegate

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate

Community Education Council

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Phil Reyes – Alternate

Duarte Community Service Council

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Representative

Margaret Finlay – Alternate

Duarte Education Foundation

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Lois Gaston – Alternate

Foothill Employment and Training Consortium

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Delegate

Phil Reyes – Alternate

Foothill Transit Zone

John Fasana – Delegate

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate

Gold Line Phase II JPA

Lois Gaston – Member

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – 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

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Full Council – Alternates

San Gabriel Valley Vector Control District

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Sanitation Districts #15 and #22

Margaret Finlay – Delegate

Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate

Southern California Association of Governments

Margaret Finlay – Representative

Full Council – Alternates

Audited Financial Statements

Kristen Petersen, Assistant City Manager, presented a staff report about the Fiscal Year 2008/09 audited financial statements for the City and the Agency.

Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to receive and file the City and Agency audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009, and carried unanimously.

Paras-Caracci left the meeting.

Redevelopment Agency Annual Report

Petersen provided a staff report about the Redevelopment Agency Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to receive and approve the Re-development Agency's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2008/09, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Congratulated staff and the Mayor on the Christmas Tree lighting event, congratulated all honorees at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, will attend City of Hope Beckman Institute's Immunotherapeutics opening ceremony, asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Beth Amstone, and wished Council-member Gaston a happy birthday.

GASTON: Stated the speaker at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Mr. Ostergard, is a great inspiration to many young people and he would like the Mayor to contact him, spent time at the Senior Center where there is the continuing request for something across Huntington Drive, asked that an item about pedestrian crossing on Huntington Drive be agendized, as well as a clarification of what the seniors have been told about constraints to the taxi program, thanked Supervisor Antonovich and Lee Baca for their cards, will attend Contract Cities meeting in Calabasas on December 16, and expressed appreciation to employees.

GEORGE: Thanked City Council and Department Heads for making his five years of service rewarding, and wished all happy holidays.

FINLAY: Discussed SCAG report about a subcommittee dealing with fiscalization and concepts for equalizing big-boxes and housing, stated she would like to have a Joint School Board/City Council Meeting, attended assembly at Northview about bullying, and wished all a happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m., in memory of Beth Amstone, to the adjourned regular meeting on January 5, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk