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**ADJOURNED REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL/
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
BUDGET WORKSHOP – TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER The City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a Budget Workshop in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Finlay
ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager/Executive Director George
Assistant City Manager Petersen
Director of Community Development Hensley
Director of Parks and Recreation Georgino
Director of Public Safety Services Villalobos
Deputy City Manager Herrera

It was determined that the meeting would function as a “Committee of the Whole.”

PUBLIC INPUT The following spoke:
Pat DeRose – DCTV funding, wish list for new equipment.
Alan Heller – DCTV funding.
Jim Kirchner – Chamber funding, accomplishments

BUDGET OVERVIEW George provided a general overview of the economy, the proposed budget philosophy, and noted this would be the last year of this style of delay and cut, as next year, structural changes would be required in order to adjust expenses in line with revenues. He announced that the CRA had lost its lawsuit, and that the Redevelopment Agency would be losing \$2.7 million in RDA funds to the State.

Petersen presented the proposed 2010/11 budget, including department accomplishments made during the past fiscal year, and reviewed the process, highlights, and recommendations, focusing on the items recommended for reduction on Attachment A.

LINE ITEM BUDGETS It was determined by the City Council/Agency Board to forego specific line item budget review.

Petersen presented information about the General Fund, other City funds, and the proposed Redevelopment Agency budget, including all department recommended reductions to various accounts.

DELIBERATION/COMMENTS The City Council/Agency Board deliberated on the information provided, and acted on the items recommended for reduction on Attachment A. The following actions pertaining to the 2010/11 budget were moved, seconded, and carried unanimously:

- Reduce the Chamber budget to \$44,000 instead of \$39,000.
- Reduce the City Council General Fund travel budget to \$15,000 instead of \$17,500.
- Add back in \$5,000 for funding for a strategic workshop retreat.
- Add back in \$8,400 for the trail crew that clears the trail for Wilderness Day.

The following actions were taken to further reduce expenses:

-Close the Teen Center at 7:00 p.m., saving \$4,500.

-Change the paper Teen Center newsletter to an email version, saving \$1,300.

It was noted that the recommended cuts reduce the deficit to approximately \$556,000. Staff was directed to take the comments, recommendations, and changes, and bring back the final budget for consideration at the June 8, 2010, City Council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

The following spoke:

Jim Kirchner – Budget reduction.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., to the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on May 11, 2010, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk