

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – MAY 11, 2010

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 5:38 p.m., with three members present (Fasana arrived prior to the Closed Session, and Reyes was absent from the meeting).
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to add a Special Item (Proclamation for Relay for Life), and to remove a Special Item (Presentation by Duarte Unified School District), and carried unanimously.
CLOSED SESSION 1) Conference – Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation 2) City Manager Evaluation	Slater stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c); Anticipated litigation/Initiation of litigation; Number of potential cases: 1 (Project in City of Azusa entitled “Azusa Rock Quarry: Modification to C-89-20, Development Agreement, and Revised Reclamation Plan, SCH No. 2009-051056” and associated Environmental Impact Report). The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956(b)(1) and 54956.6; Public employee performance evaluation; Annual evaluation of City Manager; Designated City representative: Dan Slater, City Attorney. The Closed Sessions concluded at 6:50 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:06 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Finlay ABSENT: Reyes ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Ronnie Blackburn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Trevor and Finlay provided the warm-up.
PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION	Slater stated during the first Closed Session, City Council/Agency Board received a status report from legal counsel, with no reportable action taken. The second Closed Session item was continued to a following meeting, as the City Council wanted all five Councilmembers to participate.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Reed Strege, Duarte Library, stated applications are available for the teen volunteer summer reading program, and announced Memorial Day Program on May 22. Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events and programs in the months of May and June.
SPECIAL ITEMS Recognition – 2010 Trail Crew	Donna Georgino introduced members of the 2010 trail crew. Mayor Finlay presented Certificates to the trail crew members in recognition of their hard work, and commended them for their contributions to the community.
Recognition – Yvonne Bullock 24 th Senate District Award Department monthly update	Mayor Finlay announced that Yvonne Bullock received the Outstanding Woman of the 24 th Senate District award from Senator Romero, and since she was not able to attend tonight’s meeting, the Certificate will be sent to her.
Recognition – Pam Kawasaki Community Outreach Action	Mayor Finlay presented a Certificate to Pam Kawasaki, and congratulated her for receiving the Community Outreach Action Team Award from the California Teacher’s Association.

Presentation – Youth/Family Master Plan	Vince Castro provided an update on the Youth and Family Master Plan, and stated the project is about 80% complete.
Presentation – Landscape Zones	Craig Hensley presented an overview about the special landscape zones within the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District, discussed the proposed assessment ballot proceedings for Zones 5, 6, 8, and 9, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to meetings with homeowners and timeline. Gaston asked that the electronic copy of the presentation and letter regarding the special landscape zones be provided to all City Councilmembers.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Frank Haynes – Harlem Ambassadors event. Ronnie Blackburn – Azusa City Council vote on Vulcan. Gaston and Paras-Caracci asked that the Duarte Community Service Council and its Basketball Committee be recognized at a future meeting.
ITEM ADDED TO CONSENT	Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to add City Council attendance at the Foothill Unity Center’s Golden Plate Awards on June 3, 2010, to Item 12.H, and carried unanimously.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F, H. Receive and File Item G.
RESOLUTION NO. 10-13 City Manager to sign Community Challenge Grant	Item F– Council Bill 10-R-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER TO HAVE SIGNED, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ALL OTHER GRANT DOCUMENTS, PERTAINING TO THAT CERTAIN GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE TEEN AND UNWED PREGNANCIES AND FATHERLESSNESS
RESOLUTION NO. 10-14 City Manager/Assistant City Manager to sign grants	Item G–Council Bill 10-R-14 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO SIGN GRANT APPLICATIONS, GRANT CONTRACTS, AND AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ALSO RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING SAID AUTHORITY OF THE CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR ALL GRANTS PRIOR TO THE DATE HEREOF
BUSINESS ITEM Award of Contract Silvia Construction Huntington Drive Rehabilitation	Steve Esbenshade provided a staff report about the project, and answered questions from City Councilmembers. Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to award the contract to Silvia Construction for the Huntington Drive Street Pavement Rehabilitation project, per staff recommendation, and to authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER	FASANA: Stated possible service cuts and fair increases will be discussed at Foothill Transit’s Board meeting on May 19, and there may be proposed legislation for opportunities to help Redevelopment Agencies.

SLATER: Stated the Redevelopment Agency was required to make a payment to the State, the CRA plans to appeal the court's decision, and more information will be available within the next 45 days.

GEORGE: Congratulated Q'doba on its grand opening.

PARAS-CARACCI: Inquired about the completion date for the Royal Oaks basketball courts (Hensley responded), inquired about the parking situation by the tennis courts at Royal Oaks Park for those using the trail before dawn (Villalobos responded), and asked that it be addressed at a future meeting, inquired about the lights on Duarte Road and Broadland, and noted trees may be blocking the light, inquired about the volunteer who had painted out graffiti (Villalobos responded), received an inquiry about our noise ordinance and barking dogs, and congratulated the trail crew for their hard work.

GASTON: Stated there are horse droppings on the sidewalk on Encanto north of Fish Canyon Road and south of Markwood, asked that the issue of whether a traffic signal might be needed at Central and Highland be looked into, stated people are jaywalking across Mountain Avenue near Q'doba, stated the left-turn traffic light off of Mountain into the center is not coordinated with the freeway signal, inquired about computer training for seniors, and asked the Parks and Recreation Department to look into it, asked that the numbers on the inventory list of youth programs be audited, met with the third-grade students at Andres Duarte to answer questions about what the City Council does, congratulated Mt. Olive for receiving a LARA award, and asked that Mr. Morris and Mr. Karp be recognized, thanked Judy Chu for attending the joint Chamber meeting and for her support, stated she installed new officers of the Duarte Woman's Club and congratulated them, and announced Foothill Unity Center's 30th anniversary event on June 3.

FINLAY: Provided an update of School District reports, programs, and events, attended the Older Americans recognition event, and announced the Azusa City Council will vote on the Vulcan mining expansion on May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., in memory of Charles Broberg, Larry Nelson, and Maggie Clark, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk