

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 10, 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 meeting to order at 5:22 p.m., with four members present (Reyes arrived after the Closed Session).
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSION**  
1) Conference – Legal Counsel Existing Litigation  
2) Conference – Real Property 1263 Huntington Drive  
3) Conference – Real Property 1415, 1423, 1437 Hunt. Drive
- There was no public input. Ihrke stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Conference with Legal Council; Existing Litigation; *City of Duarte, California, v. City of Azusa, California, et al.; Azusa Rock, Inc., et al., Real Parties in Interest*; Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS127709. The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency negotiators: Darrell George, Craig Hensley; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Sam Librizzi representing Western Real Estate Investments and Tradecor Partners; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning Agency-owned property at 1263 Huntington Drive, Duarte (vacant lot at northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street). The third Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency negotiators: Darrell George, Craig Hensley; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Abode Communities, a California nonprofit corporation; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning property at 1415, 1423, and 1437 Huntington Drive, APNs 8530-004-900, 901, and 069. The Closed Sessions concluded at 6:05 p.m.
- RECEPTION – City of Duarte’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration** At 6:15 p.m., a reception was held to celebrate the City of Duarte’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary.
- Mayor Finlay reconvened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.
- RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:  
PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Finlay  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, Assistant City Attorney Ihrke
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Ginny Joyce-Belba 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.
- PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION** Ihrke stated during the first Closed Session, there was discussion concerning the existing litigation, with no reportable action taken. On the second item, the City Council/Agency Board unanimously voted (4-0 with Reyes absent from the Closed Session) to discontinue negotiations exclusively with Western Real Estate and Tradecor Partners, and to pursue negotiations with other developers, and to report back to Council. On the third item, staff was directed to continue negotiations with Abode Communities, with no reportable action taken.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced summer reading programs, game day on August 17, and arts/crafts day on August 24. Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events and programs in the months of August and September.

The following presented congratulatory certificates to the City of Duarte in recognition of its 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary:

Bill Baca on behalf of Senator Gloria Romero.

Kristi Lopez on behalf of Assemblymember Anthony Portantino.

Brian Mejia on behalf of Supervisor Mike Antonovich.

Mayor Finlay displayed the certificate received from Congressman Judy Chu.

#### SPECIAL ITEMS

Russ and Betty Elliott  
70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Donna Georgino introduced Russ and Betty Elliott, and presented them with a cake in recognition of their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Mayor Finlay presented them with a certificate, and congratulations were extended.

Recognition – Victor Valenzuela  
California Boxing Hall of Fame

Donna Georgino introduced Victor Valenzuela. Mayor Finlay presented a framed certificate to Mr. Valenzuela congratulating him for his induction into the California Boxing Hall of Fame. Certificates were also presented on behalf of Senator Romero, Assemblymember Portantino, and Supervisor Antonovich.

Introduction of Promise Fellows

Mayor Finlay presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Promise Fellows Irene Barrios and Eden Manalastas, and introduced continuing members Frank Valenzuela, Alonzo Alatorre, and Anna Seih, as well as new Promise Fellows Gary Smith, Yesenia Serena, Idania Arellano, and Phillip Ledesma.

Presentation – SGV Vector  
Control District – Black Flies

Kenn Fujioka, Assistant Manager, San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, provided a presentation about black flies, including ecology, abundance, factors, health implications, control, prevention, and contact information.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Elisa Clifford – Edison loan programs, project update.

Kristi Lopez – HIV/AIDS Summit on September 22.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, M.

Receive and File Items J, L.

Remove Item A.

Item Removed (Item A)  
Minutes – July 22, 2010

Gaston clarified that Sandra Mejia received the Small Business Woman Award from Assemblymember Portantino and Congressman Liu.

Item A approved

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Minutes of July 22, 2010, as clarified, and carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Bill 10-R-27  
Disaster Recovery Initiative

Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Council Bill 10-R-27 relating to the 2008 Disaster Recovery Initiative Allocation.

Ihrke read by title Council Bill 10-R-27:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2008 DISASTER RECOVERY INITIATIVE ALLOCATION OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM

Ihrke asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given and if any written correspondence had been filed. Akana stated notice was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written correspondence was filed in the matter.

Kelly Koldus, Associate Planner, presented a staff report about the funding application and grant.

Mayor Finlay asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the item. There were none.

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-27

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt Resolution No. 10-27, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 10-R-30–Congestion Management Program

Mayor Finlay announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Council Bill 10-R-30 relating to the Congestion Management Program.

Ihrke read by title Council Bill 10-R-30:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089

Ihrke asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given and if any written correspondence had been filed. Akana stated notice was given, the affidavit is on file, and no written correspondence was filed in the matter.

Kelly Koldus, Associate Planner, presented a staff report about the Los Angeles Congestion Management Program and the local development report.

Mayor Finlay asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the item. There were none.

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-30

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 10-30, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/  
CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Thanked all involved with the National Night Out event, attended San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership awards ceremony, and congratulated Angel Carrillo on his installation as President of the League's L.A. County Division.

GEORGE: Announced Duarte Youth Boxing Show on August 14 at the Duarte High School Gym.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership event, congratulated Angel Carrillo for being named President of the L.A. County Division of the League, stated City Council and Department Head salaries are listed on the City's website, and thanked staff and deputies for providing information and answering questions at the National Night Out event.

GASTON: Congratulated all who received special recognition at the Council Meeting, thanked Skewers and Poppy Bake Shop for the reception food, announced Concert in the Park on August 11, stated the library summer reading program is outstanding, attended the teen volunteer program, thanked library staff and Friends of the Library, thanked Public Safety for helping with the Citrusview Neighborhood Watch, there is a concern with the street sweeper driving too fast on Citrusview, attended the San Gabriel Valley Partnership awards event and Contract Cities Executive Board meeting, and congratulated Rodney Jefferson for receiving one of the non-profit of the year awards from Congressman Chu.

FINLAY: Attended the City of Hope ROP summer internship program event at Duarte High School, announced there will not be a Council Meeting on August 24, and announced upcoming Joint City Council/School Board Meeting on August 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m., to the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting, August 12, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

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City Clerk