

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 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 7:12 p.m., with all members present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to continue Business Item 14.C (Arizona SB 1070) to October 12, 2010, and carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1) Conference – Legal Counsel
Existing Litigation
- 2) Conference – Real Property
1000 Las Lomas

There was no public input. Slater 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, Kristen Petersen; Negotiating parties: City of Duarte, Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte, and AMG Atlantic LLC; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning acquisition of an interest (fee or easement) of a portion (consisting of approximately 1800 square feet) of the real property located at 1000 Las Lomas Road, Duarte. The Closed Sessions concluded at 6:55 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, (left at 9:55 p.m.), Finlay

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Harke

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Boy Scout Troop 185 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, the City Council received an update on the status of the litigation and court proceedings, with no reportable action taken. On the second item, the City Council/Agency Board unanimously voted to not continue negotiations for the acquisition of the property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced SAT/ACT practice test on September 25.

Kay Pearlman, Duarte Library, announced bookmark contest, and stated services for Ms. Smither will be held September 25.

Nita Norgard, Friends of the Duarte Library, announced Festival of Authors on October 2.

Kristen Petersen introduced Gina Quevedo, the City's new Accountant, and re-introduced Roger Cathey.

Pam Kawasaki, Vice President, Duarte Board of Education, announced the Academic Performance Index for Duarte schools, and stated the overall score for the District is 772 points.

Reyna Diaz, Duarte Board of Education, thanked City Councilmembers for supporting the meeting at Pamela Park regarding medical marijuana dispensaries, and stated the application was denied.

Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events and programs in the months of September and October.

Jim Kirchner, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced a number of Chamber events in the upcoming months, and stated the Chamber membership has increased to 290 members.

Mayor Finlay thanked the Chamber for participating in the 9.10.10 events. Gaston announced Duarte Education Foundation fundraiser dinner on October 17.

Lisa Magno invited all to attend the Route 66 Parade on September 18.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Joshua Chavez Eagle Scout

Mayor Finlay introduced Eagle Scout Joshua Chavez and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his valuable contribution in painting and renovating Glenn Miller Park playground equipment.

Recognition – Volunteers Library summer programs

Kay Pearlman described the Library's summer teen volunteer programs. Mayor Finlay presented Certificates of Appreciation to the "volunteers" who participated in the 2010 Duarte Library Summer Reading and Technology Programs.

Presentation – Man-e Moreno Unity and Peace event

City Council congratulated Robert Moreno on the successful Unity and Peace event. Mr. Moreno introduced staff members from the Man-e Moreno Foundation, and presented Lisa Magno an award for her assistance with the coordination of the event. Kristi Lopez presented Certificates of Recognition from Assemblymember Portantino's office to the Man-e Moreno Foundation and Joe's Place.

Recognition – Rodney Jefferson DiverCities Non-Profit award

Mayor Finlay presented a Certificate to Rodney Jefferson and "A" Game Fundamental Basketball in recognition of receiving the DiverCities Non-Profit of the Year award from Congressmember Judy Chu.

Introduction – Eduardo Cordero

Brian Villalobos introduced Gang Violence Reduction Site Coordinator Eduardo Cordero to the City Council and community. City Councilmembers welcomed Mr. Cordero to the City.

Presentation – Upper S.G. Valley Municipal Water District

Alfonso Contreras, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, presented an overview of the District, including history, water supply challenges, solutions, service area, projects, goals, objectives, and GRIP, the ground water reliability improvement program.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to add attendance at the NLC Conference, November 30-December 4, 2010, Denver, Colorado, Business Life Women Achievers Awards, September 22, 2010, Los Angeles, and Santa Anita Family YMCA Gala, September 29, 2010, Arcadia, to Item 12.L, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, E, F, L.

Receive and File Item H.

Remove Items D, G, I, J, K.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item D – Proclamation Family Day

Mayor Finlay read a portion of the Proclamation about Family Day – A Day to Eat Dinner With Your Children, which will be observed on September 27, 2010.

Item D – Approved

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Item D, and carried unanimously.

Item G – Agreement – RSG

George provided a staff report about the proposed professional services agreement with Rosenow Spevacek Group (RSG) in the

amount of \$27,000 to complete an analysis of the redevelopment plan limitations and options for amendments, including a blight survey and financial analysis.

Item G – Approved Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Item G, and carried unanimously.

Item I – Letter to County Medical Marijuana Dispensaries George provided a staff report about the letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors supporting a ban on proposed medical marijuana dispensaries in the County's unincorporated areas.

Item I – Approved Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve Item I, and carried unanimously.

Item J – Letter – AB 1955 Elected Officials – Charter Cities There was discussion concerning the status of AB 1955 (De La Torre) and its effect on the City of Duarte.

Item J – Action Deferred Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to defer action on Item J, and carried unanimously.

Item K – Letter – AB 155 Municipal Bankruptcy There was discussion about AB 155 (Mendoza) pertaining to municipal bankruptcy.

Item K – Approved Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve Item K, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Duarte Youth/Family Master Plan Endorsement – Implementation It was determined that Items A and B would be combined for consideration.

Rev. Doug Edwards, Youth and Family Master Plan Advisory Committee Co-Chair, discussed highlights of the document, common themes, recommendations, School District goals, implementation, and training, and answered questions from Councilmembers. Donna Georgino provided detailed information about the 66 action steps recommended by the Committee, initiators, and oversight committee.

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to endorse the Duarte Youth and Family Master Plan (YFMP), and directed staff to use the plan for programmatic development and budget preparation, to develop a resolution establishing a Youth and Family Committee under the Parks and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future City Council Meeting, and to arrange a meeting of the Duarte YFMP Action Plan initiators to be held in the next 60 days, per staff and Committee recommendations, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

REYES: Inquired about traffic congestion near the schools (Sgt. Haynes responded), he would like to invite Joe Brown of the NAACP to be recognized for his recent appointment to a regional post, inquired about the number of summer youth jobs and jobs beyond the summer that have been provided by the Workforce Investment Board, and inquired about the restrooms at Andres Duarte Park (George responded).

FASANA: Congratulated Robert Moreno on the excellent concert, stated Foothill Transit unveiled its electric powered bus, congratulated all who participated in Casino Night, requested a report back about the effects of SB 100 (Ortiz) approved in 1999 and SB 616 (Calderon) approved in 2001 pertaining to the increase in State pension formulas, and invited all to attend the Parade.

GASTON: Suggested the email network could be used to alert residents about increased school traffic, stated there is an opportunity to meet with elected officials on September 17 in West Covina, the seniors indicated the sofa and chairs at the Senior Center are too low to sit comfortably, and requested staff sche-

dule a time to see them, she received a request about the possibility of parking on Pops Road for the seniors, especially during the summer swimming season, thanked staff for the public transportation for the Concerts in the Park, stated there have been some concerns about the music variety at the concerts, thanked Public Safety regarding the law enforcement request from the Duarte Hawks, she received a funding request for a Duarte youth to participate in the Hawks program, and thanked staff and volunteers for Casino Night.

PARAS-CARACCI: Inquired about the completion of the basketball court at Royal Oaks Park (Hensley responded), stated the banners on Huntington Drive are quite dusty, and inquired if they would be replaced, attended the Honor Among Ashes event at Royal Oaks School, and stated she is glad to be part of this community.

FINLAY: Attended the grand opening of Sushya Restaurant, stated the Unity and Peace concert was excellent, announced Duarte Education Foundation dinner at the Village Restaurant on October 17 and Parade on September 18, attended the 9.10.10 celebrations on September 10 and the event at GE Aviation, requested a resolution nominating Margaret Clark to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Board be on a future Agenda, provided a letter to the City Attorney from a resident who has not been able to ride the City bus in the mornings due to the number of students riding it since the School District has eliminated buses, provided an update on the Vulcan mining expansion, and stated misleading information has been distributed by Vulcan that disrespects Azusa residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 p.m., in memory of Denny Noonan, Ida Smith, Bryce Bailey, Bruce Ackerman, Heather Beck, and Doris Smither, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk