

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 22, 2011

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 Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Finlay, Gaston, Reyes (left at 9:28 p.m.),
Paras-Caracci
ABSENT: Fasana
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended to continue Special Item 7.B (Duarte Business Friendly video) to March 8, 2011, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Terry Nichols led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP George and Finlay provided the warm-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced teen film production program beginning March 1 at the Duarte Teen Center.
Pam Kawasaki, Duarte Unified School District, introduced new Superintendent Terry Nichols, thanked supporters of Measure E, and provided an update about the oversight committee.
Rose Brooks-Mitchell, Duarte Unified School District, presented an update about Duarte schools, thanked all for their commitment and support, and discussed accomplishments, progress, and goals.
Mayor Paras-Caracci asked that a monthly Duarte Unified School District update item be added to City Council agendas.
Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events in February and March.
Rose Marie Berger, Maryvale, reported on the progress of the center, and announced the Maryvale Family Resource and Early Education Center was officially open.
Lisa Magno, Joe's Place, announced Relay for Life kick-off on February 23.

SPECIAL ITEMS Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Certificates of Appreciation to Sam Magnusson and Christopher Baker for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout, and congratulations were extended.

Recognition – Sam Magnusson, Christopher Baker – Eagle Scouts

Public Safety update Brian Villalobos presented an overview of the 2010 Year in Review, including crime statistics, community events, newsletter, grant, and pedestrian safety.

Strategic Planning update Darrell George provided an update on the Strategic Plan, stated it has been one year since the last workshop, and the date of the next workshop is to be determined.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Harb Thind – Redevelopment, Big Lots Shopping Center.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to add the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division Meeting on March 3, 2011, Monterey Park, to Item 10.K (City Council/City Manager Conference Attendance), and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, C, D, G, H, J, K.
Receive and File Items F, I.
Remove Items B, E.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item B – Warrant Register
(Approved)

Finlay inquired about the warrants for RBF Consulting and LA Works. Petersen responded. Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to approve Item 10.B, and carried unanimously.

Item E – Mayor’s Youth Council
Resignations (Continued 3/8/11)

Mayor Paras-Caracci requested this item be continued to March 8, 2011. Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to continue Item 10.E, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council Bill 10-O-05
Type K Copper Water Pipe
(First Reading)

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Type K Copper Water Pipe.

Slater read by title Council Bill 10-O-05:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AMENDING SECTION 16.04.095 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO SECTION 604.2 OF THE PLUMBING CODE – REQUIREMENT FOR TYPE “K” COPPER WATER PIPE MATERIALS (First Reading)

Slater 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.

Dave Eoff, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report about the proposed Ordinance, including background, changes in the plumbing code, alternative materials, and cost of materials, and discussed three alternatives: Require Type “K” in all cases, require Type “K” only when copper pipe is used, and remove the requirement for Type “K” copper pipe.

Mayor Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the item.

Ginny Belba stated she experienced pinhole leaks in the 1980s, no answer was discovered, disclosure was required, Type “K” copper helped mitigate the problem, there were issues between water and copper, her experience is that Type “K” kept us safe, and urged Council to vote for the second alternative.

Allen Field stated he heard that a resident must sign off on a form that they will not sue the City. Staff responded that there is no such form.

Mary Barrow Somerlott stated she experienced the pinhole leak problem in the 1980s, 2,000 homes were being built using Type “L” copper, they all suffered pinhole leaks, she had seven leaks in seven years, she does not want to go back to that time and wants to continue with Type “K”, other options can be introduced, and stated we still have well water.

Brian Lister stated the general public needs to be educated about copper pipe so they do not make mistakes.

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

There was discussion about the possibility of deferring a decision on the item since Councilmember Fasana is not present at the meeting, and reopening the Public Hearing. Slater responded.

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to reopen the Public Hearing and continue the item to March 8, 2011, and carried unanimously.

(Continued to 3/8/11)

ORDINANCE
Council Bill 11-O-01
Keeping/Feeding of Animals
(Second Reading)

Slater read by title Council Bill 11-O-01:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING AND ADDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 8.04 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING AND FEEDING OF ANIMALS (Second Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 827

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 827, and carried with Fasana absent.

BUSINESS ITEM
2010/11 Mid-Year Budget

Kristen Petersen provided a detailed report about the 2010/11 mid-year budget projections, and discussed projected general fund revenues and expenditures, other City funds, the impact of the Redevelopment Agency, and proposed amendments.

There was discussion about proposed legislation, State budget, Prop 22, and redevelopment funds.

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file the 2010/11 mid-year budget report, and to approve the budget amendments outlined in Attachment 2 of the staff report, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

FINLAY: Announced Love Without Borders seminar on March 6 at the PAC, and stated the overall savings for the NLC Prescription Drug Discount Card Program in the United States was five million dollars.

REYES: Regarding the passing of Marcia McVey, stated may she rest in peace.

GASTON: Stated she and the City Manager participated in Job Shadow Day, there is not an automatic door opener upstairs at the Senior Center, suggested all restrooms have reflective tape for safe exits in the event of a power failure, attended Chinese Elected Officials reception, attended the Black History Exhibit at the Monrovia Historical Museum and asked that the planning team be recognized at a Council Meeting, and requested the meeting also be adjourned in memory of Clarence Collins and Reverend C. L. Bennett.

SLATER: Stated a number of new bills pertaining to redevelopment are being introduced in the legislature, and he will continue to work with staff to monitor them.

GEORGE: Announced the restrooms for Otis Gordon Park will be delivered soon.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended the SCE Federal Credit Union field trip with students to the Federal Reserve Bank, thanked all who participated in Groundhog Job Shadow Day, attended Duarte High School science field trip at the City of Hope, attended Chinese American Elected Officials winter mixer, stated she would like to bring the NLC Mayor's Youth Challenge to the City Council, attended Huntington Courts groundbreaking, and looked forward to the State of the City/School on March 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m., in memory of Marcia McVey-Charein, Clarence Collins, and Reverend C. L. Bennett, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk