

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JULY 12, 2011

- CALL TO ORDER** The City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Pro Tem Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m., with three members present.
- RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:  
**PRESENT:** Fasana, Finlay (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Gaston, Reyes, Paras-Caracci (arrived at 6:09 p.m.)  
**ABSENT:** None  
**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager George, City Attorney Ihrke
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSIONS**  
1) Labor Negotiations  
2) Real Property Negotiations
- The following spoke on Item 3.B (Labor Negotiations):  
Pam Romero – Stated the membership of SEIU Local 721 employees reluctantly ratified the final and best offer made by the City, employees hope the City Council recognizes the sacrifices made and considers the cost-saving suggestions made, and provided employee statements to the Mayor.
- Cesar Monsalve – Expressed disappointment by the contract, although employees understand what cities are going through, feels City Council failed to understand the financial impacts to employees who give so much for this community, compliments received from residents ring hollow, he is committed to this City and will work as hard as possible, and hopes in two years when it is time to renegotiate, City Council considers employees not as numbers, but as people.
- Ihrke announced the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with Labor Negotiators; Negotiators: Darrell George, Kristen Petersen; Regarding SEIU Local 721 Management and Professional Employees and General Employee Units. The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency Negotiators: Darrell George and Craig Hensley; Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and SC Investments-Duarte LP, and Highland Industrial Center LLC; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Properties: 1716 Evergreen APN 8528-011-022, 1700 Business Center Drive APN 8528-011-020, and 1801 Highland APN 8528-011-021. The Closed Sessions concluded at 7:08 p.m. City Council reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Eileen Penson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

Gaston and Finlay provided the warm-up. Lino Paras stated he appreciates the warm-up and asked about an evergreen contract.

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Ihrke stated during the first Closed Session, City Council considered the MOUs between the City of Duarte and the Management and Professional Employees and the General Employee units that were ratified by the employees, and the agreement ratified by employees is on the Agenda. During the second Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed the properties, and directed staff to continue negotiations, with no reportable action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eileen Penson, Duarte Library, announced there will be a new manager soon, and invite all to attend the grand re-opening ceremony on July 13.

Steve Gunther, Maryvale, thanked City staff that helped with the dedication of the new facility, thanked Councilmembers for attending, and thanked the City for its sponsorship.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Introduction – L. A. County Fire Chief Daryl Osby

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl Osby introduced himself, provided information about fire services, introduced Battalion Chief Vince Pena, and thanked the City for its support.

Recognition – Mayor’s Youth Council

Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced and welcomed new members of the Mayor’s Youth Council, and presented them with Certificates of Appointment. Outgoing members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their service to the community.

Presentation–Relay for Life 2011

Lisa Magno provided an overview of the Duarte Relay for Life 2011 held on June 25-26, thanked all who gave their time and talents to make the event a success, stated over \$40,000 was raised, and introduced Evan Saito, American Cancer Society, who presented a certificate to the City.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, G, H.

Receive and File Item F.

Remove Items I, J, K, L, M, N.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-27

Duarte Route 66 Parade  
Detoured Traffic – Mt. Olive

Item D – Council Bill 11-R-27 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE DUARTE ROUTE 66 PARADE AND AGREEING TO ACCEPT LIABILITY AND MAINTENANCE FOR DETOURED TRAFFIC FROM THE MOUNT OLIVE OFF-RAMP

ITEMS REMOVED

Item I – MOUs with Duarte  
Employees

Items J, K, L, M, N  
Council Bills relating to MOUs

George presented a staff report about Consent Calendar Items I-N, stated they relate to the consideration of the MOUs with City of Duarte employees, and thanked the negotiating team and the Union Board for bringing this document forward. Petersen provided details of the two-year agreement, including the process, reductions in programs, projects, and personnel, stated the MOUs have been ratified by the Union, summarized the main points of the two-year agreement, there will be a savings of approximately \$535,000, and stated if the MOUs are approved (Item I), Items J-N are resolutions that mirror what has been negotiated as part of the MOUs.

Lino Paras stated there is a structural problem regarding compensation in local government, and he trusts City Council, staff, and the Union to be realistic.

There was discussion about the negotiation process, challenges of the economy, difficult decisions, employee appreciation, and the hope for a brighter economy.

Approve Item I (MOUs)  
Approve Items J-N (Resolutions)

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve Consent Calendar Items I-N (MOUs with City of Duarte employees and related resolutions, as listed below), and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Reyes, Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci  
NOES: None

(J) RESOLUTION NO. 11-29  
Unrepresented Employees

11-R-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 10-23 AND ESTABLISHING A SALARY SCHEDULE AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR UNREPRESENTED REGULAR EMPLOYEES

(K) RESOLUTION NO. 11-30  
Holiday Schedule 2011-2012

11-R-30 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 11-14 AND ADOPTING A HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012

(L) RESOLUTION NO. 11-31  
Employer Paid Member  
Contributions 2011-2012

11-R-31 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FOR PAYING AND REPORTING THE VALUE OF EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2011-2012

(M) RESOLUTION NO. 11-32  
Employer Paid Member  
Contributions 2012-2013

11-R-32 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE FOR PAYING AND REPORTING THE VALUE OF EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS IN 2012-2013

(N) RESOLUTION NO. 11-33  
Tax Defer Member Paid  
Contributions

11-R-33 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE TO TAX DEFER MEMBER PAID CONTRIBUTIONS – IRC 404(h)(2)

PUBLIC HEARING  
Council Bill 10-R-26—Congestion  
Management Program

Mayor Paras-Caracci announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Council Bill 11-R-26 relating to the Congestion Management Program.

Ihrke read by title Council Bill 11-R-26:

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

Notice of the hearing 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 Paras-Caracci asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the item. There were none.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-26

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11-26, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION  
Council Bill 11-R-28—2011-2015  
Economic Development Strategy

Council Bill 11-R-28 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADOPTING THE 2011-2015 CITY OF DUARTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development, presented a staff report about the goals for economic development in the City, and introduced Christine Cooper and Robert Swayze, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, who provided detailed information about the plan, including economic/demographic characteristics, educational attainment, employment/unemployment patterns and rates, industry sectors, commuting patterns, strategic initiatives, business-friendly environment, quality of life, smart land use, and 21<sup>st</sup> century infrastructure. Hensley discussed the implementation plan, and stated there will be annual updates.

There was discussion about sales growth and collection of data. Finlay suggested an additional line be added to the exhibit on page 20 of the Economic Development Strategy report comparing Duarte schools with those in Los Angeles County. Reyes stated he would like to have a workshop about Economic Development Strategy to establish direction, priorities, and ways to implement suggestions, he hopes we can look at this every six months, and feels this document should be marketed.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-28

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11-28, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/  
CITY MANAGER

FINLAY: Stated there were illegal fireworks in many cities, inquired about 4<sup>th</sup> of July patrols and citations (Villalobos responded), provided Vector Control information about snipe flies, and announced Mayor's Youth Council pool party on August 4.

FASANA: Glad to hear there were no injuries during 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Alhambra police officer Ryan Stringer, and announced San Gabriel Valley Housing and Homeless Coordinating Council mixer at the SGV Economic Partnership on July 28.

REYES: Congratulated the boxing program for the successful golf tournament, announced boxing show on September 17, a number of boxers will attend the showdown in the desert this weekend, appreciated the letter regarding Edison outages, he would like to know the status of the towers, attended Maryvale dedication, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Tom Moore.

GASTON: Attended Maryvale dedication, attended the patriotic concert in Arcadia where Fire Chief Osby spoke, she heard that Faith Franco received a bronze medal in the boxing competition, attended the County Criminal Justice Coordination Committee meeting, provided information to the City Manager, and requested a report in September, received notification in her utility bills about Cal-Am, Edison, and the Gas Company's rate increases, encouraged residents to look into that, announced gold medalists from Duarte will perform at the ACT-SO program at the L.A. Convention Center, and thanked all who assisted Robert Cuite's family.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated it was a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, and she is glad there were no major situations.

GEORGE: Stated the letter sent to Edison Company regarding outages was provided to City Council and will be posted on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m., in memory of Kate Harrigan, George Bunting, Betty Ford, Ryan Stringer, and Tom Moore, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

7/12/11