

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 22, 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 Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Reyes, Paras-Caracci, (Reilly)
ABSENT: Gaston
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Earl Sweeney led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

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

SPECIAL ITEMS
Council Bill 11-R-45
11/8/11 Election Results Slater read by title Council Bill 11-R-45, and noted copies of the revised/completed resolution with attached Exhibits A and B have been distributed and are available for the public.
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011, AND DECLARING THE RESULTS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW

RESOLUTION NO. 11-45 Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 11-45, and carried with Gaston absent.

Oath of Office The Oath of Office was administered to newly elected City Councilmembers John Fasana and Liz Reilly, and congratulations were extended. Reilly thanked her family, friends, and supporters. Fasana stated he looked forward to serving.
Steve Hernandez congratulated Councilmember Reilly, discussed the Downtown Duarte feasibility study, and stated we are on the right track and still in a recession.

Reorganization Mayor Paras-Caracci congratulated and welcomed Councilmembers Reilly and Fasana, as well as members of the School Board, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the community for the last 10 years.

Election of Mayor/Chairperson City Manager George assumed the chair and announced that nominations were open for Mayor/Chairperson.
Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to nominate John Fasana for Mayor/Chairperson. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations.

Mayor/Chairperson John Fasana The motion to elect John Fasana as Mayor/Chairperson carried by the following Roll Call vote:
AYES: Finlay, Reilly, Paras-Caracci, Fasana
NOES: Reyes

Election of Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson Mayor Fasana assumed the chair, thanked his colleagues, stated he looks forward to a productive year, and announced that nominations were open for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson.
Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to nominate Liz Reilly for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Reilly moved, Reyes seconded to nominate Phil Reyes for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson.

Reilly declined the nomination. Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to nominate Margaret Finlay for Mayor Pro Tem. Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to close nominations. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to re-open nominations, and carried unanimously. Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to nominate Liz Reilly for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations.

Lino Paras stated he supports traditional rotation, discussed previous elections, and recommended that Mr. Reyes be elected Mayor Pro Tem.

The motion to elect Phil Reyes as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson failed by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Reilly, Reyes

NOES: Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Fasana

Finlay withdrew her name from the nomination for Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson. Mayor Fasana accepted her request.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson
Liz Reilly

The motion to elect Liz Reilly as Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairperson carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Fasana, Reilly

NOES: None

Recognition – Donna Georgino

Mayor Fasana introduced Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, congratulated her on her retirement, and presented her with a plaque in recognition of her 30 years of service with the City of Duarte. Georgino expressed appreciation for past and present Councilmembers who supported Parks and Recreation during her employment, and thanked the community and residents for the privilege of working with them, and for their encouragement and friendship.

RECESS

Mayor Fasana called a Recess at 8:05 p.m. City Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m., with all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry Baltazar announced LULAC Christmas caroling event at Pamela Park on December 20.

Joanne Gee, Duarte Library, announced tea workshop, violin concert, and gingerbread house events in December.

Lisa Preston announced Peace Over Violence crisis counseling training in February, and stated advocates are needed.

Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events in the months of November, December, and January.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Steve Hernandez – Reorganization.

Lisa Preston – Reorganization.

Alton Preston – Reorganization, Mr. Y.

Gene Jones – Welcome wagon.

Susie (no last name stated) – Rotation.

Robert Yoohanna – New tenants in shopping center.

Henry Baltazar – Rotation.

Rich Pransky – Rotation.

Lino Paras – Candidates, department heads, rotation.

Roy Torres – Rotation, City programs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried with Fasana abstaining from Item F (Conference Attendance).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 11-46
Environmentally Preferable
Procurement Policy

Item D–Council Bill 11-R-46 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG Action Plan Revision
Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Mayor Fasana announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider a proposed revision to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan, which identifies the use of unallocated CDBG funds for the 2011-2012 fiscal year (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This revision reports a new project that was not anticipated in the 2011-2012 Action Plan.

Irma Hernandez, Senior Planner, presented a staff report, including the recommendation to approve the allocation of \$45,000 of unallocated Community Development Block Grant funds for an accessible ramp, project description, funding, and project timeline, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to location and estimate.

City Attorney 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.

Mayor Fasana asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak on the matter.

Steve Hernandez stated there is a complicated grade at the location, this is a good price, and it is an excellent idea.

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

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the allocation of \$45,000 of unallocated Community Development Block Grant funds for the construction of an accessible ramp between the Duarte Senior Center and Duarte Unified School District Buildings under fiscal year 2011-2012, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEM
Agreement – Chrysler Group
Realty Company
1125 Central Avenue

Craig Hensley, Director of Community Development, presented a staff report about the proposed auto dealership at 1125 Central Avenue, including proposed agreement, sales tax, and timeline, and introduced representatives from CBRE and Chrysler Group Realty.

Steve Hernandez stated this is a business-friendly City, Chrysler is a great addition to our community, and he supports it.

There was discussion about the property owner, vacancy, location, sales, and rebate incentive.

Reyes moved to provide \$750,000 and pay for improvements, rather than the 50% rebate incentive. The motion died for lack of a second.

There was further discussion about incentive, other possible Fiat locations, and 12-year commitment.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the terms of an Agreement for Satisfaction of Conditions and Operating Covenant and Restrictive Covenants Affecting Interests in Real Property between the City of Duarte and Chrysler Group Realty Company for the property at 1125 Central Avenue, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to facilitate the locating of an automobile dealership on the site, and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize the Agreement on the business terms presented and, thereafter, for the Mayor to sign the Agreement, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Fasana, Paras-Caracci, Finlay, Reilly

NOES: Reyes

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

SLATER: Stated the oral argument on the CRA lawsuit was heard on November 10, and the Court is supposed to issue a decision by January 15.

GEORGE: Noted the Contract Cities Conference is January 9-10, 2012, and inquired if that may conflict with the City Council Meeting of January 10, 2012. It was determined that there would not be a conflict.

REYES: Congratulated Mayor Fasana, welcomed Councilmember Reilly to the team, congratulated School Board candidates, wished all a wonderful Thanksgiving, and stated the Midget Hawks won a regional championship, and asked that they be recognized.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated Matthew Dalessandro for receiving the honor of Eagle Scout, and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

FINLAY: Announced Rotary breakfast with Santa on December 3, attended Thanksgiving breakfast for seniors and Lemonade Brigade, requested that the young man who submitted the video about Duarte on YouTube be invited to a meeting for recognition, inquired about the former roller hockey area (Georgino responded), asked that we take a look at Dial-A-Ride again, stated there have been telephone scams aimed at senior citizens and inquired about the possibility of a program for seniors to talk about scams, regarding a downtown task force, stated she would like input from businesses, those on the previous task force, new members, and residents, inquired if the Chamber can look into a Welcome Wagon, read a verse from Contract Cities about Thanksgiving, wished all a happy Thanksgiving, and announced Southern California Mormon Choir Christmas program on December 10 in Pasadena.

REILLY: Thanked staff for helping to acclimate her to City government, and wished all a happy Thanksgiving.

FASANA: Attended the Historical Museum bird walk, asked that all count their blessings and have a peaceful time with family, and wished all a safe Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., to Commission Interviews, Monday, December 5, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

City Clerk