

MINUTES

DUARTE CITY COUNCIL/DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – JOINT SESSION – FEBRUARY 9, 2010

CALL TO ORDER The City Council of the City of Duarte and the Board of Directors of the Duarte Unified School District met in a joint session in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay and President Bell called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Sgt. Tony Haynes led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

CITY COUNCIL
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes (arrived at 5:45 p.m.)
ABSENT: None

SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRESENT: Brooks-Mitchell, Figueroa, Bell, Diaz, Kawasaki
ABSENT: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Kawasaki moved, Figueroa seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously. Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
Recognition – DHS Football Players and Coaches Mayor Finlay and Assistant Principal Haro presented Certificates to the Duarte High School football players and coaches, and thanked them for their valor, team spirit, and good sportsmanship.

City of Duarte Public Safety School District Campus Security Sgt. Tony Haynes and Brian Villalobos provided an update on recent number of arrests, juvenile offenders, new methodology, search warrants, good relationship with Monrovia Police Department, resource center for parolees/probationers, State release of parolees, grant for Probation Officer, and monthly school safety meetings, and answered questions from the City Council and School Board.

Tom Reyes discussed gang involvement at a young age, and leniency of Pasadena judge.

Dean Conklin provided an update on campus security, stated there is an outstanding relationship between the School District and the Public Safety Department, and discussed monthly meetings, education codes, expulsions, obligation for schooling, reactive and proactive approaches, and the vision of the School District.

City Presentation – Proposed Vulcan mining expansion Darrell George provided an overview of the proposed Vulcan mining expansion in the city of Azusa, and discussed the draft environmental impact review, comment period, and Azusa Planning Commission and City Council process.

Jeff Melching, Rutan and Tucker, provided information about the City of Duarte’s arguments against the expansion of the mining, impacts on Duarte, environmental concerns, and full disclosure and accountability process.

Shauna Pierce stated the Valley View principal said they could not take an official stand, stated there will be mining 3,000 feet from the school, this will make property values go down, and we should work to revoke the permit completely.

Rachel Pierce stated the Vulcan plan will make dirt and dust in the air, she likes to hike in the mountains, and Azusa should mine somewhere where there are not many homes.

Sharmin Warner stated the expanded mining will affect all of Duarte and impact all of the San Gabriel Valley, dust will be spread throughout the Valley, she designed and distributed flyers that have a sample letter that can be sent to the Azusa Planning Commission to express concerns about health, property, and the environment, and encouraged all to attend the hearing in Azusa.

2010-11 School District and City Budgets – School District 20/20 Vision project

Dean Conklin presented information about the School District budget, stated a plan has been created for budget cuts, discussed the long-term 20/20 Vision to prepare the students for the world they will be entering in ten years, and stated they are making every effort to keep the schools open.

Kristen Petersen presented information about the City's budget, discussed the State budget, economy, recovery, daily changes in the State deficit, League coalition campaign for the November ballot to protect local revenues, and delay of payments from the State.

Strategic Planning Workshop

Darrell George stated City Council and Department Heads will attend an all-day workshop on March 8, 2010, that will focus on strategic planning and budget priorities.

Youth and Family Master Plan

Youth and Family Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Member Carlos Cortez provided an update on the Committee's progress, and discussed mental health issues, Committee retreat, task groups, newsletter, and health issues for youth and families, and invited attendance at the Town Hall Meeting on March 3, at 7:00 p.m., at the Duarte Senior Center.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD

The City Council and School Board members stated they appreciated the joint session, it is a great forum to exchange ideas, and looked forward to meeting again, possible in early Summer.

ADJOURNMENT

Kawasaki and Gaston moved, Brooks-Mitchell and Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., in memory of Mary Sue Klumb, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk