

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 28, 2009

At 6:00 p.m., two Closed Sessions were held (as stated below). Mayor Pro Tem Finlay called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., with four members present (Fasana arrived at 6:06 p.m.).

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to add an update on the swine flu and recognition of Temple Station honoree to Item 9, to adjourn in memory of Marjorie Goldsberry and Robert Miller, and to adjourn to the Budget Workshop, May 4, 2009, at 4:00 p.m., and carried unanimously. Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, as amended, and carried unanimously.

#### CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1) Labor Negotiations
- 2) Threatened Litigation

Slater stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with labor negotiators; Negotiators: Darrell George, Kristen Petersen, Steve Filarsky, Dan Slater; 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 Legal Counsel, pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1); Threatened litigation; Number of potential cases: 1. The Closed Sessions concluded at 6:50 p.m.

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 Fasana called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

#### RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Fasana

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager  
George, City Attorney Slater

#### PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Deputy Art Valenzuela led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

#### FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

Reyes and Finlay provided the warm-up.

#### PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION

Slater stated during the first Closed Session, City Council received a report from the negotiators, and unanimously directed staff to bring back to City Council an action for consideration to offer a one-time two-year service credit option as part of the retirement program, with no further action taken. During the second Closed Session, City Council received an update from Legal Counsel about the threatened litigation, and unanimously directed the City Attorney to continue to monitor the situation and report back as necessary, with no further action taken.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced Family Fitness Day on May 2, and Family Art Workshop on May 12.

Councilmember Paras-Caracci announced Police and Firefighters Appreciation Dinner on April 30 at the Duarte Elks Lodge, and local artists' open house on May 9 at Studio 2310.

Councilmember Gaston announced letter carriers' food drive on May 9.

#### SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Anthony Smith

Mayor Fasana presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anthony Smith for being named Temple Station's 2009 Honoree for his outstanding achievements in the Youth Activities League, and congratulations were extended.

Recognition – Westminster Gardens	Mayor Fasana introduced Judy Thorndyke, Executive Director, Westminster Gardens, and presented her with a framed certificate in appreciation of her generous volunteerism and outstanding public service to the residents and staff of our community.
Presentation by Tournament of Roses – 2009 Rose Float Trophy	Bob Miller and Pam McNeeley, Tournament of Roses, presented the 2009 Rose Float Trophy picture of the City of Duarte/City of Hope’s entry in the Parade, and thanked the City for its participation for the past 36 years.
Presentation by Azusa Pacific University students – Community Needs Assessment	Azusa Pacific University students Adilis Sanchez, Chelsea Long, Kelsi Leach, Rae Johnson, Anna Nolan, and Rebecca Jayachandra presented the results of their class project about a community needs assessment for the City of Duarte, and thanked City Council and residents for their participation and cooperation.
Presentation by Sheriff’s Dept. Gifts for Guns Exchange Program	Sergeant Tony Haynes provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Gifts For Guns program, including its purpose and incentives, and announced the event will be held on May 30-31 at Whittier Narrows Park.
Update – Swine Flu	George provided updated statistics about the swine flu, stated there is a link on the City’s website for up-to-the-minute information, and handouts are available at the Council Meeting and at City Hall. Councilmembers suggested the swine flu website item could be listed as latest news, and suggested the information be provided to the Chamber.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the agenda: Tom Bea – Rail maintenance facility, Mt. Olive Storage. Carol Ciminelli – Increased water rates. Rodney Jefferson–Spring basketball clinic, moonlight basketball.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.
BUSINESS ITEMS	Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, provided a staff report about the City’s eligibility for the Justice Assistance Grant.
Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant	Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to authorize staff to pursue the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for fiscal year 2009-2010 in the amount of \$45,009 to be used to partially fund a School Resource Deputy, and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Duarte and the City of Los Angeles, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.
Economic Development Comm.	Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to receive and file the staff report pertaining to the structure of the Economic Development Commission, and carried unanimously.
Award of Contract E. C. Construction Co. Concrete Repair Program	Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to award the contract to E. C. Construction for Concrete Repair Program, per staff recommendation, and to authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.
COMMISSION ITEM Parks/Recreation Commission 2009/10 budget recommendation	Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to receive and file the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission pertaining to the 2009/10 budget, and carried unanimously.
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER Strategic Planning Report	George provided an update on the Strategic Planning Report, and discussed the six-month objectives and three-year goals. City Councilmembers read the list of the City’s accomplishments. Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to receive and file the Strategic Planning Report, and carried unanimously.

GASTON: Read to the children at the Duarte Library, thanked all involved with Wilderness Day, attended Contract Cities general membership meeting in Rolling Hills Estates, stated residents need to be informed about the proposed rail maintenance facility, it was brought to her attention that narrow streets get congested when cars park on both sides, there is a basin with standing water at the bottom of the hill east of Woodbluff, it is not well-secured, it is not maintained, and the weeds are a fire hazard, congratulated the winners of the LARA recycling awards, and stated many teens worked with staff on the re-building project on Three Ranch Road.

PARAS-CARACCI: Attended MTA Board Meeting regarding the rail maintenance site, stated the site is in Irwindale, noted another City accomplishment is the NLC drug discount program, attended the Sheriff's Youth Foundation event and thanked the Mayor for the invitation, noted there are a number of great programs available for youth, requested that a Proclamation for NF (Neurofibromatosis) Awareness Month be on a future agenda, thanked the DART members for distributing information about home burglaries, attended the League Legislative Days in Sacramento where the Governor addressed City officials, attended the Board of Director's Meeting with the State League, provided a local agency decision-making document for the Mayor's Youth Council, stated the CSI television show that was filmed in Duarte will be shown on May 7, and thanked staff for the memo to Commissioners and Mayor's Youth Council regarding the budget.

REYES: Requested a report about Duarte Road between Mountain Avenue and Highland.

FINLAY: Stated some Councilmembers met with CalAm, there is an excellent editorial about water rates in the Star News of April 27, thanked the Bradbury City Council for listening to residents about the speed bumps, attended the LARA luncheon and congratulated the winners, thanked all who participated in the Community Clean-Up Day, asked that William Baczkowski be recognized at a future meeting for becoming an Eagle Scout, and stated she is sorry Mayor Fasana's motion did not pass at the Metro Board meeting, and she will do what is needed to get the Gold Line built for our residents.

FASANA: Stated many neighbors worked together on Clean-Up Day, asked that City of Irwindale colleagues be recognized for moving quickly on the Foothill project, attended the Senior Softball League's opening day, stated the falls were beautiful on Wilderness Day, participated in the bird walk with ornithologist Kimball Garrett, stated the brush overgrowth at Glenn Miller Park is blocking the lighting and suggested opening the canopy, attended the School Board Meeting where Councilmember Gaston was recognized for being named the 44<sup>th</sup> Assembly District's Woman of the Year, attended Annunciation's second anniversary event of its peace rally and march, stated the San Gabriel Valley COG adopted the first segment of its homeless assessment, attended the Public Safety Commission meeting, stated Public Safety Commissioners are looking for suggestions from the City Council for a work program, and stated that could either be agendaized or determined at the Budget Workshop on May 4, announced Best Buy grand opening on May 7 at 5:00 p.m., and noted it has been seven years since the community lost Deputy David March.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m., in memory of Joann Olivito, Sal Guarriello, Reverend Robert Miller, and Marjorie Goldsberry, to the Budget Workshop, May 4, 2009, 4:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

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Mayor John Fasana

ATTEST:

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City Clerk