

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2008

**INTERVIEWS** At 6:00 p.m., the Duarte City Council conducted interviews for City Commissions. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with three members present (Paras-Caracci and Finlay arrived prior to the interviews).

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

**CLOSED SESSION**  
Conference with Labor  
Negotiators At 6:30 p.m., a Closed Session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6; Conference with labor negotiators; Designated City representatives: Kristen Petersen, Steve Filarsky, Dan Slater; Employee Organization: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721. The Closed Session concluded at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:  
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Petersen, City Attorney Slater

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Mark Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A moment of reflection was observed.

**FITNESS WARM-UP** Petersen led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

**PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION** Slater stated during the Closed Session, the City Council received an update on the status of negotiations and discussed that item, with no reportable action taken.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Nita Norgard announced Casino Night sponsored by Route 66 Parade Committee, DYAC, Duarte Chamber, Friends of the Library, and Duarte Senior Center, to be held on September 13.

Karen Herrera announced Pico Rivera's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on August 23, Duarte Boxing Club Youth Boxing Show on August 24 at Duarte High School Gym, Foothill Unity and Duarte's Promise back-to-school event on August 21, hazardous waste and e-waste event on August 16 at Santa Anita Race Track, College Fair on September 30, and College Prep Seminar on October 8.

Mark Montgomery announced and invited participation at the license plate display at the Duarte Historical Society Museum.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:  
Victor Lopez – Citations for nuisance on his property.  
Nate Lopez – Citations, material cannot be seen, no danger.

Slater suggested the matter be referred to staff for follow-up and to address concerns.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Remove Items A, B.  
Approve Items C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J.

<p>RESOLUTION NO. 08-17 Opposes Fiscally Irresponsible State Budget Decisions</p>	<p>(Item D – Council Bill 08-R-17 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE OPPOSING FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET DECISIONS THAT WOULD “BORROW” LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RE-DEVELOPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDS)</p>
<p>RESOLUTION NO. 08-18 Assistant City Attorney</p>	<p>(Item E – Council Bill 08-R-18 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY DESIGNATIONS)</p>
<p>RESOLUTION NO. RA-375 Assistant Agency Counsel</p>	<p>(Item F – Agency Bill RA-375 A RESOLUTION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING ASSISTANT AGENCY COUNSEL)</p>
<p>Items Removed</p>	<p>Items A and B – Minutes of July 22, 2008, and Warrant Register. Gaston clarified that Mr. Paras’ comments were that he felt the notations in the minutes are too brief. Gaston inquired about the warrant for Union Bank in the amount of \$11,208.39. Petersen stated it is a fee for a letter of credit which allows a lower interest rate. Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve Items A and B, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>PUBLIC HEARING Council Bill 08-R-19 Congestion Management Program</p>	<p>Slater announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider adopting the Congestion Management Program Local Implementation Report and Self-Certification with Los Angeles County, and read by title Council Bill 08-R-19:</p> <p>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</p> <p>Notice of the hearing had been given, the affidavit was on file, and no written communications had been filed in the matter.</p> <p>Silvia Hurtado, Interim Community Development Director, provided a staff report.</p> <p>Mayor Reyes asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on the matter. There were none.</p> <p>Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>RESOLUTION NO. 08-19</p>	<p>Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 08-19, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>BUSINESS ITEMS City Commission appointment Public Safety Commissioner</p>	<p>Mayor Reyes stated there is one vacancy on the Public Safety Commission for the business owner/operator representative. Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to nominate Vincent Castro. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to close nominations. Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to appoint Vincent Castro to the Public Safety Commission as a business owner/operator representative for a term ending December 31, 2009, and carried unanimously.</p> <p>There was discussion about the members of the Mayor’s Youth Council. Finlay requested an item be placed on the next Agenda about not limiting the number of youth appointed to the Mayor’s Youth Council.</p>
<p>Voting Delegate/Alternate League Conference – 9/08</p>	<p>Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to designate Councilmember Gaston as the Voting Delegate, and Councilmember Paras-Caracci as the Voting Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, September 24-27, 2008, in Long Beach, and carried unanimously.</p>

Mayor's Teen Liaison Program

Mayor Reyes provided a report about the proposed Mayor's Teen Liaison Program including background, purpose, and goals, and stated the School District will be looking at the program on Thursday.

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to receive and file the Mayor's Teen Liaison Program report, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS  
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:  
Mark Montgomery – Santa Fe Springs and La Habra Heights anniversaries.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/  
CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Stated the Metro Board met and went forward with the sales tax proposal, and we may want to bring that item to a future meeting so City Council can take a position.

FINLAY: Attended Small Cities Council Steering Committee meeting in Rexburg, Idaho, noted they have an annual report to citizens which is great information and communication for the community, another community has an annual meeting of all utilities for citizens to meet with representatives, stated the trees in front of the Fitness Center look great, provided an update on vector control, and stated due to the rising level of viral activity in Southern California, we need to report green pools, wear long sleeves at dusk, spray clothing, and avoid standing water.

GASTON: Stated she visited the Bradbury development site and is concerned with the amount of dust, it appears the water connection was a fire hydrant in Duarte and she hopes we follow up with Bradbury, thanked the Coordinating Council for relocating its meeting so Cal-Am Water could make its presentation on July 28, thanked Cal-Am for donating water to the Foothill Unity Center, congratulated Evan Finlay for his performance in the presentation of Oklahoma, thanked library staff and others who called State legislators about not taking local dollars, will attend event at PAC Center where Lina Vadlamani will dance, stated the Sheriff's Department will host the Contract Cities meeting on August 20 at the Arboretum and the County Fire Department will sponsor the meeting in September, thanked staff for the National Night Out event, thanked the City for the plaque for Corie Blount, stated she would like to invite Rodney Jefferson to a Council Meeting to make a presentation about the basketball clinic and to share positive things with our community, thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the pool and the great summer season, and thanked Angela Estrada for providing lunch at the basketball clinic.

PARAS-CARACCI: Suggested a joint City Council/City Commission workshop possibly in November to set an agenda for the future, thanked all who participated in National Night Out and thanked Target for being a sponsor, thanked sponsors of the Concerts in the Park and suggested possibly moving the concerts around to other parks in the community or having a few more, stated members of the Mayor's Youth Council spoke at the concert, congratulated City of Duarte/City of Hope ROP Summer Mentorship Program graduates, and congratulated Joe Garcia for being named President of the L.A. County Division of the League of California Cities.

PETERSEN: Provided an update on the State budget, and discussed redevelopment funds, general funds, and bond issues. Gaston asked if the State legislators' phone numbers can be put on the City's website so residents can call them regarding the State budget.

REYES: Thanked staff for taking a number of youth to Fresno State for the leadership program, stated he and the City Manager met with Edison and Edison is scheduled to make a presentation at the next meeting, thanked staff for the Concerts in the Park and stated we might want to bring two more concerts back, stated the Mayor's Youth Council was introduced at the concert, congratulated the City of Hope ROP graduates and thanked the mentors, thanked staff and all who participated in National Night Out, congratulated Joe Garcia as President of the League, thanked Rodney Jefferson for his outstanding program, announced Boxing Show on August 24 at Duarte High School Gym, and stated we need press coverage of positive things.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m., in memory of Ed Goldstein, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

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City Clerk