

**CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
M I N U T E S
January 13, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Branch at 7.08 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Branch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Branch, Dalessandro, Haynes, Lim
STAFF: Petersen

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Haynes moved that the minutes from the November 11, 2009 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Branch and approved by unanimous vote.

5. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a) Ms. Petersen opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Commissioner Haynes nominated Commissioner Branch. Commissioner Dalessandro seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote. Chair Branch then asked for nominations for vice chair. Commissioner Haynes nominated Commissioner Dalessandro. The motion was seconded by Chair Branch and approved by unanimous vote.

b) Ms. Herrera, Deputy City Manager, gave an update on the Cal Am Water rate application. She noted that the rate increase that Cal Am was requesting was substantial and that the City was working with their attorneys to file a complaint with the PUC and the Rate Payers Advocacy group. A portion of the increase is due to cost overages on a project in San Marino, which is part of our water system. Also, as part of the rate application Duarte has discovered that the water system in Duarte has a very high seepage rate and needs substantial capital investment.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

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Chair Branch gave a presentation on the CDBG Advisory committee's meeting. She also requested that all agendas and minutes be posted on the website. She reported that she also attended the last DCTV board meeting. DCTV has said that they are in need of a 2nd editing machine at a cost of \$30 to \$60 thousand dollars. She said that she would discuss with the DCTV Board members to prepare a letter requesting the funding and that it should also include a report on their recently purchased equipment and the status of fundraising efforts. She also suggested that DCTV should give a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting. She also noted that one of the trees in the Royal Oaks street tree palate area looked dead.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dalessandro moved and Commissioner Lim seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 8 p.m.