

City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, January 14, 2010

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: January 14, 2010

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager 

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **Sunny Slope Water Company:** I had an introductory meeting with Ken Cheng, who is the Vice President and General Manager of the Sunny Slope Water Company, which provides service to a portion of Temple City (Please refer to the attached map of the four major water companies that serve Temple City). During our meeting, Mr. Cheng provided some background information regarding the Sunny Slope Water Company and an overview of their operations in Temple City and surrounding cities; and
- **City Council:** in order to improve our operations and communications, the City Council has agreed to meet with me once a week to review upcoming agenda items and other notable events and activities that the City Council should be apprised of on an ongoing basis. Thus far, I have met with Mayor Vizcarra, Councilmember Chavez, Councilmember Sternquist. I will be meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Vincent Yu tomorrow, and I anticipate that I will meet with Councilmember Judy Wong next week. Overall, these meetings went very well, and the meetings will continue in the future as the City Councilmembers' schedules allow.

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

City Attorney Agreement Update

In order to finalize the draft City Attorney work plan and corresponding budget for this agreement, I needed to move this item to the February 16 City Council meeting. This item was originally scheduled to be considered by the City Council on February 2.

Former Shell Oil Gas Station Update

In the December 3 City Manager's Weekly Report, I had reported that a meeting had been held with the property owner of 9425 Las Tunas Drive to discuss a number of things which included the potential revocation of a 1972 Conditional Use Permit (CUP) if

the property owner did not secure a tenant in the near future. This past week, the property owner came into City Hall with a prospective tenant to meet with Community Development Manager Joe Lambert. For more information regarding this most recent meeting, please refer to the Community Development Department's section of this City Manger's Weekly Report.

New City Hall Hours Update

Consistent with the City Council's direction, City Hall hours have been expanded from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday to 7:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. The additional day that City Hall is open on a weekly basis will provide customers with 52 more days during the year to visit City Hall and conduct their business. Last week was the first week that the new schedule became effective, and for the most part, Friday was a slow day in terms of customers that came in to City Hall when compared to the number of customers we serve Monday through Thursday. It is anticipated that as more people become familiar with the new expanded business hours of operation that the number of customers will increase as time goes by.

Super A Foods Update

It was reported in an earlier City Manager's report that Super A Foods would be opening in mid-January, however opening date has since been revised to March 1. For more information about Super A Foods, please see the Community Development Department's section of this report.

50th Anniversary Kick-Off

I would like to thank the Temple City Chamber of Commerce, community members, and all of our City staff that worked on the 50th Anniversary Kick-off, which took place this past week. This event was a success, and it had a great turn out from the entire community. Awesome job everyone!

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Significant Incident Report

This past week, I received a memo from Sergeant Tony Osterman which provided me with an update on their significant law enforcement activities in Temple City. This memo specifically deals with their parole compliance check activities at nine locations within the City. For more information regarding this significant law enforcement activity, please refer to the attached memo from Sergeant Osterman.

Installation of American with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp at Oak Avenue and Longden Avenue - Thank You Cards

Last week the City Council and staff received some very touching thank you cards from the residents and students at the Oak Avenue Intermediate School in appreciation of the City's installation of an ADA ramp at Oak and Longden Avenues. It was truly our

pleasure as staff to be in position to improve the quality of life for our students and parents within a few weeks, because we don't normally have this opportunity come our way. I can assure you that my thank you card will stay in the office for a very long time.

The indicated writers have submitted the following items. All have been reviewed and approved (but may have been edited) by the City Manager.

Department of Community Development (Community Development Manager Lambert)

Former Shell Gas Station Update

Earlier this week I had an opportunity to meet with the property owner and potential business operators of 9425 Las Tunas Drive (NW corner of Las Tunas Drive and Oak Avenue), which is known as the vacant Shell gas station. The property owner is currently negotiating with a potential tenant who operates a Shell station in Pasadena. Staff met with the property owner and potential tenant to discuss the re-opening of this gas station. All parties involved seem quite eager to start operating as soon as possible. We also discussed future improvements to the site, such as adding a self-serve car wash and possibly a larger convenience store component. Staff will continue to work closely with all parties involved so we can get this site occupied as soon as possible.

Super A Foods Update

Super A Foods will be occupying the space vacated by the former Albertson's grocery store at 5595 Rosemead Boulevard. The interior tenant improvement portion of the project is currently under construction, and permits for the warehouse addition apparently will be issued this week or early next week. Staff will continue to make sure that this high priority project is handled as quickly as possible. The owner of Super A Foods estimates that they will be open for business by March 1.

In a related matter, Super A Foods will be on the City Council Agenda of February 2. They are required to apply for a finding of Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN) by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Although the sale of beer, wine, and liquor within a grocery store is a permitted use in Temple City, ABC requires such a finding by the City Council when a given census tract has an "overconcentration" of alcohol licenses. If Super A Foods "took over" Albertson's alcohol license, this finding would not be required. However, Super A foods is applying for a new license, necessitating the PCN finding by the City Council.

City Manager's Weekly Report Update

Since the City Manager's Weekly Report is no longer published in the *Temple City Tribune*, copies are now available in City buildings, which includes City Hall, Civic

Center, the Live Oak Park Community Center, and the Live Oak Park Community Center – Annex.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (SERAF)

Included in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 State budget documents, was an amendment to shift a total of \$1.7 billion in redevelopment agency revenues to K-12 schools that serve the redevelopment areas and the housing built by redevelopment agencies.

The Director of Finance from the Department of Finance is required to determine the amount each redevelopment agency is obligated to transfer to the SERAF. On November 13, the Temple City Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was notified that it is obligated to shift \$330,160 in redevelopment revenues in Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10.

By March 1, the Temple City CRA must report to the county auditor-controller how it intends to fund its SERAF obligation. This shift can be paid by utilizing reserve funds, current income (tax increment monies), proceeds of land sales or bonds, interest or other income, or borrowing the 20% tax increment revenue that is dedicated to low and moderate income housing fund. The Agency is also allowed to pay the shift with City funds.

On the February 2 meeting agenda, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) members will review and authorize the method on how the CRA intends to fund the SERAF obligation.

Transportation Development Act Article 3, Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (TDA Article 3)

As mentioned in last week's Managers report, staff had scheduled for the January 19, an agenda item for the authorization to use TDA Article 3 funds for the construction of the ADA wheelchair access ramp on Longden Avenue. In order to request an approval of a budget amendment from the City Council with the appropriate amount, this agenda item has been postponed until an invoice from L.A. County is received for the cost of the construction.

Cost Allocation Plan and Comprehensive User Fee Study

To date, the City has received only one proposal for a cost allocation plan and comprehensive user fee study. In order to make a competitive selection for a consultant to provide these services, we have delayed this agenda item to include two other consultants that have requested to participate in the proposal process.

Department of Management Services (Assistant to the City Manager Flod)

Charter Communications has moved the City's Government Cable TV Channel from Channel 55 to Channel 3. Since Tuesday, January 12, the City's Government Information channel can now be seen on Channel 3 on the Charter Communications channel lineup, which should make viewing the City's channel easier to access than ever. Remember City Council meetings can be viewed on this channel at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m. every day of the week.

Division of Support Services (Personnel Analyst Hauffen)

Southern California Gas Company Energy-Efficiency Programs

Attached for your information and dissemination is a flyer we received this week from The Gas Company. Specifically, The Gas Company is offering a wide range of energy-efficiency programs to families struggling to make payments in a difficult economy. The Utility's Assistance Programs, currently being offered by the Gas Company, are aimed at helping customers secure assistance. Available Programs could offer a 20% rate discount to households receiving assistance from certain government programs, such as Medi-Cal/Medicaid, etc. Qualified families may be eligible for energy-saving home improvements, such as door weather stripping and ceiling insulation. The Gas Company's Medical Baseline Allowance program is available for people who require additional heating for health reasons. Certain households may also qualify for a one-time grant.

More information on these programs can be obtained by visiting the Gas Company's Web site at www.socalgas.com/extrahelp, or by calling The Gas Company's toll free number (900) 427-2200.

Department of Parks & Recreation (Director of Parks & Recreation Burroughs)

Youth Committee

An informational meeting was held at the Live Oak Park Community Center Annex on Tuesday, January 12 for any youth that may be interested in serving on the Youth Committee. Eight young people were in attendance. The deadline for submittal of applications has been extended to January 22.

50th Anniversary Kick-off

Monday's City-sponsored Chamber mixer was well attended. The event was a nice way to kick off our 50th Anniversary Celebration. Thanks to Debbie Ingram and Frances Manzo-Pimentel for their efforts in planning and organizing the event.

On a related note, the Council has received a letter from a resident requesting the City consider placing a bronze sculpture of Walter P. Temple in Temple City Park in connection with the 50th anniversary. If this is something the Council is interested in

pursuing, please let the City Manager know so we can add an agenda item to an upcoming agenda.

Youth Basketball League

The City's youth basketball league season has begun. Over 450 youth from four years old through high school age are participating on 50 teams. Games are being played on Saturdays, through April 10, at Oak Avenue Intermediate and Temple City High School gymnasiums.

Painting of Performing Arts Pavilion

The painting of the Pavilion in Temple City Park is expected to be completed this week.

Department of Public Services (Public Services Manager Tidwell)

Freer Street Preconstruction Meeting

The Freer Street asphalt overlay project construction is scheduled to begin January 25. This project involves removing the existing asphalt, mixing it with new asphalt, and replacing the hot mixture over new road base material. The result will be a new road base and surface. Elite Bobcat Services was the lowest responsible bidder and is securing all of the necessary insurance certificates in order to start the project.

Traffic Signal at Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane

The City Council awarded the contract for the installation of traffic signals at Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane to Freeway Electric, the lowest responsible bidder. The pre-construction meeting was held Wednesday, January 13 at the Civic Center. Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of January.

Arbor Day in the City of Temple City

The City Council has proclaimed March 15, as Arbor Day in Temple City. As part of the Arbor Day celebration, the City is sponsoring a poster contest for local 5th graders. To promote the poster contest, Public Services Manager, Bill Tidwell and Lead Tree Trimmer, Rob Cruse, made several school visits this week to local elementary schools, where we met a lot of enthusiastic 5th graders this year. It was a pleasure to meet each one.

Rosemead Beautification Project

On October 1, Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and Public Safety Officer Bryan Ariizumi attended a pre-construction meeting with Los Angeles County Public Works Department representatives regarding the Rosemead Boulevard improvements in the County area north of Temple City. Part of the County's construction project is completed and work is moving forward to finish their landscape improvements.

On Monday January 11, Community Development Manager Joe Lambert and Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell attended the Rosemead Boulevard Corridor Planning Group at the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) office in Pasadena. The reason for the meeting was to coordinate the Rosemead Boulevard improvement efforts currently being done by the County north of our City limits. Also, it was a chance to allow other cities in the SGVCOG south of Temple City located on Rosemead Boulevard to state their intentions regarding future Rosemead Boulevard improvements. The other cities in attendance were: Rosemead, El Monte, and South El Monte.

Only the unincorporated County areas and Temple City areas of Rosemead Boulevard have been relinquished from Caltrans. The cities of Rosemead, El Monte, and South El Monte have not yet pursued relinquishment of Rosemead Boulevard. Therefore, those cities have no control over any Rosemead Boulevard improvements. Those cities will not be doing any improvements unless Caltrans allows them to do so. It is unclear if those cities will pursue control of Rosemead Boulevard. At the next meeting in February, we will have a better understanding what those three "Caltrans controlled" cities will want to do with Rosemead Boulevard.

Temple City promised to work closely with L.A. County to achieve a cohesive roadway and landscape design for their respective portions of Rosemead Boulevard.

Division of Public Safety (Public Safety Officer Ariizumi)

Weekly Crime Statistics

The crime statistics report for the week of January 3–9, is included with this week's report.

Temple City Lightning Storm

Early Wednesday morning seven locations in Temple City were struck by lightning. Electrical transformers were struck in the 9100 block of Blackley Street, 9100 block of Broadway, 5400 block of Encinita Avenue, 9400 block of Lower Azusa Road, and 5200 block of Sereno Drive. A power pole and palm tree caught on fire in the 5200 block of Sereno Drive as a result of the exploding transformer. A pine tree in the 9100 block of Broadway was also struck by lightning. The top of the tree exploded, which littered the streets and nearby properties with broken tree limbs and pieces of wood debris. There were no reported injuries or damage other than the damaged power poles/transformers and pine tree that were struck by lightning.

As a result of the blown transformers, power was interrupted in the southwesterly portion of the City for the morning and part of the afternoon. Edison had several crews working on repairing the damaged poles and transformers. Edison also had a hazardous materials company remove all soil and vegetation that were contaminated by the transformer oil from the explosions.

Public Services staff responded quickly to the lightning strikes and power outages. Stop signs were set up at seven intersections that were "blacked out" by the power outages, and tree limbs and wood debris from the pine tree were removed from the street.

Athens Waste Disposal

The Athens Waste Disposal City Council Ad-Hoc Committee is planning to meet next week to discuss the community trash survey regarding manual and automated trash service. Once the survey is reviewed and approved by the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee, it will be disseminated to all residences within the City. Information gathered from the survey will provide the City Council with feedback from the residents, and will assist in determining the future of the City's trash service.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

FEBRUARY 2, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of January 12, 2010

Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN) Finding for Super A Foods

Ordinance Adopting Past Specific Plan Amendments Previously Adopted by Resolution

Joint Housing Rehab Program Agreement with Habitat for Humanity

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Second Quarter Budget Amendments

Shift of CRA Funds to State (SERAF)

Cost Allocation Plan & Comprehensive User Fee Study

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approval of City Attorney Services Contract

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of January 20, 2010

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy & Firefighter of the Year Awards

Use of TDA Funds for ADA Ramps

FEBRUARY 16, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of January 26, 2010

New Public Hearing: Telecommunications Facility

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Introduction of Camellia Festival Royal Court

Appointment of Youth Committee members

Award of Contract – Landscape Architect for Live Oak Park Planter Project

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Traffic Signal Modification Project

MARCH 2, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of February 9, 2010

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City Council Reorganization

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Temple City Park Lighting Project

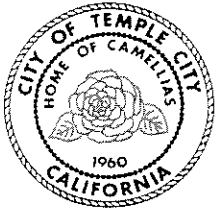
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Arbor Day Proclamation

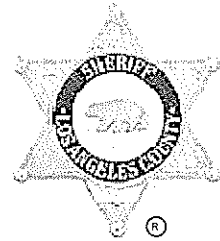
Recognition of Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

ATTACHMENTS:

- The Temple City Crime Statistics Report for the week of January 3-9.
- Yard Sale Permits for Weekend of January 15-17.



**City of Temple City
Sheriff's Blotter
Statistical Report for the Week of
January 3 – 9, 2010**



BURGLARY:

January 5, 2009	10000 block Daines	Residential
January 5, 2009	9800 block Olive	Residential
January 9, 2009	5800 block Encinita	Residential
January 9, 2009	9000 block Garibaldi	Vehicle

ROBBERY:

None reported.

GRAND THEFT AUTO:

None reported.

The information provided is deemed reliable, but may be subject to change.



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 01-16-10

FROM: RECEPTIONIST

YARD SALE PERMITS ISSUED The following is a current list of Yard Sale

SUBJECT: Permits issued for the weekend of 01/16,17

<u>Yard Sale Address</u>	<u>Residents Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
5453 Halifax Rd	Bingqi Li	01/16,17
9228 E Longden	Angie Levy	01/16,17
9630 Longden Ave	Heather Cassel	01/16
9651 Longden Ave	Blair Baskin	01/16,17
5320 Persimmon Ave	Wong Terry	01/16,17
6236 Reno Ave	Emily Wong	01/16,17
5919 Sultana Ave	Candice Strauss	01/16
6122 Sultana Ave	Noah Beesley	01/16