



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, April 1, 2010

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: April 1, 2010

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager 

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **American Cancer Society** – I met with Anita Dominguez (i.e., Area Director, Los Angeles Region Relay for Life); Ling Wu, (i.e., Chinese Relay for Life Committee Chair) and Edward Wu (i.e., Chinese Relay for Life Volunteer), to discuss their request to have the City co-sponsor the first Southern California Chinese Relay for Life event which is taking place on June 26-27, 2010, at Temple City High School.

For those of you unfamiliar with Relay for Life, it is an overnight event designed to celebrate cancer survivorship, and raise money for research and programs of the American Cancer Society. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks, and take turns walking or running laps. Each team tries to keep at least one team member on the track at all times during the 24-hour period. The Chinese Relay for Life is the first one of its kind in Southern California, and teams are expected to travel to Temple City from as far away as San Diego.

On April 20, 2010, the Chinese Relay for Life Committee will be making a request to the City Council for City co-sponsorship of this event, and to also invite the City to participate by establishing a City team that represents the Temple City community.

- **99¢ Only Stores** – I met with Greg George (i.e., Real Estate Division), to discuss their desire to locate a 15,000 to 18,000 square foot commercial building within Temple City, because they have outgrown their current 8,250 square foot store at 9565 Las Tunas Drive. From a business retention perspective, I will work with Mr. George to identify commercial sites for their potential relocation in the next couple of months.
- **Los Angeles County Librarian** – Council member Vincent Yu and I met with Margaret Todd, County Librarian, and Terri Maguire, Chief Deputy County Librarian, to discuss a number of issues including:
 1. Community's Desire for a New Library;
 2. County's Plans for the Existing Temple City Library;
 3. City's \$900,000 Funding Request to Congressman Adam Schiff for Construction Drawings for a New Library;

4. City's Request to use the Library Parking Lot for a Farmers Market on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 12 noon;
5. Explore a Possible New Library Location on Las Tunas Drive or Rosemead Boulevard; and
6. Assess the Potential Sale of the Current Library Property to the City for a possible Civic Center Expansion.

After some discussion, it was agreed a first step would be for us to work with our respective elected officials to secure funding for a library needs assessment survey for Temple City. Additionally, Ms. Todd encouraged the City to submit a request to her office to use the Temple City Library's Parking Lot for a Farmers Market.

- **So. Cal Edison** – I met with Elisa Clifford (i.e., Region Manager - Public Affairs), to discuss the possibility of changing the current Rosemead Boulevard Street Improvement Project construction drawings street light standards to more energy efficient LED lighting throughout this corridor. Ms. Clifford will discuss this request with their engineering staff, and schedule a meeting to further discuss how far along Edison is towards adopting LED lights standards for street lights.

Former Shell Gas Station (i.e., 9425 Las Tunas Drive) Update

Earlier this week, I spoke with the property owner, Sam Hejran, who informed me that he was expecting to have a signed lease with a new operator by the end of this week or early next week. As soon I know that the lease has been executed, I will advise you via this City Manager's Report.

City Submits Grant Application to Caltrans

At the time that this edition of the City Manager's Report was being finalized, Community Development Manager Joe Lambert submitted a completed grant application package to Caltrans' Los Angeles Offices prior to the 5:00 p.m. deadline on April 1, 2010. The City's grant application is requesting \$300,000 through the Community-Based Transportation Planning grant to revitalize Las Tunas Drive and a portion of Rosemead Boulevard through a community based public participation process. I would to thank Mr. Lambert and the Community Development staff, who worked on the preparation of this grant application process which required that they work on the Cesar Chavez holiday. Caltrans plans to announce the grant award recipients by mid-summer 2010, and staff will keep you posted via this City Manager's report.

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

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)

Community Based Transportation Planning Grant

On April 1, 2010, staff submitted an application for the Caltrans Community Based Transportation Planning Grant. The application is for the "Temple City Commercial Corridors Management Plan." On March 16, 2010, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing staff to apply for this grant, which has a maximum funding amount of \$300,000. If successful, the grant will be used to embark on a large-scale planning effort based on the March 4, 2010, presentation by Freedman Tung + Sasaki (FTS).

Census 2010 Update

The final meeting of the Complete Count Ad-Hoc Committee will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. inside City Hall. The Committee has been quite successful in getting the word out about the importance of the Census. The Committee secured federal funding for the Census banner that is hung across Las Tunas Drive and for the purchase of 250 residential promotional signs. In addition, the tremendous efforts made by Mayor Vizcarra and the Complete Count Committee have resulted in a higher than average Census mail participation rate to this point. To date, 57% of Temple City households have returned their Census questionnaires by mail. The national participation rate is 52%, and the state's participation rate is 49%. Most of Temple City's neighboring cities are closer to the state average.

Planner's Institute Conference

On March 24-26, 2010, Community Development Manager Lambert attended the League of California Cities, Planners Institute Conference in Monterey, California with four of the Planning Commissioners. It was an informative and helpful event for the Planning Commissioners and for staff as well. I would like to thank the City Council for the opportunity to attend.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

Budget Ad Hoc Committee

On March 26, 2010, the Ad Hoc Committee Members Vizcarra and Yu met with City Manager Pulido and Financial Services Manager Molina to discuss the following items:

1. Full Time Employee Benefits - Total benefits provided to full time employees is approximately 37% of employee's salaries. Currently, the City is paying \$1 million in benefits per fiscal year. It is estimated that by FY 2013-14, the City will be paying approximately \$1.5 million in benefits; and
2. Contract Services - Temple City has various contract services that provide services throughout the City. Examples of some of those contract services are: street cleaning, bus shelter maintenance, janitorial services, and engineering services. Within the next two fiscal years, staff will be re-bidding out most contracts to keep pricing competitive.

Committee Members gave staff direction to: survey other cities' employee benefits, review employee benefit options in order to offset future benefit increases, and request discounts from vendors with multi-year contracts.

Department of Public Services (Public Safety Officer Bryan Ariizumi)

Freer Street Construction Project Update

On Tuesday, Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and I walked Freer Street to check on the progress of the project. The contractor laid down the geogrid material, poured base material, and laid the first layer of asphalt in the Phase 1 area, which is from Arden Drive to just east of El Monte Avenue. They were in the process of laying down the geogrid material and pouring base material in the Phase 2 area, which is from El Monte Avenue to Santa Anita Avenue. Weather permitting on Monday, April 5, 2010, the contractor will pour the first layer of asphalt in the Phase 2 area.

The contractor and City staff have been fielding calls from residents, and have been responding to their questions, comments, and/or concerns. All residents on Freer Street have access to their properties, except when material is being poured and needs time to cure.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

APRIL 20, 2010 MEETING

CITY CLERK

Approval of Fireworks Stand Permits

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Agreement with Habitat for Humanity – Rehab Program

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approval of Audit Services Contract

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Introduction of Australian Sister City Students

Presentation by American Cancer Society

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Adoption of Ordinance re Parking Permit Process (Municipal Code Amendment)

Status Report on Emergency Preparedness Plan

MAY 4, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of April 13 Meeting

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of April 21 Meeting

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accept Engineer's Report, Adopt Reso of Intent to Levy & Collect Assessments for L/LD & Set Public Hearing

MAY 18, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of April 27 Meeting

JUNE 1, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of May 11 Meeting

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of May 19 Meeting

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER

MARCH 23-29, 2010

March 23, 2010

Residential Burglary:

Between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 6000 block of Alessandro Avenue. Entry was made by prying open the rear sliding glass door. Approximately \$3,000 in jewelry was taken.

March 24, 2010

Vehicle Burglary:

Between 9:00 p.m. on 03-24-10 and 4:00 a.m. on 03-25-10, a vehicle burglary occurred in the 10100 block of Lower Azusa Road. A purse was taken from the front passenger seat. Entry was made by shattering the front passenger window.

March 25, 2010

Vandalism:

Between 10:30 p.m. on 03-25-10 and 7:00 a.m. on 03-26-10, person(s) unknown spray painted "WSOC" on several walls of the school and in the student parking lot. WSOC stands for "West Side Outlaw Crew" and has been seen in the past throughout the city. The investigation into this incident is on-going.

March 26, 2010

Vehicle Burglary:

Between 12:30 p.m. and 5:40 p.m., a purse was taken during a vehicle burglary in the 5500 block of Rosemead Boulevard. There were no signs of forced entry into the vehicle. The purse was left in plain view on the front seat.

Narcotics Arrest:

A male adult was detained on a traffic stop in the 9600 block of Lower Azusa Road for riding his bicycle without a light during darkness. During the detention, the male was found to be in possession of marijuana without a state issued medical marijuana card and placed under arrest.

Vandalism:

At approximately 4:20 p.m., a plate glass window to "Apollo Burgers," 9664 Las Tunas Drive, was shattered with an unknown object. Witnesses saw a group of teenagers running from the location at the time of the incident. Damage estimated at \$450.

Vandalism: Between 4:00 p.m. on 03-26-10 and 7:00 a.m. on 03-27-10, the front glass window to the "Dai Ho" restaurant located at 9148 Las Tunas Drive, was shattered with an unknown object. No suspects were seen or heard.

March 27, 2010

Driver Arrested: A female adult was detained on a traffic stop in the 9800 block of Lower Azusa Road for expired registration. During the investigation, the female provided deputies with a false name in order to hide her identity, due to the fact she was an unlicensed driver. After further investigation, the female was arrested for driving without a license and providing false identification to a peace officer.

March 28, 2010

Grand Theft: Between 1:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., person(s) unknown stole a Garmin GPS and a camera from an unlocked vehicle in the 5300 block of Baldwin Avenue. Both items were lying in plain view.

March 29, 2010

Narcotics Arrest: A male adult was detained during a traffic stop in the 9400 block of Lower Azusa Road for driving without headlights during darkness. When the deputy contacted the driver, he noticed the objective symptoms displayed by persons under the influence of a controlled substance and detained the male for a narcotics investigation. After further investigation, the male was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and parole violation.

Weapons Arrest: During a traffic stop in the 4800 block of Temple City Boulevard, a male adult was detained for possession of fraudulent registration tabs. After further investigation, the male was arrested for the violation and also charged with possession of a dangerous weapon "Billy Club."



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 04-03-10

FROM: RECEPTIONIST

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

SUBJECT: Permits issued for the weekend of 04/03,04

<u>Yard Sale Address</u>	<u>Residents Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
5755 Cloverly Ave	Bie-Ju Wang	04/03
5307 Degas Ave	Leo Jiang	04/03,04
5060 Sereno Dr	Dennis Stoll	04/03,04