

City Manager's Weekly Report

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

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TO: The Honorable City Council
FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

DATE: July 1, 2010

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

Buxton Company Presentation

When the City Council approved a professional services contract with the Buxton Company on February 16, 2010, the City moved one step closer towards the preparation of a comprehensive retail strategy and in the process added a much needed resource to the City's economic development toolbox. Over the past few months, I have been working with staff from the Buxton Company to complete three of the four tasks under this professional services contract (i.e., Task One: Researching and Verifying Temple City's Retail Trade Area; Task Two: Evaluating Temple City's Retail Potential; and Task Three: Matching Retailers and Restaurants to Temple City's Market Potential). Task Four: Delivering Temple City's Marketing Packages will be completed a couple of weeks after the July 6, 2010 presentation from Lisa Hill.

The completion of a comprehensive retail strategy for Temple City will enable staff to proactively pursue retail and restaurant opportunities that are a direct match to the City's demographic and income criteria. This analysis will allow the City to work with commercial property owners to locate new diverse retail businesses in our commercial corridors.

Glendale News Press Article

A couple of weeks ago, former Temple City Council member Peter Zovak, who is a City of Glendale employee, brought to my attention an article that was published in the Glendale News Press regarding some alleged gang members from Temple City who had committed some crimes in the Tujunga area. Essentially, Mr. Zovak wanted to know if the article was accurate or not.

After reviewing the article, I forwarded it to the Captain Joseph Fennell and Lieutenant Carrone Jacobs for some fact finding regarding the alleged Temple City gang members. Once they had an opportunity to do some research with their gang unit detectives, Lieutenant Jacobs advised me that the alleged Temple City gang members were actually "Temple Street" gang members from downtown Los Angeles. I immediately asked Captain Fennel to contact the Glendale News Press editor and provide them with this critical information, and that he request a formal retraction in order to clear up Temple City's good name and reputation.

On June 23, 2010, the Glendale Star Press rewrote the article and at the bottom of the revised article noted that **“FOR THE RECORD: This article corrects an earlier version that referenced Temple City instead of Temple Street in Los Angeles.”**

I would like express my gratitude to Mr. Zovak for bringing this information to my attention and to Captain Fennell and Lieutenant Jacobs for researching this matter in a timely manner.

Rosemead Boulevard Safety Enhancements and Beautification Project Update

As directed by the City Council Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project Ad Hoc Committee (i.e., Council members Carl Blum and Vincent Yu), I issued a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for construction management services for the Rosemead Boulevard Safety Enhancements and Beautification Project. A total of seven proposals were received by the RFQ deadline and subsequently distributed to the City Council Ad Hoc Committee for their review and feedback. Based on our collective review, we agreed to interview four firms (i.e., AIM CS, Vanir, GKK Works, and AAE Inc.) on June 25, 2010.

The one hour consultant interviews were conducted as scheduled last Friday and the City Council Ad Hoc Committee agreed to begin negotiations with one firm as soon as possible rather than to hold a second round of interviews with the top two firms. It is anticipated that a staff report to award a professional services contract to a construction management firm will be presented to the City Council for consideration on July 20, 2010 or August 3, 2010.

Chinese Relay For Life Opening Ceremony

On Saturday, June 26, 2010, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Chavez, Council members Carl Blum and Vincent Yu and I attended this much anticipated City co-sponsored event at the football field at Temple City High School. The event was well attended with 600-700 people participating throughout the day. Preliminary reports show this first time event has raised \$21,000 and is on track to hit their goal of \$24,000. Approximately 18 teams came from all over Southern California, including San Diego, to raise money and awareness about cancer and over 100 survivors took part in the Opening Ceremonies. Several media outlets, including the Pasadena Star News and LA 18 News, covered the event.

We are working forward to increasing the number of teams and the funds raised next year as people find out more about this noteworthy event.

Congressman Adam Schiff Federal Appropriations Update

In the February 18, 2010, City Manager's Report it was reported out that our City staff had prepared a total of 14 projects for Federal funding consideration through Congressman Adam Schiff's Office. Of those 14 projects, four were selected by the Congressman to move forward for Federal funding consideration (*i.e., After School Teen Center for At-Risk Youth; Purchase of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Trolley-styled Bus; Commercial & Industrial Corridors Economic Revitalization Implementation Plan; and a Emergency Operations Center at the City Yard*).

Earlier this week, I was informed by Congressman Schiff's staff in Washington D.C. that Temple City had been awarded a \$375,000 Homeland Security grant to build a new Emergency Operations Center at the City Yard on La Rosa Drive near Encinitas Avenue. Attached for your review and information is a copy of both the Federal press release and the subsequent front page article in the June 30, 2010, Pasadena Star News.

Suffice it to say that at the staff level we are very appreciative of the Congressman's work in Washington D.C. which is focused on bringing Federal resources to Temple City whenever possible. I will continue to monitor the progress of our remaining three projects, which are still going through the Federal appropriation process in Washington D.C., and relay that information back to the City Council via this City Manager's Report.

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)

New Business Licenses

1. Clean Air Smog Center Test Only at 5402 Rosemead Boulevard

This location was formerly occupied by P&L Auto Repair, and has been occupied by some type of auto repair use since 1971. The new business (Clean Air Smog Center) is a test only site, and heavy auto repair will no longer occur on site. This will result in a much cleaner operation without the outside storage of vehicles and equipment, which was a common occurrence with the previous operation.

2. Shanghai Kitchen at 9679 Las Tunas Drive

Shanghai Kitchen will be taking over the former Hanabi Japanese House restaurant at 9679 Las Tunas Drive. The business license application for Shanghai Kitchen has been approved by staff and they plan to be open by July 20, 2010.

Division of Public Safety (Public Safety Officer Ariizumi)

Code Enforcement Cases Status Update – 9047 Emperor Avenue

The code enforcement staff has been working to gain compliance from the property owners regarding a storage shed conversion. The owners have been reluctant to comply, however, after a final violation notice was issued, the owners obtained the requisite permits to abate the violation. The owners requested additional time to complete the work and staff granted a one-week extension. If the violations are not abated within the set time frame, the case will be referred to our City Prosecutor's Office.

MOU with Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley

Staff is preparing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley to use Court Referred Community Service (CRCS) Program volunteers for various tasks in the City. The volunteers will be used to supplement City staff on various maintenance projects or as a resource for cleaning a property for a code enforcement case. This item was going to be presented to the City Council at the first meeting in July, however, the agreement has not been completed and it will be brought to the City Council for approval at the July 20, 2010 City Council meeting.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

Adopted Budget FY 2010-11

On June 29, 2010, the City Council adopted the FY 2010-11 City Budget. Staff is currently in the process of making final changes to the budget and will distribute hard copies to the City Council by the end of next week. Hard copies of the FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget are also available for sale to the public (\$15.00 full budget and \$7.50 summary budget). Orders can be placed by calling the Finance Department at (626) 285-2171. The FY 2010-11 Adopted Budget will also be available in the Public County Library in Temple City and in pdf format on the City's website.

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

Summer Recreation Programs

The City's summer recreation programs, including Summer STARS, Teen Zone, Mini-Sports Camp and Summer Basketball began last week. Registration is high in all of the summer programs. Currently, Summer STARS has 135 children registered in the first session. Ninety-one youth are enrolled in the Summer Teen Zone program; over 300 are registered in summer basketball with another 300+ participating in the mini-sports camp. All of these registration numbers exceed what staff projected for the FY 2010-11 budget, which is great news!

Parks & Recreation Revenues Exceed Estimated Amounts

During the mid-year budget review, the City Council reduced the estimated revenue for Account No. 01-840-35-3505 (Recreation Fees) from \$477,500 to \$450,000 (a reduction of \$27,500) based on lower than expected registrations for the City's various recreation programs. I am pleased to report that, as of June 29, 2010, our revenues have exceeded the reduced estimate of \$450,000. Based on information contained in "CLASS", our registration software, revenue for the various fee based recreation programs for the period from July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 was \$471,546. We expect a few refunds between now and when the 2009-2010 fiscal year is closed out but still expect to conclude this fiscal year with approximately \$470,000 collected in recreation fees. We will also exceed our budgeted estimate for facility rental fees. The revenue report from the Financial Services Department, which does not include any fees deposited in June, shows an excess of just over \$2,100.

Walter P. Temple Bust

As we reported a few weeks ago, Josette Temple has expressed her concern to staff regarding the placement of the bronze bust of her grandfather, Walter P. Temple on the southeast corner of Temple City Park. Ms. Temple would prefer the bust to remain in City Hall.

Over the past few months, staff has been working with the landscape architectural firm of Hirsh & Associates to design and develop construction documents for a new monument sign for the circular planter at Live Oak Park as well as a new monument sign and planter enhancements at the southeast corner of Temple City Park. When the City Council decided on the southeast corner of Temple City Park for the location of the bust, the architect was asked to incorporate the bust into the design of the new monument sign. The architect provided several options which were provided to the City Council for review and input on May 20, 2010. Robert Hepler, who has been overseeing the bust project, was also given the preliminary designs for his input. Mr. Hepler has recently provided staff with his design concepts showcasing the bust which in turn were given to the architect. Although Mr. Hepler's designs are very dramatic and would definitely showcase the bust, they would all add significant cost to the project.

At this time, we are seeking City Council direction on how to proceed with the bust. An item will be placed on the July 20, 2010 Council agenda to consider whether the bust should remain in City Hall or be located at the southeast corner of Temple City Park as the Council had previously decided, and if so, to recommend a design concept for the park monument sign and bust. Initially, staff hoped to be able to include the Temple City Park monument sign and planter renovation within the existing Capital Improvement budget for the Live Oak Park planter project. It now seems unlikely that the \$30,000 which was budgeted for the Live Oak Park planter/monument sign will be sufficient for that project, as well as the monument sign and enhancements that will be necessary for the bust in Temple City Park, unless the projects are scaled back.

I have attached copies of the Hirsch & Associates basic designs as well as Mr. Hepler's designs for the City Council's information.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

JULY 6, 2010 MEETING

CITY CLERK

Street Banner Request – St. Luke School

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of June 8 Meeting

Planning Commission Actions of June 22 Meeting

Authorization of Grant Application – Safe Routes to School

Agreement with Habitat for Humanity – Rehab Program (CRA)

CITY COUNCIL

Commission Appointment Process (FV)

Post Office Early Closing (CS)

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Public Hearing: Establishing Levy and Ordering Assessments for Citywide
Lighting and Maintenance District

Financing Authority Annual Meeting

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Introduction of T.C. Sister City Students

Buxton Company Presentation

Athens Presentation to Winners of Free Trash Service

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Acceptance of Work & Full Payment for Walkway Lighting

JULY 20, 2010 MEETING

CITY CLERK

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for League Annual Conference

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Notice of Completion for Temple City Blvd / Ellis Lane Traffic Signal Project

Approval of MOU with SGV Volunteer Center

Award of Contract – Temple City Blvd/Las Tunas Dr & Baldwin Ave/Olive Street Traffic Signal Upgrade

Public Hearing: Intro of Ordinance re Hedge Heights in Residential Zones

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Contract with Pentamation for Accounting Systems Upgrade

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Construction Management for Rosemead Blvd. Safety Enhancement & Beautification Project

Award of Contract – Land Management System

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Live Oak Park Playground Equipment

AUGUST 3, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of July 13 Meeting

Public Hearing: Congestion Management Program Conformance

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

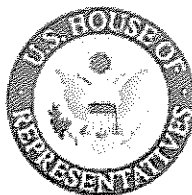
Award of Contract – Emergency Operations / Disaster Preparedness Plan

Award of Contract – CRA Time Extension and Possible Area Expansion of Rosemead Blvd. Project Area

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of July 21 Meeting



Monday, June 28, 2010

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Schiff Secures Funds to Create Jobs, Construct Temple City Emergency Operations Center

Washington, DC – Today, Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) announced that \$375,000 was secured in the FY11 Homeland Security Appropriations bill, which passed through the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday evening, for the construction of a new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Temple City. The funding secured by Rep. Schiff will greatly enhance emergency command, control and management, while providing adequate space to operate incident command systems.

“Constructing a new Emergency Operations Center to collect, gather and analyze data will help first responders coordinate their efforts,” Rep. Schiff said. “A robust information management system will improve law enforcement and other emergency personnel’s ability to keep our families and neighborhoods safe.”

According to Temple City Mayor Fernando Vizcarra, the development of a new emergency operations center is also estimated to create 100 high-paying construction and technology jobs in the San Gabriel Valley at a time that when unemployment rates continue to rise in our region.

“Through the tireless efforts of Congressman Adam Schiff, we will create jobs, while positioning Temple City to proactively deal with manmade or natural disasters and emergencies,” Mayor Vizcarra said. “The construction of a new, state-of-the-art emergency operations center will enable Temple City to comprehensively serve our residents and neighboring communities for many years to come.”

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER
JUNE 23 THRU 29, 2010

June 23, 2010

**Residential
Burglary:**

Between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on 06-23-10, a residential burglary occurred to a home on the 5500 block of Glickman. Person(s) unknown forced open a kitchen window and stole jewelry, credit cards U.S. and Japanese currency and a 2002 BMW X5.

Vehicle Burglary: Between 1:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. on 06-23-10, a vehicle burglary occurred on the 6300 block of Rosemead Boulevard. Person(s) unknown shattered the driver's side window and stole a purse containing ID, cash and jewelry. The items were valued at \$9,135.00

June 24, 2010

**Residential
Burglary:**

At 9:30 a.m. on June 24, 2010 a residential burglary occurred to a home on the 10400 block of Key West Street. Two male Hispanics entered the location and stole a TV, gaming system and keys to a BMW. Suspects were seen leaving the location in a white Nissan. Items were valued at \$1,400.00

Grand Theft Auto: Between 12:15 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on 06-24-10, a grand theft auto occurred on the 5600 block of Santa Anita Avenue. Person(s) unknown stole a 1996 Honda Civic from the location. The vehicle was recovered on 06-26-10 by Riverside Sheriff's Department.

June 27, 2010

Narcotics Arrest: In the afternoon hours, deputies on patrol detained the driver of a vehicle for warrant returns to the license plate. When the deputy approached the vehicle, he noticed the smell of marijuana. The driver was detained pending a narcotics investigation.

After further investigation, the 22 year old driver from Arcadia was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

