



# City Manager's Weekly Report

*For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, July 22, 2010*

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**TO:** The Honorable City Council

**DATE:** July 22, 2010

**FROM:** Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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## **GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION:**

### **Eaton Wash Community Workshops**

During the Council Comment portion of the July 20, 2010 City Council meeting, Council member Carl Blum requested that staff follow up on information provided by the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy regarding the upcoming Eaton Wash Corridor Community Workshops which will take place in late July and September 2010. The purpose of the community workshops will be to discuss recreational opportunities along the Eaton Wash, of which two miles runs through Temple City at the western city limits. Based on the public's input through these workshops, a planning firm retained by the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy will prepare the Eaton Wash Corridor Plan that will be used to pursue Federal, State, and local funding to develop this wash into a vibrant recreational venue. Attached for your information is the flyer regarding these upcoming community workshops.

Having been through a similar process about six years ago with the Pacoima Wash project in conjunction with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, I can attest to the importance of the public's participation at these upcoming Community meetings and the significance when you try to secure Federal, State or local funding opportunities. So please come to these community workshops and participate in the creation of something special for our community over time. Attached for your information is a project summary of the Pacoima Wash Project.

### **Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.**

In last week's City Managers Report, I had mentioned that I met with Jennifer Thompson, a representative from this public relations and grant writing firm. This week, I received a proposal for Federal, State and Local Funding Advocacy services for Temple City from Ms. Thompson, which I will review and discuss with the City Council in the next week or so.

### **Tea Station**

Last week I reported out that we had received a request from the Tea Station business owner to allow them to install the Edison transformer in the City planter behind this business. This week after they made the necessary revisions to their site plan, I approved their request to locate the transformer in the City planter and signed off on the corresponding Southern California Edison Easement documents.

### **Thank You Letter to Congressman Adam Schiff**

Pursuant to the City Council's direction at the July 6, 2010 City Council meeting, I have prepared a thank you letter to Congressman Schiff for the City Council's signature. The body of the letter reads as follows:

*Dear Congressman Schiff:*

*On behalf of the Temple City community, we would like to express our profound gratitude to you for all your efforts past and present. Your ongoing support of our collective goal to revitalize our community by bringing in much needed Federal funding is exemplary and laudable. Over the past several years, you have guided well over \$1.1 million in Federal funding for a variety of capital improvement projects including: Rosemead Boulevard Beautification; Green Street Storm Drain; and Longden Avenue Sewer Improvements.*

*Not to be outdone, this year you have once again demonstrated your genuine interest in continuing to bring additional Federal resources to the San Gabriel Valley in general and to Temple City specifically with your recent successful allocation of \$375,000 in Homeland Security funds to build a much needed state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at our City Yard. We are confident that this EOC will greatly enhance emergency command, control & management, provide the setting to adequately manage a large-scale incident, and comes at a critical time for the City.*

*In closing, as a unified body we truly look forward to nurturing an already strong relationship with you and your office, so that together we can continue to provide outstanding services to our collective constituents.*

### **Water Scam Artists Article**

Attached for your review and information is an article from the June 18, 2010 Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, which was provided to me by Parks and Recreation Commissioner Dan Arrighi for distribution to the City Council and the community. Please be sure to share this important information and help prevent family and friends from becoming victims of these unscrupulous scam artists.

### **New Temple City Library Hours**

In response to several inquires by members of the public regarding the change in hours of operation for the Temple City Library, I am providing a schedule obtained from the County Library website showing their new hours of operation effective July 26, 2010:

Temple City Library \*new hours\*  
5939 Golden West Ave.  
Temple City, CA 91780  
(626) 285-2136

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Closed	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	10am-8pm	8am-6pm	8am-6pm	Closed

*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)

**Facade Improvement at 9218 Las Tunas Drive**

The facade improvement project at 9218 Las Tunas Drive (Lucy's Bridal shop) was recently completed. The original building had a relatively nondescript facade and the resulting design features a more focused architectural theme. The intention was to echo elements of 1950's "modern" architecture, reflecting and celebrating Temple City's past. The before and after photos and an architectural rendering are attached for your review.

Division of Public Safety (Public Safety Officer Ariizumi)

**Code Enforcement Case Update – 9047 Emperor Avenue**

This case stems from a complaint received regarding a storage room which was converted, without permits, to living space. The property owners have obtained permits to reconvert the storage room back to its original condition and to legalize any unpermitted alterations that are allowed per the Building and Municipal Codes. Most of the unpermitted alterations have either been removed or permitted, with the exception of one outstanding issue. That issue is a discrepancy of whether an unpermitted interior wall in the storage room is or is not a structural wall. A meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 26, 2010 with staff, the property owners and an engineer to discuss the status of the unpermitted wall.

**Code Enforcement Case Update – 5070 Sereno Drive**

This case is the result of a complaint received regarding overgrown grass, weeds and vegetation in the yard areas and an accumulation of junk, trash and debris throughout the property. The tenant has removed all the trash and debris, and the dead/overgrown grass and weeds have been cut and removed from the property. An accumulation of discarded appliances remains in the side yard area and will be removed by the tenant within the next two weeks.

## **MOU with Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley**

On July 20, 2010, the City Council approved an MOU with the Volunteer Center of San Gabriel Valley to utilize Court Referred Community Service (CRCS) volunteers and staff is currently working with the representative from the Volunteer Center to finalize the arrangements. Once staff attends the required meetings and submits all the paperwork, the volunteers will begin working in the City.

## **Department of Financial Services** (Financial Services Manager Molina)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Sales Tax**

Last week HdL Companies met with Finance staff to discuss 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales (Jan-Mar 2010). Even though the economy is slowly picking up, sales tax revenue for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter was down 2.2% in comparison to last year. The actual decline was primarily due to reduced sales of general consumer goods and a drop in the countywide use tax allocation pool. The losses were partially offset by an increase in fuel prices.

For the same quarter, Los Angeles County sales tax receipts increased by 0.3% and Southern California increased by 0.5% in comparison to last year. For your review, attached is the 'Temple City Sales Tax Update' quarterly newsletter prepared by HdL Companies.

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

### **Live Oak Park Oak Tree**

One of the larger oak trees at Live Oak Park lost a large limb last week during the heat wave. As a result, the tree is unbalanced and is leaning to one side due to the amount of foliage and limbs remaining on the tree. Staff is concerned with the safety of park participants since this same tree has lost several limbs over the past few years.

As a precaution, the tree crew met with Director Burroughs to discuss the possibility of removing the tree. Director Burroughs advised the City Manager of the situation and then met with West Coast Arborists (WCA) to discuss the City's options. After some discussion, WCA was asked to inspect the Oak tree and provide staff with their recommendation. WCA inspected the tree and believes the tree can remain in place if significant trimming (at least 40%) is done on the tree. The City will proceed with the heavy trimming in an attempt to save this mature tree. Over the past several years we have lost many of the older oak trees in Live Oak Park due to disease. We will continue to do all we can to maintain the existing mature trees in the park, while being mindful of the safety of the park visitors.

### **Walter P. Temple Bust**

Pursuant to City Council direction Tuesday night, Director Burroughs contacted the landscape architect working on the Temple City Park monument sign. She asked him to work on a few options for the "shield" behind the bust in Option B and to also include locations for three bronze plaques (a dedication plaque, an information plaque on the bust, and a donor plaque). She also

requested that he provide artist renderings of the final designs so the City Council will be better able to visualize the sign when this item is returned them for a final decision.

### **Camp-A-Palooza**

Over 70 families have reserved their "campsite" at Live Oak Park for this Friday's overnight campout. We expect over 300 individuals will be on hand for Camp-A-Palooza. The event will feature activities and attractions for the entire family including family picnic games and inflatable attractions, a BBQ dinner, outdoor movie, and a continental breakfast.

**PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

**AUGUST 3, 2010 MEETING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Planning Commission Actions of July 13

Speed Survey Resolution Adoption

Adoption of Ordinance 10-936 re Hedge Heights

Public Hearing: Congestion Management Program Conformance

**FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Pentamation Contract – Accounting System Upgrade

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Sister City Organization Plaque Presentation – 25 years

Award of Construction Management Contract for Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

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

Award of Contract – Emergency Operations / Disaster Preparedness Plan

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

50 Books for 50 Years Donation

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of July 21

**AUGUST 17, 2010 MEETING**

**CITY CLERK**

Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for League Annual Conference

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Planning Commission Actions of July 27

**FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Purchasing Policy

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

SGV Water District Presentation re Water Issues

Award of Contract – Land Management System

Adoption of Council/Commission Protocols

**SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 MEETING**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Planning Commission Actions of August 10

Planning Commission Actions of August 24

Housing Rehabilitation Program Guidelines

Direction re Public Safety Commission

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Adoption of Revised Conflict of Interest Code

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of August 18

Youth Committee Appointments

Approval of Design Options – Walter P. Temple Bust

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER  
JULY 14 THRU 21, 2010

July 14, 2010

**Narcotics Arrest:** At approximately 2:15 p.m., deputies responded to the Rite Aid, located at 9450 Las Tunas Drive, regarding a female attempting to obtain prescription medication with forged signatures. After further investigation, a FW/31 from Glendale was arrested for trying to fill eight different prescriptions for psychiatric medication without the patients consent or knowledge.

**Narcotics Arrest:** At approximately 5:00 p.m., Rosemead deputies responded to a residence in the City of Rosemead, regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call. Upon arrival, their attention was drawn to a vehicle leaving the scene and travelling northbound Encinita Avenue at a high rate of speed towards Temple City. Within a few minutes, the vehicle was located northbound Encinita Avenue from Lower Azusa Road. The driver lost control of the vehicle and collided with a tree at the northwest corner of Encinita Avenue and Sereno Drive.

A male adult and female adult were detained in the vehicle, while a second male passenger fled on foot. He was detained seconds later a short distance from the vehicle. After further investigation, deputies concluded the vehicle and occupants were involved in the incident in Rosemead. Due to a child being present in the vehicle when it crashed, both males, one from Temple City and the other from San Gabriel, were arrested for child endangerment. The male from Temple City was additionally charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

**Assault:** At approximately 8:00 p.m., a 16 year old male from Rosemead was assaulted by two unknown male adults while playing basketball at Live Oak Park. During the game, a 25-30 year old male became upset because he thought he was being guarded too closely and threw a punch at the teenager. The teenager was able to step back and avoid being struck in the face. When the male failed to connect with his punch, the second male adult approached the teenager and punched him two to three times in the face. Fearing for his safety, the teenager ran from the location.

The victim last saw the suspects walking towards the south parking lot and out of view. The teenager suffered an approximate half inch scratch and bruising to the right side of his face.

## July 15, 2010

### **Residential Burglary:**

Between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 9600 block of Live Oak Avenue. Person's unknown entered the back house which is currently under construction and stole CD's, an I-Pod accessory. Entry was made by prying open the rear door to the location. The victim was staying in the front house at the time of the burglary, however, did not hear or see anyone.

## July 17, 2010

### **Robbery:**

At approximately 9:10 p.m., a female Asian adult was loading some items into her trunk at the corner of Kauffman Avenue and Las Tunas Drive, when she was approached from behind by an unknown male, who grabbed her purse. After a brief struggle to retain control of her purse, the victim feared for her safety and relinquished the purse. The male then entered a dark colored vehicle and drove away northbound Kauffman and out of view. Approximately \$80 in was inside the purse.

## July 19, 2010

### **Driving Under The Influence:**

At approximately 8:00 a.m., deputies responded to the corner of Reno Avenue and Hermosa Avenue in regards to a traffic collision. Upon arrival, deputies found a male adult from San Gabriel sitting on the curb next to his vehicle which sustained major collision damage. Due to the driver's slurred speech and the fact he was unaware he was involved in an accident, Field Sobriety Tests were administered. After further investigation, the male appeared and admitted to being under the influence of prescription medication. The driver was arrested and transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital for treatment. After being released from the hospital the driver was booked at Temple Station.

### **Vandalism:**

Between 4:30 p.m. on 07-19-10 and 10:00 a.m. on 07-20-10, person's unknown cut the barbed wire and removed several cinder blocks on the wall at the city yard, located at 9167 La Rosa Drive. City employees checked the yard for anything that might have been tampered with or missing, however, nothing appeared out of the ordinary.

**Grand Theft:** Between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., a lap top computer was stolen from the front seat of a vehicle in the 5200 block of Sereno Drive. Due to the extreme heat, the victim left the vehicle unsecured and with the windows down. The loss was estimated at \$1,000.

**July 21, 2010**

**Assault With a Deadly Weapon:** At approximately 12:30 a.m., a male adult from Temple City was on his way to his girlfriend's house, when he noticed a Gold Honda Accord following him. When the victim pulled up to his girlfriends house on Oak Avenue, the Honda drove past him and stopped down the street.

The victim's girlfriend entered the vehicle and they proceeded to drive southbound Oak. As they past the Honda, the victims heard a single gunshot coming from the parked Honda. Believing they were being fired upon, the victim drove eastbound Woodruff Avenue to southbound Temple City Boulevard, where they flagged down deputies that were handling an unrelated incident.

After further investigation, a single bullet hole was found to have penetrated the rear passenger door of the victim's Chevy Silverado. Neither victim was injured in the incident. The suspects fled the location southbound Oak Ave and out of sight.



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

**DATE:** 07-24-10

**FROM:** SANDRA SCOTT (RECEPTIONIST)

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

**SUBJECT:** Permits issued for the weekend of 7/23, 7/24, 7/25

<u>Yard Sale Address</u>	<u>Residents Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
6009 Alessandro	Vivian Chang	7/24,25
6132 Burton Ave, SG	Nyna Do	7/25
5522 Cloverly Ave	Adriana Orozco	7/25
10202 Daines Dr	Lee Ja Baik	07/23,24
6340 Golden West Ave	Kexin Chen	7/24,25
5929 Hart Ave	Nelly Mejia	7/24,25
4922 Heleo Ave	Helga Mycroft	7/24
8914 Hermosa Dr	Mark Christensen	7/24
9936 Howland Dr	Jamie Mullen	7/24,25
9977 Live Oak Ave	Jeffrey Waterman	7/24,25
10217 Lower Azusa Rd	Maria Garcia	7/24,25
5598 McCulloch	Joyce Del Castillo	7/24,25
6232 Muscatel	Deborah Huang	7/24,25
9508 Olive St	Ann Primising	07/24
8624 Roccus Lane	Deborah Bacheller	7/23,24
6220 Rosemead Blvd	Liza Valdivia	07/23,24
4930 Will monte Ave	Elsa Sarullo	07/24,25
9222 Woodruff Ave	Tina Padilla	7/24