

**CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wong called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Sternquist, Vizcarra, Wong
ABSENT: Councilmember-None

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, Interim City Attorney Vail, City Clerk Flandrick, Assistant to the City Manager Flod, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Manuel A. Valenzuela III, newly appointed Planning Commissioner, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS

A. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW CITY COMMISSIONERS

City Clerk Flandrick administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning Commissioners: Ed Chen, Patrick Horton and Manuel A. Valenzuela III.

B. INTRODUCTION OF SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS LEAVING FOR HAWKESBURY, AUSTRALIA

Nancy Terry, representing Sister Cities Organization, introduced Temple City High School students leaving for the City's Sister City of Hawkesbury, Australia: Steven Baroldi, Desiree Davis, Jennifer Der, Gabriel Jimenez and Jonathan Ting. Megan Hubbard was not present.

Mayor Wong and the City Council presented each student with a Certificate of Recognition, and a City logo T-shirt and tote bag.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Frank Ruedel, Temple City resident, asked the Council to consider industrial areas in their plans for upgrading the City, and in particular, vacant industrial parcels as vacant lots promote blight.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Interim City Attorney Vail asked to remove Item A and Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra removed Item D from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Yu moved to approve the remaining items, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2009

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of June 23, 2009.

- C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2009
Received and filed the Parks and Recreation Commission actions of their meeting of June 17, 2009.
- E. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4620 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES IN CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY SEIZURE BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS
Adopted Resolution No. 09-4620, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES, OTHER CITIES AND COUNTIES IN LITIGATION CHALLENGING THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ANY SEIZURE BY STATE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE FUNDS.
- F. SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER WHILE PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER
Approved a temporary salary adjustment of five percent for the Interim City Manager while performing the duties of the City Manager.
- G. PETTY CASH REPORT
Received and filed the Petty Cash Report with the current charges.
- H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4619 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Adopted Resolution No. 09-4619, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$1,076,185.40 DEMAND NOS. 27128 THROUGH 27254 (\$754,635.78 – FY 2008-2009) AND DEMAND NOS. 27255 THROUGH 27273 (\$321,549.62 – FY 2009-2010).
- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The City Council was requested to review and approve:
1) Minutes of the City Council Special Joint Meeting of June 3, 2009;
2) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 11, 2009;
3) Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of June 16, 2009; and
4) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of June 24, 2009.

Interim City Attorney Vail asked for a separate motion for Item A 1&2, Minutes of the meetings of June 3rd and June 11th, as Councilmember Sternquist did not attend those meetings and will abstain from voting on those minutes.

Councilmember Chavez moved to approve items 1 and 2 of Consent Calendar 6A, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-Sternquist

Councilmember Chavez moved to approve items 3 and 4 of Consent Calendar 6A, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

- D. **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4617 – CITY COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**
The City Council was requested to consider adoption of a resolution confirming appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission for one (1) term expiring on June 30, 2010 and for three (3) appointments to the Planning Commission for terms that expire on June 30, 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra removed Item D to insert the names of the newly appointed Commissioners in section 1 of the resolution: Parks and Recreation Commissioner Peggy Miller, and Planning Commissioners Ed Chen, Patrick Horton and Manuel A. Valenzuela III.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra moved to adopt Resolution No. 09-4617, as amended, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMISSION, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-928 AMENDING SECTION 3569 OF THE TEMPLE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CITY PARKS**

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated, at their meeting of June 2nd, the Council approved staff's recommendation to prohibit smoking in public parks. Ordinance No. 09-928 was presented for first reading which amends the code by adding smoking of lighted tobacco products to the list of behaviors that are not allowed within a park or civic center. Per section 3500, a park is defined as "A park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center or any other area in the City, owned or used by the City, and devoted to active and passive recreation including any adjacent parking lots." The amendment, therefore, would ban smoking in all City parks (and future open space) including the buildings, outdoor areas and parking lots.

In response to Councilmember Yu, Interim City Manager Burroughs confirmed that appropriate signage would be installed.

Roy Rosell, representing Friends of Clean Air, urged Council to install clear signage throughout the park to reinforce the ordinance and to impose a fine for violations.

Wes Reutimann, Chair of Pasadena Tobacco Prevention Coalition, thanked Council for considering smoke free parks for all and noted that this regulation in Pasadena's twenty-five city parks is largely self enforced.

Chloe Yin, Temple City resident, said she appreciated Council adopting this ordinance and strongly suggested the City put up signs saying no smoking in parks.

Steven Gallegos, Chair of Coalition for a Tobacco Free L.A. County, stated his organization supports providing smoke free environments for our children and thanked Council for stemming the use of tobacco in parks where children play.

Franklin Ruedel, questioned if the area covered was "curb to curb".

Interim City Manager Burroughs responded that sidewalks are not included, as the code definition is "parks and parking lot".

At the request of Council, City Clerk Flandrick read the title of Ordinance No. 09-928, an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY AMENDING SECTION 3569 OF THE TEMPLE CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CITY PARKS.

Councilmember Chavez moved to:

- 1) Waive further reading of proposed Ordinance No. 09-928; and
- 2) Introduce, on first reading, proposed Ordinance No. 09-928 prohibiting smoking in public parks, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4618 – MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO OTHER AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS

The City Council was requested to review the amended list of City Council committees and delegate assignments representing the City of Temple City at meetings of other governmental agencies or community organizations and to consider proposed Resolution No. 09-4618 making appointments to said agencies and organizations.

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated the Council Committee list was brought back to Council for changes to the Mayor’s appointments due to the resignation of Dave Capra and the appointment of Cynthia Sternquist. Also, the newest organization, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, was added to the list with Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra as delegate and Mayor Wong as alternate.

In response to Councilmember Yu, Interim City Manager Burroughs stated City Liaison appointments include only a delegate as they are not voting members and simply report back to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra moved to adopt Resolution No. 4618, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

C. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES WITH THE TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The City Council was requested to approve the Agreement for Use of Facilities with Temple City Unified School District for general facility use for 2009-2010. Interim City Manager Burroughs stated the agreement expired June 30th and negotiations have been going on with the ad hoc committee, with the current agreement to continue until the issue was resolved. In May of last year, the District Board asked the City to consider paying a fee to cover some of the expenses due to the City’s use of District facilities. The ad hoc committee members agreed to pay the amount of \$20,000 to cover costs relative to the City’s use of District facilities. Funds have been included in this budget. The

agreement does not state when the payment should be made and staff is not supportive of paying the full amount all at one time.

Council discussed payment options with consensus to pay quarterly payments of \$5,000.

Councilmember Chavez moved to approve renewal of the agreement, subject to adding a clause in Section II, No. 5, that the sum of \$20,000 would be payable in quarterly payments of \$5,000, and authorize the Interim City Manager to sign, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

D. CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING PRODUCE EXCHANGE DURING THE CITY'S SUMMER CONCERTS

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated, at the June 16th Council meeting, Helen Redmond requested a produce exchange stand during the summer concerts at Temple City Park and Council directed staff to report back at a future meeting.

As listed in the staff report, staff did have concerns which were expressed to Ms. Redmond. The first is potential liability. As the exchange is sponsored by an individual and not an organization, the liability would fall solely on the City. Also, the City would have no way of knowing if the items brought in for exchange were acceptable for public consumption and had not been tainted with pesticides or other contaminants. Secondly, staff has been attempting to curtail the number of organizations wishing to set up tables during the summer concerts. The majority of these are non-profit organizations that sell food items as a fundraiser and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured. Attendance at the concerts has increased which limits the amount of space available and the addition of any new organization will only reduce the amount of space available for the public. The presence of outside organizations is intended to supplement the concerts and should not be the main focus. The final concern is that only those individuals that bring in produce would be allowed to exchange items, leaving the vast majority of attendees not able to participate in the program which could result in confusion and complaints.

For these reasons, staff does not support adding the produce exchange during the summer concerts. However, if Council considered approving the request, it was recommended that any final action be deferred until the City's attorneys can research the implications.

Helen Redmond stated many cities do have produce exchanges which usually start in someone's home. The produce is collected and distributed at no charge. There is a very successful exchange in Glassell Park that is held in their community center. She thought that the perfect arena for a produce exchange here would be the summer concerts because so many people attend and are interested in the program. Identifying the produce would be her responsibility and she would keep a log concerning pesticides, etc.

Council discussion took place and Ms. Redmond responded to questions. Staff suggested alternative options.

Jo Ann Carey, Arcadia resident, said she teaches square foot gardening as an economical way to raise vegetables. A produce exchange would provide a way for her to share her surplus produce and also receive produce. She asked Council to work it out.

Jo Ann Cain, Temple City resident, said it would mean so much to her if she could take her extra fruit and exchange it. There are a lot of people who do grow their own food and would appreciate a produce exchange. She asked for Council's help with this.

Council continued discussing the item. Interim City Attorney Vail advised Council, if they were considering issuing Ms. Redmond a permit for a booth, she would have to file an application and go through the normal process. Interim City Manager Burroughs suggested Ms. Redmond may wish to only pass out information at the concerts for now.

Councilmember Yu moved to direct staff and the Interim City Attorney to look into liability issues and check with other cities for information and to come back to Council with a recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4621 – APPEAL OF A PLANNING COMMISSION DECISION DENYING ZONE VARIANCE 09-1739 TO LEGALIZE AN EXISTING 153 SQUARE FOOT STORAGE AREA THAT HAS A REAR YARD SETBACK OF 8 FEET 5 INCHES, INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 15 FEET, LOCATED AT 9910 OLIVE STREET WITHIN THE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) ZONE AND IS DESIGNATED AS LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (PHOUNG)
Interim City Manager Burroughs stated, on May 12, 2009, the Planning Commission unanimously denied the applicant's request to legalize an existing 153 square foot storage area that has a rear yard setback of 8 feet 5 inches, instead of the required 15 feet setback. The action of the Planning Commission was appealed by the applicant for final determination by the City Council.

The subject property is zoned single-family residential. In 2006, a lot line adjustment was approved to allow two adjacent lots to have uniform lot widths. In early 2009, the property owner finished constructing two new homes on the lots. The property in question contains a 3,500+ square foot two-story dwelling with a three-car garage attached by a 276 square foot patio. After the Certificate of Occupancy was issued in February 2009, the 153 square foot storage room was constructed without benefit of permits, and a Notice of Violation was issued by the City's Code Enforcement Division.

Community Development Manager Lambert provided a power point presentation of the property and provided background information on the variance request. The Zoning Code specifies that primary structures (houses) need to have a 15 foot rear yard setback, and anything attached to the house is also required to have a 15 foot rear yard setback. The applicant was informed of several alternatives that would allow them to have a storage shelter that would comply with the City's setback requirements. The Code does allow a detached structure with a setback of no less than 6 inches.

Mayor Wong opened the public hearing.

Mary Phuong, applicant, submitted a letter to the Council in support of her request to allow the storage unit. She stated that the structure does not have an adverse negative impact on the surrounding neighbors and attached to her letter were signatures of neighbors that were in favor of the request. Neighboring property owners have not submitted any comments or concerns about the storage unit since it was constructed.

Ms. Phuong responded to questions from Council, stating she was not running a business at home, but was using the storage unit to store equipment and materials related to a professional business.

Councilmember Sternquist stated she had an opportunity to review this request while on the Planning Commission, and now wearing a new hat, has come to the same

conclusion. This property is very unique and extremely large and had the ability to have adequate storage when the property was being built.

Community Development Manager Lambert stated it was possible to construct a detached storage unit on this property and could be done with a building permit. Staff has explained different options to the applicant, but she elected to apply for a variance.

Hearing no further requests to speak, either for or against this item, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Yu stated the Zoning Code is there for a reason and for the welfare of everyone. A detached garage or storage unit can be located in the back and broken up from the main house visually. Visually this is detrimental to the neighborhood. The house itself is 130 feet long and with this unit, it is 160 feet long. There are many locations where it could be located. He agreed with the Planning Commission's decision.

Councilmember Sternquist moved to uphold the Planning Commission's decision and adopt Resolution No. 09-4621, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S ACTION AND DENYING A ZONE VARIANCE REQUEST TO LEGALIZE AN EXISTING 153 SQUARE FOOT STORAGE AREA THAT HAS A REAR YARD SETBACK OF 8 FEET 5 INCHES INSTEAD OF THE REQUIRED 15 FEET. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED R-1 AND IS DESIGNATED AS LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL BY THE GENERAL PLAN. 9ZV 09-1723) (MARY PHUONG), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Vizcarra, Wong
NOES:	Councilmember-None
ABSENT:	Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember-None

B. DESIGNATION OF A VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 16 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2009

The City Council was requested to designate one City Councilmember as Voting Delegate and up to two City Councilmembers as Alternate Voting Delegates for purposes of exercising the City's vote at the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated this year's conference will be held on September 16 through 18, 2009 in San Jose. The business meeting will be held on Friday, September 18th at which time members will take action on proposed resolutions. Currently Mayor Wong is the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra is the Voting Alternate. If Mayor Wong cannot attend, then someone else should be designated.

Mayor Wong and Councilmembers Yu and Chavez indicated they would be attending the conference.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra moved to designate Mayor Wong as Voting Delegate and Councilmember Chavez and Yu as Voting Alternates, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried.

9. COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

At 8:51 p.m., the City Council recessed to the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting. Minutes of the Agency Meeting are set forth in full in the Agency's records.

RECESS TO FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

At 8:53 p.m., the City Council recessed to the Financing Authority Meeting. Minutes of the Authority meeting are set forth in full in the Authority's records.

RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 8:54 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

11. **ACTION ON REQUEST BY CRA** – None

12. **UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER** – None

13. **MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

A. **POLICY FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Interim City Manager Burroughs stated staff is requesting direction from the Council on the City's code enforcement policy. The current policy set by a previous Council and City Manager/City Attorney directed staff to be more reactive than proactive. Staff is proactive on certain violations such as property maintenance, right-of-way, building code and business license violations. All other violations are pursued only if a complaint is received. With the new Council, direction is requested as to how code enforcement is approached. The biggest concern in order to be effective is that the policy needs to be consistent.

Code Enforcement Officer Ariizumi provided background information and answered questions of Council. The prior policy directed staff to be proactive as well as reactive. Emphasis was on identifying properties, both residential and commercial, with property maintenance issues. Staff also proactively inspected the downtown commercial district and enforced business violations such as banners, window coverage and abandoned signs.

Council discussed privacy and legal issues involved in the code enforcement process.

Chuck Souder, Temple City resident, stated he has been before the Council on a couple of occasions before the election asking the City Manager to do something about code enforcement and pointed out numerous issues throughout the City. The code enforcement individuals are well trained and should be allowed to operate per the policy prior to 2005.

Gino Brunengo, Temple City resident, complained of graffiti at the grade school across from his house and property maintenance issues in his neighborhood. If codes are on the books, they should be enforced.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, complained of code enforcement issues in her neighborhood and said she has been before Council previously on these issues.

Mary Kokayko, Temple City resident, was disappointed in the way code enforcement works. Nothing was done about issues brought up to the previous Council. Code enforcement personnel should go through neighborhoods and look for problems.

Councilmember Chavez stated it was clear the City needs to move in a different direction. He moved to direct staff to prepare a new policy more proactive for residential and commercial areas and to address violations as soon as possible, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra and unanimously carried.

14. **COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR COMMISSION MEETINGS** – None

15. COUNCIL ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S REGULAR AGENDA

A. COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ

1) Consideration of Youth and Senior Committee

Councilmember Chavez stated he felt it important to hear from the youth and seniors now that the City is moving in a new direction and establishing new guidelines regarding redevelopment matters. Councilmember Sternquist also brought up this issue to allow these groups to express their ideas and concerns and to have a voice. He asked staff to prepare a report and give guidance including some of the things that were done in the past and what may work in the future.

Council concurred with this recommendation and Councilmember Sternquist also requested that a copy of a youth commission mission statement that she submitted also be included.

B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST

Councilmember Sternquist congratulated the new Commissioners.

C. COUNCILMEMBER YU

Councilmember Yu asked when the recordings of the meetings will be on cable or online.

Assistant to the City Manager Flod responded the recording may be on cable channel 55 tomorrow, but it may be a month or so before it is online as it will take some time to upgrade the service and do the cabling.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM VIZCARRA

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra asked what the process would be to initiate a communications committee within the City.

Interim City Attorney Vail responded that Council would collectively need to decide on an ad hoc or standing committee, but each Councilmember could individually meet with members of the public as their own focus group, not a City committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Vizcarra asked if there were a prohibition on pop-ups or driveway tents.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi responded at present these are dealt with on a complaint basis and are not allowed in any front yard area including the front driveway.

E. MAYOR WONG

Mayor Wong thanked staff for a wonderful job with the Concerts in the Park and also the Fourth of July event.

Mayor Wong shared the sentiments expressed in a card she received from the mother of an Eagle Scout whose ceremony she attended. She said she also received numerous phone calls of support.

16. REIMBURSEMENTS OF EXPENSES PAID TO OFFICIALS FOR CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS – None

17. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, thanked Council for the hard decisions they made last evening in selecting new Commissioners.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, asked for clarification on the following items: closed session action of last evening's meeting and what to expect from the pre-trial hearing on

Thursday. In light of recent events, he also asked Council to consider asking Mayor Wong to step down as Mayor, as she is the face of Temple City and represents the City in so many areas.

Interim City Manager Burroughs responded the City Council approved an agreement with Bob Murray and Associates to assist with the process of hiring a new City Manager in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Interim City Attorney Vail stated he does not represent the City in the criminal proceedings matter and could not respond.

Mary Kokayko, Temple City resident, stated several complaints about the Ralph's store and suggested better communications between the Dial-a-Ride drivers.

Dina Piraino, Temple City resident, complained of problems with fireworks in her neighborhood, which have been ongoing every year.

18. CLOSED SESSION

At 9:46 p.m., the City Council will recess to a closed session for the purpose stated below.

Purpose:	Anticipated Litigation
Cases:	One (1) – The Interim City Attorney has recommended the City hold a closed session regarding significant exposure to litigation
Authority:	Government Code Section 54956.9(b)
Representatives:	Interim City Manager, Interim City Attorney

RECONVENE

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 10:17 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

Interim City Attorney Vail stated he and the Interim City Manager met with the Council to discuss one item of potential litigation and received direction from Council. There was no other reportable action.

Councilmember Chavez, after much deliberation and hearing from the citizens, requested the issue of Council reorganization be added to the next agenda.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk