

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Pulido, Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, Interim City Attorney Vail, City Clerk Flandrick, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Services Manager Tidwell, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Temple City resident Jim Clift led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ANTHONY IACONO**

Newly appointed Assistant Fire Chief Anthony Iacono introduced himself to the City Council, provided information on his experience and expressed that he was looking forward to working with the Council and community.

**B. METHODIST HOSPITAL DAY PROCLAMATION – NOVEMBER 8-13, 2009**

Mayor Vizcarra presented a proclamation to Foundation Chairman Mike Hoover proclaiming November 8<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as Methodist Hospital Day. Mr. Hoover provided information on the Foundation and Special Events Manager Gloria Rico introduced Temple City Foundation volunteers.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Elisa Clifford, Regional Manager, Southern California Edison, introduced herself to the City Manager and said she was available to meet with Mr. Pulido and the City Council whenever there were questions or concerns.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, suggested the City open up its contests and programs, such as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Theme contest, to include business and property owners as well as residents.

Gabriel Jimenez, Temple City resident, expressed appreciation of the City's new recreation annex and explained what he expressed as his minor role in achieving this meeting place for youth to participate in the City's programs. He felt the new building will be the best resource in promoting youth programs and thanked staff for their support and Council for fostering the greatness of youth in Temple City.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Wong moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as presented:

- 1) Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of October 15, 2009; and
- 2) Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of October 20, 2009.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF OCTOBER 27, 2009

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of October 27, 2009.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2009

Received and filed the Parks and Recreation Commission actions of their meeting of October 21, 2009.

D. APPROVAL OF PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 19 TO MICHAEL MERINO ARCHITECTS FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE LIVE OAK PARK MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT

Approved progress payment No. 19, in the amount of \$2,850.00, to Michael Merino Architects for professional architectural services performed for the Live Oak Park Multi-Purpose Facility Project (P08-01).

E. APPROVAL OF PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 8 TO CHAP INC. FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE LIVE OAK PARK MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY PROJECT

Approved progress payment No. 8, in the amount of \$75,116.83, to Chap Inc. for work performed on the Live Oak Park Multi-Purpose Facility Project (P08-01).

F. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4640 – AUTHORIZING FACSIMILE SIGNATURES FOR THE DRAWING OF WARRANTS AND CHECKS

Adopted Resolution No. 09-4640, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY AUTHORIZING FACSIMILE SIGNATURE FOR THE DRAWING OF WARRANTS AND CHECKS.

G. FIRST QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORTS AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Received and filed the September 2009 City Treasurer's Report, the First Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Summary Reports and the Capital Improvement Financial Report.

H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4641 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 09-4641, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$563,292.27 DEMAND NOS. 28055 THROUGH 28150.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES ON EL MONTE AVENUE**

City Manager Pulido recommended that the City Council continue this item to the meeting of December 1, 2009 in order to review this issue with staff and provide a long term solution.

Councilmember Chavez moved to continue this item to the December 1, 2009 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yu and unanimously carried.

**8. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**9. COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**10. RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

At 7:58 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.

**RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 7:59 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. STATUS OF FORMER SHELL STATION PROPERTY**

Community Development Manager Lambert provided an update on the status of the former Shell Station property on Las Tunas Drive. In a phone conversation last week, the owner stated he was in the process of negotiations with an operator for a Union 76 Station. If this did not work out, he would pursue other options. Community Development Manager Lambert indicated he would continue to monitor this issue.

Interim City Attorney Vail responded to questions of Council regarding nuisance compliance as per the City's code for vacant lots.

City Manager Pulido suggested he would speak to the owner, follow up with a site visit and come back with options for the Council.

**14. COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Councilmember Chavez reported that he, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Fish, and Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs met with Sharon Johnson, representing the Blue Star Program. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of installing 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banners so as not to interfere with the Blue Star banners. It was stressed that the City is very supportive of the Blue Star Program. No decisions were made, but different options will be looked at and they will meet again in the future.

Councilmember Chavez also reported that he, Mayor Pro Tem Yu, City Manager Pulido and Public Services Manager Tidwell met with Dennis Chiappetta from Athens Services to explore other options of trash collection as requested by Council. Items of discussion included the possibility of going from twice a week to once a week pickup, going with an automated system and the possibility of a senior discount. Pros and cons of different options were reviewed and Mr. Chiappetta was asked to provide further cost information regarding the different options for a recommendation to Council. Athens is willing to provide whatever services the City desires and will present the options in open forums. Another meeting will be held in two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu added the public forums will be held to gain input before any recommendations are made. There was discussion about the pros and cons of an automated system and related costs. The automated system would require brand new alternative fuel vehicles and also larger cans with sturdier lids, so there would be less runoff and pollution.

Councilmember Sternquist said she attended a Sister City Committee meeting to select 6 students out of a field of 19 candidates going to Australia. The City sponsors 6 students by providing airfare for them. Interviews will be held in two weeks and selections made by the end of the month.

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

**A. COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ**

Councilmember Chavez reported on the recent Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) Risk Management Conference he attended and shared highlights of the sessions.

Councilmember Chavez requested an update on the development of a youth commission to be placed on the next agenda.

**B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST**

Councilmember Sternquist thanked Community Development Manager Lambert for providing a power point presentation on redevelopment for the St. Luke's Boy Scout Pack #160. She met with the Scouts to aid them in their study on citizenship. They also were quite interested in participating in a mock Council meeting.

**C. COUNCILMEMBER WONG**

Councilmember Wong requested the item mentioned earlier by Mr. Jambazian to be implemented to include business and property owners in future City contests. Mayor Vizcarra directed the City Manager to do so.

Councilmember Wong thanked staff and volunteers for the successful swine flu vaccination clinic that was held last week. A total of 2,217 shots were given.

Councilmember Wong also reported on the JPIA Conference and stated that she left documentation of each course at City Hall for all Councilmembers to view. She also suggested having staff attend these conferences in the future.

Councilmember Sternquist thanked Parks & Recreation Director Burroughs, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi, Public Services Manager Tidwell and all City volunteers who helped keep the flu shot environment less chaotic and more organized so that everything went off smoothly.

**D. MAYOR PRO TEM YU**

Mayor Pro Tem Yu welcomed City Manager Pulido to his first meeting. He agreed with Councilmember Chavez in his appreciation of the sessions at the JPIA Conference and thanked staff for dealing with all of the paperwork involved whenever Council goes on travel.

**E. MAYOR VIZCARRA**

Mayor Vizcarra mentioned the area on the corner of Baldwin and Live Oak where a "Welcome to Temple City" sign is placed in close proximity to an unsightly motor home that is parked there. This has elicited many comments from residents and he asked staff to find out why the sign is there if it is not within Temple City. Public Services Manager Tidwell said staff would research the matter and report back to Council.

Mayor Vizcarra asked about the Chambers renovation item and when it might be coming back to Council. Staff confirmed that item will be on the December 1<sup>st</sup> agenda.

Mayor Vizcarra said he was delighted with the Halloween event at the park at which approximately 2,000 people attended.

**16. REIMBURSEMENTS OF EXPENSES PAID TO OFFICIALS FOR CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS**

- A. COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ – Fares & Subsistence \$694.45 (California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Conference)
- B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST – None
- C. COUNCILMEMBER WONG – Fares & Subsistence \$742.70 (California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Conference)
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM YU – Fares & Subsistence \$951.25 (California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Risk Management Conference)
- E. MAYOR VIZCARRA – None

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

Franklin Ruedel, Temple City resident, suggested the City have a Halloween contest like the Christmas contest. He would rather the Shell station property to stay as is rather than end up like the Piazza lot. He preferred no change to the Athens agreement, except for the alternative fuel trucks, as he liked twice a week pickups. He questioned the Blue Star Program signage.

Councilmember Chavez explained the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee's request to hang banners and the reinforcement of good communication with the Blue Star Committee.

Linda Payne, Chamber of Commerce President, reported on the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership meetings she has attended. The Partnership has regular membership, legislative action and networking meetings. The Partnership has also initiated new coalitions such as a university/business partnership for college interns, and import/export training with regional groups.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, asked why there was such disparity in the amounts Council received for attending the same conference. He also asked if the City used a travel agent, how much credit card bills total for the month and if the City earns interest on its credit cards.

Mayor Vizcarra and staff responded that the difference in costs depends partly on the method of travel. The City does not use a travel agent. Any reimbursements from advances may be shown on another agenda. No Council has credit cards and the cards do not earn interest.

**18. CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:51 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session for the purpose stated below.

Purpose: Public Officer Appointment  
Title: City Attorney  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957  
Representatives: Interim City Attorney

**RECONVENE**

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 9:38 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

CLOSED SESSION STATEMENT

City Manager Pulido stated the City Council directed the City Manager to proceed with setting up closed session interviews with three firms on the tentative dates of November 23 or November 30 at 6:30 p.m.

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk