

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 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, City Attorney Vail, Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, City Clerk Flandrick, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Services Manager Tidwell, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City Manager Joe Pulido led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS – None**

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

Ken Gillanders, Mosquito Abatement District Delegate, provided Council with a status report of recent District monthly meetings, as well as a briefing on the District's history, function and services.

Kelly, Temple City resident, spoke of her concern regarding Councilmember Wong's bribery charges and the fact that she is still in office. She supported the media coverage of this subject and felt it was not right that this Councilmember is still in office and now has been appointed an advisor to a youth committee. She was bothered by Council comments that the local newspaper does not focus on the good of Temple City, but how can you expect that when a city official is indicted on bribery charges? She asked Council to do what was best for the City and not just a co-worker. When she is found guilty, it will look bad for those who supported her.

Vicki Riechers, Temple City resident, was also concerned with the recent appointment of Councilmember Wong to the Youth Committee. She acknowledged that the Councilmember has not been convicted of a crime, but there is a 38 page indictment charging her with 9 felonies and she was released on bond and her passport taken. Council should provide future leaders with good role models and not under the cloud of suspicion. She asked Council to remove her from this committee immediately and asked Councilmember Wong to do the respectable thing and resign from Council. She referred to a previous encounter with Councilmember Wong asking for a meeting with law enforcement and the school district in the wake of the Netter murder and the then Mayor Wong indicated all she intended to do was to donate a casket.

Bill Ng, Temple City businessman, 9177 E. Las Tunas Drive, stated many businesses in this community, like his, were feeling the effects of the recession. His office building was built in 1992 and he was trying to lease out the second floor. Although most commercial areas are C-2 zoning, the zoning in his area changed with very limited commercial. He wished to bring in high quality tenants but is unable to do so because of the current zoning restrictions. He asked Council to

give a helping hand to the business community and allow more commercial uses in this business district.

Community Development Manager Lambert responded that the Mr. Ng's business is in the Gateway Commercial District of the Downtown Specific Plan, and that zoning designation can be rather stringent as it allows limited office usage. The Gateway Commercial District was originally conceived as an entertainment type district that does not allow a lot of uses otherwise allowed in other commercial zones.

Andrea Olivas, representing Beacon Media, stated the editor and publisher met with the City Manager on Monday in regard to the Temple City Tribune's contract. They asked that the contract be renewed and that this matter be placed on the City Council meeting agenda of December 15<sup>th</sup> for consideration.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Pro Tem Yu removed Items F and G from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Wong moved to approve the remainder of 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 City Council Regular Meeting of November 17, 2009;
- 2) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of November 18, 2009; and
- 3) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of November 23, 2009.

**B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2009**

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of November 10, 2009.

**C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

Received and filed the Parks and Recreation Commission actions of their meeting of November 18, 2009.

**D. RELEASE OF GRADING SECURITY FOR TRACT NO. 62946 AT 5328 A-E MCCULLOCH AVENUE**

Authorized release of security, in the amount of \$31,000.00, on completion of grading improvements on the private property at 5328 A-E McCulloch Avenue, Tract No. 62946.

**E. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A BANNER BY TEMPLE CITY PONY BASEBALL**

Approved the request by Temple City Pony Baseball to place and remove a banner advertising their enrollment period, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.

H. PETTY CASH REPORT

Received and filed the Petty Cash Report with the current charges.

I. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4647 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 09-4647, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF 4531,409.70 DEMAND NOS. 28241 THROUGH 28317.

F. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4646 APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS

The City Council was requested to consider a proposed resolution authorizing the destruction of certain records, pursuant to the Government and Elections Codes and the City's retention schedule.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu had questions concerning this item regarding a scheduled timeline for destroying records, consideration of scanning records, and in particular, budget files from 200-2001 that were listed to be destroyed.

City Clerk Flandrick stated records are usually scheduled for destruction every year or two years. The records to be destroyed must meet state and local restrictions as well as the City's own Records Retention Schedule and be reviewed by both the City Clerk and City Attorney before being presented to Council for approval. Scanning of documents is something the City Clerk's Office is planning for the future, but first feels that the retention schedule must be updated. Regarding the budget files to be destroyed, Financial Services Manager Molina explained that these were secondary copies of the budget and the Finance Department does retain the original budgets.

G. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FREER STREET ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT

The City Council was requested to award the contract for the Freer Street Asphalt Overlay Project to Elite Bobcat Services Inc. for both the base bid and Additive Alternate contract.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu stated he understood from the staff report that the contract proposal was written such that the base bid would determine the low bid, and asked of the City Attorney if it were legal to determine the low bid by the base bid only or by taking into consideration the entire package bid.

City Attorney Vail stated under the Public Contracts Code, the City has a number of options and in this case went with the base bid, and so informed all bidders.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu suggested in the future that staff consider the total bid package, and also to see in the future if the contingency could be reduced to 10%, and if exceeds a certain amount, it could be brought back to Council for consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu moved to:

approve Item F by adopting Resolution No. 09-4646, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY APPROVING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN RECORDS;

and approve Item G, by the following actions:

- 1) Accept the bid submitted by Elite Bobcat Services Inc. in the amount of \$558,384.80, plus \$83,760.20 for a 15% contingency (\$642,145.00);
- 2) Approve the required budget amendment in the amount of \$90,355.00, to cover the difference between the original budget and the total project cost. The budget amendment will be utilizing Traffic Congestion Relief funds; and
- 3) Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement,

seconded by Councilmember Wong 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

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. PROPOSED CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STUDY AND MASTER PLAN AND APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT EL MONTE AVENUE AND DAINES DRIVE UPON COMPLETION OF THE CITYWIDE TRAFFIC STUDY AND MASTER PLAN

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi reviewed his staff report, stating, at the May 19, 2009 Council meeting, staff was directed to review traffic safety at three intersections along El Monte Avenue. Traffic collision statistics from the County Sheriff's Department were investigated at that time. At the June 2, 2009 Council meeting, staff was directed to increase traffic enforcement on El Monte Avenue and was authorized to undertake a traffic engineering speed survey for El Monte Avenue. The enforcement period began June 3, 2009 to July 3, 2009 and during that time the Sheriffs issued 71 citations. At the November 3, 2009 Council meeting, staff proposed traffic calming measures for El Monte Avenue. The City Manager requested that the item be continued so that staff could prepare a proposal to proactively address traffic and safety concerns on a citywide basis.

The City currently follows Caltrans standards, which do not always effectively address local traffic and safety concerns. Staff is proposing to depart from CalTrans standards and create its own through existing resources. One of the first steps is to compile information for a citywide traffic study. A traffic vehicle count and a speed radar survey of all streets in Temple City with speed limits greater than 25 miles per hour are both budgeted for 2010. The traffic study would be brought back to Council for approval and request to solicit bids to obtain a Traffic Engineer that has experience in this process.

Staff responded to Council's questions. Public Safety Officer Ariizumi stated the current Traffic Engineer will perform the speed survey, which is done every 5 years, and the citywide traffic volume count, both of which are components of the traffic study. The suggestion of installation of a 4-way stop sign at El Monte/Daines was the initial request that prompted this process. As a result of this study, traffic calming measures will be considered to address citywide problems, including this intersection.

City Attorney Vail stated he would recommend the Traffic Study, once completed, be reviewed by the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA), for any liability issues.

City Manager Pulido stated costs of awarding the contract are speculative at this time until a scope of work is obtained. Funding has been appropriated for the study.

Councilmember Wong reminded staff to check with the JPIA for the necessary requirements.

Carl Blum, Temple City resident, suggested looking at bike routes as part of this process.

Councilmember Sternquist moved to:

- 1) direct staff to conduct a citywide traffic study to collect the necessary information to support a potential departure from the current CalTrans and HFWA guidelines and standards; and
- 2) direct staff to use the new Temple City traffic data and undertake a Citywide Traffic Calming Study and Master Plan through the RFP process,

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Yu 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

#### B. DOWNTOWN PARKING SURVEY

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi reviewed the information from the downtown parking survey conducted by Avant Garde. At the October 6, 2009 City Council meeting, Council discussed concerns expressed by citizens and business owners regarding parking in the downtown area. Robert Paz of Avant Garde offered their services to develop and conduct a parking survey in the commercial district. Avant Garde conducted 37 interviews of business owners, patrons, residents and employees.

Robert Paz, representing Avant Garde, explained the survey represents a snapshot of people who utilize parking on Las Tunas Drive between Cloverly and Kauffman. Interviews were conducted on three different occasions. He presented the results of the surveys as included in the agenda packet. Also included are unedited comments received which indicate people's perceptions, how they patronize the businesses, and altered shopping patterns.

In response to the City Council, Mr. Paz recommended for Council to consider the creation of a parking district as a fiduciary way to address parking and mobility issues, i.e. how people get to and from the downtown area and utilize traffic. He indicated he would like to discuss this as well as other recommendations, and if it coordinates with the direction staff wants to go, he would like to facilitate or support that direction.

Discussion continued regarding downtown employer/employee parking concerns and the possible use of a portion of the District's parking lot. Councilmember Sternquist suggested encouraging business owners to upgrade their back entrances to make them more accessible.

Councilmember Wong moved to direct staff to come back with a report in one month with recommendations and alternate solutions using the results of the Downtown Parking Survey conducted by Avant Garde, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried.

#### C FARMER'S MARKET INFORMATION FROM AVANT GARDE

Community Development Manager Lambert stated, at the October 20, 2009 City Council meeting, Avant Garde agreed to study the feasibility of a Temple City Farmer's Market. Avant Garde and the Chamber of Commerce were asked to work together to draft the framework for a potential farmer's market and their agenda report includes the benefits of a farmer's market, site selection analysis and operations and management analysis.

Robert Paz, representing Avant Garde, and Linda Payne, Chamber President and CEO, presented the results of their study to the City Council.

Mr. Paz stated three sites were considered: Temple City Park adjacent to City Hall, the 5900 block of Temple City Boulevard (between Las Tunas and Woodruff), and the 5800 block of Temple City Boulevard between Workman and Las Tunas, with their recommendation being the third option – the 5800 block of Temple City Boulevard. This site allows for good exposure, traffic calming, access to parking, better landscaping and the fact that several impacted merchants close for the evening.

Several days of the week were considered with the recommended day selection to be Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday evenings proved to be a good day because only two other cities nearby hold competing events on this day. A night time festival would attract families, catch the departing daytime workforce, drive commuters along Las Tunas and bring life to the sleepy downtown.

Regarding management of the farmer's market, they recommended contracting with a proven operator to increase the percentage of success and limit the learning curve of starting up the activity. They recommended a local contractor, Family Festival Productions, Inc., as they demonstrated a history of success and have operated in Monrovia for the past 18 years. They are self contained and provide all aspects of a Certified Farmer's Market, including a children's play zone, vendors, food court and live entertainment.

Ms. Payne stated the Chamber and Avant Garde have done a lot of research and interviewed people to obtain their recommendations.

Council discussed the recommendations and Ms. Payne and Mr. Paz responded to questions, stating local businesses and vendors would get first priority and impacted businesses would have added concessions to participate. It was also recommended the Chamber receive a start up fee from the City to enter into business with this operation.

In response to Mayor Vizcarra, Mr. Paz indicated he had not reviewed this information with the City Manager or staff.

Dave Gammon, representing Family Festival Productions, provided information on the company and indicated Tuesdays would be the only day they are available, but felt that Tuesdays would also be the optimum night for this community.

Mayor Vizcarra suggested that the City Manager or his designee work with Avant Garde and the Chamber and come back to the Council with a proposal with costs for Council to make a decision.

Mary Kokayko, Temple City resident, suggested Council may be moving too fast and felt that Tuesday would not be a good day as it is Council and Commission meeting day and Temple City Boulevard would not be a good site as it is like a freeway with people going home from work.

Councilmember Wong moved to direct staff to work with Avant Garde and the Chamber to bring back a proposal for a Farmer's Market with costs for Council's consideration at

the January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried.

D. CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO REMODEL THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Assistant to the City Manager Flod stated, per Council direction, staff obtained options for remodeling the City Council Chambers. He and Public Services Manager Tidwell met with several contractors/consultants to obtain cost estimates based on three remodeling proposals. Option 1 is a minimal renovation with a cost estimate of \$103,000, taking into account primary elements of seating, paneling, removing the popcorn ceiling, light fixture replacement and microphone replacement and new dais chairs. Option 2 is a moderate renovation with new audience seating, fabric wall panels, removal of the popcorn ceiling, carpet replacement and new dais and chairs, with a cost estimate of \$402,200. Option 3 is a complete renovation with a cost estimate of \$757,800. One of the items taken under consideration was fabric wall panels for acoustics and replacing the microphones to improve the sound.

Assistant to the City Manager Flod answered questions of Council regarding the different proposal elements.

Mayor Vizcarra suggested minimizing the detail and focusing on what serves Council best to provide staff direction on flushing out the details more and staying within budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu thought it premature in trying to determine what needs to be done and felt an assessment identifying needs was called for. Council has to be careful how it spends budgeted money. He thought staff needs to come back with a needs assessment identifying why we need to do certain things and then determine how much to spend.

Councilmember Chavez felt the items need to be prioritized as to need and perhaps Council could help staff with that.

Councilmember Sternquist thought option 3 was out of the question, but some of the items on the lists are reasonable and would make a difference. Upgrades to the seating are necessary and also suggested a flat screen TV with projector would add a lot to the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Wong suggested getting an estimate of an air system which also seems to have an effect on the microphones.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, said she felt the most important item was the sound and also improving the video screen. This room has not been updated in many years but take care of what is necessary first. Also it would be nice to have a handout for this item to follow the costs.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, said he liked the idea of having the seating redone.

Carl Blum, Temple City resident, suggested having a couple of screens to see visual presentations of agenda items.

Mayor Vizcarra stated Mayor Pro Tem Yu mentioned a needs assessment. Now that staff has done the ground work, maybe we need a priority of needs in the form of a menu. So first we need to get into the physical needs and then we can identify those and come back with prices on what was agreed upon.

Mayor Vizcarra appointed himself and Mayor Pro Tem Yu to a Council Ad Hoc Committee to assist staff in determining the needed options.

Councilmember Wong moved to direct staff to work with the Ad Hoc Committee to bring back a needs assessment regarding items to be replaced or refurbished in the Chambers and obtain costs for recommendation to Council, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council meeting was recessed at 9:38 p.m. and reconvened at 9:51 with all Councilmembers present.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGARDING THE CITY'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs reviewed her staff report, stating for the past several months the Parks and Recreation Commission's four subcommittees have been working with staff in planning and promoting the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The four subcommittees - Activities/Events, Commemorative Items, Publicity, and Ways & Means, have developed ideas and suggestions for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and have provided those recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission for Council's consideration and approval.

The Commission recommended that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary be celebrated throughout 2010 and incorporated into the City's events in addition to special anniversary activities. A recommendation of winning entries to a slogan contest will be presented for Council's approval, along with a logo design and City anniversary seal. Commemorative items will be available for sale and as giveaways. A special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary page will be designed for the City's website advertising upcoming events, items for sale, etc. All non-profit organizations will be invited to submit their 2010 special events and activities for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary sanctioning for use of the official 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo and promotion. Also, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary decorative flags and posters may be sold.

Each of the Commission's recommendations was presented in turn with a short summary by Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs. Council discussed each item, with consensus for the following:

- 1) approved the recommendation that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary be commemorated throughout 2010 at all City annual events with specific events being planned for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as identified on the "City of Temple City – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events" list;
- 2) selected the following slogan contest sweepstakes winner from the three top entries selected by the Commission: "Celebrating 50 Years as a Community"; and
- 3) approved other miscellaneous items as recommended.

The City Council also directed staff to bring back a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo for formal approval by Council at the next Council meeting.

**9. COMMUNICATIONS – None**

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

At 10:27 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 10:28 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

- 11. **ACTION ON REQUEST BY CRA** – None
- 12. **UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER** – None
- 13. **MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS** – None
- 14. **COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Councilmember Chavez reported that the City/School District Ad Hoc Committee met yesterday and discussed a number of issues. One issue involved potential joint use projects, in particular refurbishing the gym at Oak Avenue School. Staff felt there may be grant money available through Prop 84 and it was agreed the City would explore this further. It was his recommendation to direct staff to look further into the possibility of using Prop 84 grant funds if available and report back to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu offered to work with staff if this comes to fruition as he has designed gymnasiums during his career.

Councilmember Chavez moved to direct staff to look further into Prop 84 grant funding for refurbishing the Oak Avenue School gym floor, seconded by Councilmember Wong and unanimously carried.

City Manager Pulido clarified that the intent is for the School District to apply for the grant and the City to co-apply. The request is for authority to use staff time and resources to explore this grant further. There are no matching funds requirements.

Councilmember Chavez stated the Committee also discussed the use of a portion of the District's parking lot. The District had no major objections and this may be part of future plans. Also City Manager Pulido suggested a "Safe Routes to School" program to be incorporated into the proposed traffic calming study and to include bike routes. Also, the District Committee Members were excited about the Youth Committee and looked forward to working with the City in creating interest with the different schools. Lastly, the Committee recommended a full Council/District meeting in January.

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

A. **COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ**

Councilmember Chavez asked what was happening with Gabriel's store property.

Community Development Manager Lambert responded a tea house has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the property to be scheduled before the Planning Commission in January. Gabriel's has already moved to a smaller space.

In response to Councilmember Sternquist regarding the two newly approved restaurants, Community Development Manager Lambert stated one restaurant has come in for a building plan check.

B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST

1) Code Enforcement Update – Business District/Spreadsheet Proposal

Councilmember Sternquist requested a code enforcement update with follow-through so Council would have information of code enforcement cases with progress of enforcement actions on each case, in a spreadsheet format if possible. She also inquired if the Avant Garde recommendations as to the downtown were being implemented and an update on the response to the City's code enforcement flyer.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi stated about 4-5 years ago a code enforcement report was provided to Council listing details on outstanding code enforcement cases. If Council wishes, a monthly update of habitual offenders could be provided with status updates. Regarding the code enforcement flyer that was sent to businesses, there has not been any feedback as yet. Code enforcement will be going out to the businesses in conjunction with the City Manager's new goals and priorities for the code enforcement program.

City Attorney Vail cautioned about releasing information on pending code enforcement cases, unless it is generalized information. Specific information of pending cases would have to be confidential to the Council and City Manager only.

Mayor Vizcarra asked the Code Enforcement Division to provide a code enforcement update report.

2) Library Donation for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 50 Books for 50 Years

Councilmember Sternquist suggested advertising as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that the City would donate 50 books to the Library which would promote other groups to do the same. The Library is willing to put a sticker in each donated book indicating that it was donated by the City in honor of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs suggested instead of the City donating the books, to advertise that it would collect 50 books for the Library as part of its anniversary celebration.

Susan Schlaeger, Temple City Library Manager, said the idea was very good, but they also wanted to be careful they did not end up with multiple copies of the same title and suggested a wish list for donations. They could also use the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary seal for a bookplate if possible.

C. COUNCILMEMBER WONG

Councilmember Wong said she had requested to have the discussion about the Youth Committee placed under the Mayor's initiative to clarify that the Council did not appoint her to the committee – she volunteered to serve in that position. Councilmember Sternquist recommended a rotation of Council liaisons to the Committee, so she was only volunteering for the first meeting, then other Councilmembers would attend following meetings. She suggested if any other Councilmember wished to be the first liaison, she could be the last one, or they wish to not have her as liaison at all, that would be okay with her too.

Councilmember Wong thanked the public speaker that mentioned her donating a casket to the Netter family, but actually the casket and the funeral service were contributed to the family by a non-profit group.

Councilmember Wong mentioned having difficulty with her blackberry connection in attempting to contact City Hall with a report of fallen street lamp over the 4-day holidays. She requested staff look into the email problem. Mayor Vizcarra and Councilmember Sternquist also mentioned some problems with their service.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM YU

Mayor Pro Tem Yu noted, in the spirit of building and strengthening community, all of the Council's email addresses are on the City's website.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA

Mayor Vizcarra suggested Council consider another date after the first of the year to visit the Homestead House, and to coordinate dates with staff.

1) Discussion Regarding Youth Committee

Mayor Vizcarra asked for a resolution regarding the Youth Committee. When this issue came up, it was not clear who would be participating. There was mention of rotation and he asked if a member of Council wished to participate on this Committee.

Councilmembers discussed the issue, with agreement to serve on a rotating basis.

Mayor Vizcarra appointed Councilmember Chavez to attend the first meeting and then Council would decide on the next Council liaison.

Mayor Vizcarra announced that the City Council conducted interviews for the City Attorney position last Monday and selected the firm of Burke, Williams and Sorensen to remain as legal counsel for the City, with Eric Vail to be the City Attorney.

City Attorney Vail thanked Council on behalf of his firm and said it was a pleasure to have gone through the competitive process and he looked forward to serving as the City's Attorney.

**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 Kokayko, Temple City resident, hoped Council would reconsider the seating arrangement on the dais and seat the City Manager and City Attorney on the dais with the Council, as it was previously.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, said she appreciated the City Manager's Report as it is very well written. She questioned the reference of customer service training to staff as she has been coming to the City for many years and has always been treated respectfully and been provided information. She also realized the City tries to get information to the residents as soon as possible, and she appreciated that, but wondered if there was too much of a rush with the chance of missing something.

**18. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk