

**CITY OF TEMPLE CITY
TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Meeting to order and Vice President Matt Smith called the School District Board Meeting to order at 7:05 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, City Clerk Flandrick

PRESENT: Board Member-Rhee, Ridley, Walker, Smith
ABSENT: Board Member-LaSota

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Kang-Smith, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Burkardt

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vizcarra led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

5. STATE OF THE CITY UPDATE

Mayor Vizcarra stated the Council had a study session for a mid-year review of the current budget last evening. He read from the City Manager's report, stating during the budget session, a question was raised regarding Temple City's reserves, which is a common question. As of June 30, 2009, the reserve balance of all Temple City funds was \$37,121,809. The General Fund is separated by two categories: Reserved Funds and Unreserved Funds. Reserved funds are used to account for loans that have been advanced to other agencies and businesses. The total Reserved General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009 is \$2,563,065. Unreserved Funds are separated by two subcategories: Designated and Undesignated. Designated Funds are funds used for retirement costs and one-time expenditures. The total Designated Unreserved General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009, is \$17,838,227. Undesignated Funds are funds that can be used for any purpose and are available for day-to-day operations. The total Undesignated Unreserved General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009 is \$4,214,305.

City Manager Pulido gave a brief review of the Special Funds. Special Funds are used to account for specific revenues that are legally restricted to expenditures for a particular purpose. Temple City has about 20 different Special Revenue Funds used for various restricted programs. As of June 30, 2009, the total Special Revenue Balance is \$12,506,212. Examples of special funds are:

- **Vehicle Safety Funds**, which are used to account for the Vehicle Code fines which are expended for traffic safety enforcement;

- **Proposition A Funds**, which are used to account for the City's share of additional sales tax collected from the County of Los Angeles as a result of Proposition A, and are used to finance public transportation projects;
- **Gas Tax Funds**, which are used to account for the City's proportionate share of gas tax monies collected by the State of California, and are used for street construction, street maintenance and engineering, and administrative expenses;
- **Park Acquisition Funds**, which are used to account for City, imposed fees from the construction of new dwellings within the City. These funds are used for the acquisition and/or improvement of neighborhood or community parks; and
- **Lighting and Landscape District Fund**, which is used to account for assessments and ad valorem taxes, which are used for the operation and maintenance of street lights, traffic signals, trees, and parkways within the City. This Fund has been running a deficit of \$200,000 each year for the last five years, so it has cost the City approximately \$1M over the last five years to provide these services.

City Manager Pulido stated the City has seen a decrease in both property and sales tax revenues. Adjustments were made at mid-year and next fiscal year we will have to budget more frugally.

STATE OF THE DISTRICT UPDATE

Vice President Smith stated the Board was looking at a reduction of \$4.5M over the next several years and will be holding a special meeting next week to address it.

Superintendent Kang-Smith stated the District has undergone challenges since last school year. However, even under these conditions, every one of the schools has improved in the Academic Performance Index (API). Not only in academics do the schools excel, but also in athletics and performing arts. It is the service oriented activities and events that give to the community and provide a good sense of building citizenship.

As requested by Mayor Vizcarra, Councilmember Chavez reported on the City/School District Ad Hoc Committee meetings, stating the Committee has discussed many issues, most of which have to do with future joint projects and how each body can help the other, such as use of the parking facilities. From a general standpoint, the Committee meetings have been very positive and produced some good ideas. The Committee has discussed possible joint ventures such as the gym at Oak Avenue, construction of a new pool, and how the District can help with the downtown areas and parking issues.

Vice President Smith concurred that it has been a good relationship, and stated the District appreciates City Manager Pulido's assistance in applying for joint grants with the City.

6. AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs stated the City asked for this item to be on the agenda to get an early start on it. Last year there was discussion regarding payment that delayed having an agreement in place by July 1st. Currently the City is paying \$20,000 to the District to equalize the use of facilities through this fiscal year.

In response to Councilmember Chavez, Director Burroughs stated the use of facilities has been working out very well with a few minor issues resolved. Regarding a possible decrease in the number of programs as discussed at the budget meeting last evening, it was still early to tell if the numbers will pick up.

Board Member Rhee suggested that the replacement of the gym floors at Oak Avenue this summer be taken into consideration regarding the use of facilities.

Superintendent Kang-Smith explained the type of flooring that was preferred and the estimated construction time.

Councilmember Chavez stated the Ad Hoc Committee Has been discussing about partnering with the District on the gym floor and asked for some possible dates for the next ad hoc committee meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu asked for clarification regarding the joint use agreement and if the \$20,000 per fiscal year was still on the table.

Superintendent Kang-Smith stated there was no agreement at this point for next year and wished to begin tonight to discuss it. It could be tied into the next agenda item as well if the City contributed funds to assist with the gym flooring. Both need to be tied together as the cost of flooring is \$80,000, so half would be \$40,000, and the \$20,000 per year would be on top of that, not in place of it. The gym is continually used and also to be considered is the cost of utilities.

Board Member Ridley stated, in terms of time usage, the City is using District facilities about 4,000 hours per year and the District is using City facilities about 40-100 hours, which is very minimal use. The Oak Avenue gym is used quite a bit and also has an impact on District staff and wear and tear. He believed the \$20,000 was an attempt to equalize and help with utility costs.

The City Council and Board discussed the joint use agreement and the costs and usage associated with the use of facilities. The Ad Hoc committee will work on the issues involved and costs to report back to the Council and Board.

7. POTENTIAL FUTURE JOINT PROJECTS

Vice President Smith indicated the District is pursuing long term grants. Regarding bonds, the District has decided not to pursue any new bond issues due to the economic times, and instead are considering a parcel tax to pursue in lieu of a bond.

Councilmember Sternquist suggested ADA grants may be possible for gym funding if the gym is used for kids with disabilities.

City Manager Pulido stated that the City has submitted requests for congressional appropriations and one of particular interest involves the design and construction of the Oak Avenue gym for about \$900,000. Requests for approximately the same amount were submitted for the design and construction drawings for the pool, and the library as well.

Councilmember Chavez mentioned another project funding request of benefit is the Safe Routes to School which would have a definite impact.

City Manager Pulido stated, at the January 19 Council meeting, he was directed to enter into discussions with the District regarding use of surplus parking at the District lot for employees and/or public parking. He met with Superintendent Kang-Smith and discussed a number of different scenarios which he will address with the ad hoc committee, once he has made sure it is legally feasible.

Superintendent Kang-Smith confirmed the District is in dialogue regarding the parking issue, but added that if they were not facing this budget crisis, there would have been some hesitation.

Board Member Ridley stated he would be reluctant in selling as it would diminish the value to the District property. It is a shared resource and he would have no problem with a long-term lease. He stated one of the common challenges both bodies face is having enough open space for parks and activities, so it makes sense where there is a shared resource that the facilities be used for the maximum value for the community.

Discussion continued regarding the sharing of service contracts and the opportunity of joint review of large projects.

Councilmember Chavez provided information on the new Youth Committee and the opportunity to get more input and ideas from the student population and what they would like to see in the City.

Mayor Vizcarra informed everyone of the Census Ad Hoc Committee which was formed to promote participation in the census and asked the District to provide a student representative to attend those meetings.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS

Councilmember Chavez suggested the City and District keep working toward setting new goals and keeping the lines of communication open for the betterment of both bodies.

Board Members Walker and Ridley agreed we are all here for the same reason as our goals are much the same. They appreciated the relationship with the City and its value to the community.

Councilmember Sternquist echoed that both bodies are here for the community and was excited to move forward in looking at joint projects.

Councilmember Wong thanked staff and the Board.

Board Member Rhee thanked the City for paying attention to the library and hoped there would be appropriation funding available to make it better.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu said he was very excited with the relationship to the School Board. There is a need to come together and share facilities. He was very happy to be invited to Oak Avenue gym and felt there was great progress made since the last joint meeting.

Superintendent Kang-Smith thanked Mayor Pro Tem Yu and Councilmember Sternquist for coming out to visit the gym and appreciated the fact that the City is listening to our students and looking at our facility needs. She also thanked Mayor Vizcarra and Councilmember Chavez and Board Members Smith and Rhee for working together on the ad hoc committee.

Vice President Smith added we are all in the same place and appreciated working toward a common interest.

Patrick Horton, Temple City resident, spoke of his role with the newly formed Youth Committee which relies on the participation of Temple City students for its best success. He encouraged District students to apply to this committee and take advantage of the opportunity to work with government officials.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, said two years ago he would never have thought this kind of meeting could take place and would like to see more of it.

Mayor Vizcarra reminded everyone this is the City's 50th anniversary and there are a lot of activities revolving around that. Also, the Camellia Festival will be held in a couple of weeks.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Joint Meeting of the City Council and the School District Board was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk