

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 16, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEM**

Mayor Vizcarra stated the City Council, at their Special Meeting of last evening, March 15<sup>th</sup>, approved appointment of Carl Blum to the City Council. At this time there is a need to add an item to the agenda to ratify that appointment by adoption of a resolution. This need for action arose after the agenda for this meeting was posted. It was recommended that Council, by a four-fifths vote, determine there is a need to add this item to the agenda and to adopt a resolution formally appointing Mr. Blum to the City Council.

Councilmember Sternquist moved to make a finding that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the City Council after the agenda for March 16, 2010 meeting was posted, and to add this item as a subsequent need item on the agenda: Adoption of Resolution No. 10-4660 Appointing Carl L. Blum to the City Council, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilmember Sternquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4660, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING CARL L. BLUM TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE SEAT DEEMED VACANT DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF JUDY WONG, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Clerk Flandrick administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Blum. Mr. Blum was then seated on the dais.

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS**

**A. PRESENTATION OF “50 BOOKS FOR 50 YEARS” TO TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY**

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs stated as part of the City’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, the City has been collecting books and DVDs since January for donation to the Temple City Library. Over 30 businesses and organizations and over 100 individuals have participated, passing the initial goal of 50 books. It is hoped that many more will be collected.

Susan Schlaeger, Library Manager, accepted the books and thanked those who have participated.

Councilmember Sternquist challenged all employees to participate and thanked those who have already donated books.

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

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, welcomed Mr. Blum and said he was excited with what he sees on the platform. He felt that this Council along with the new City Manager and City Attorney will move the City forward into the future.

David Palmer, Pastor of First United Methodist Church, stated his congregation was very excited about the City’s partnership with Habitat, as they had a chance to work on a Habitat landscaping project in Monrovia. The Church voiced its support and wishes to join the City on a Habitat project here.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Blum stated he would abstain from voting on Item A, Approval of Minutes, as he was not present at the subject meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of February 23, 2010.

**C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A STREET BANNER BY TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Approved the request by Temple City Unified School District for City staff to place and remove a street banner publicizing the Free Health Fair, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A STREET BANNER BY TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Approved the request by Temple City Unified School District for City staff to place and remove a street banner publicizing the STAR test, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.

E. ACCEPTANCE OF BID AND AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE TEMPLE CITY PARK WALKWAY LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT

Accepted the bid submitted by Stars Electric in the amount of \$19,800.00 for the Temple City Park Walkway Lighting Retrofit Project (P10-02); authorized a 10% contingency; and authorized the City Manager to sign the related Agreement.

F. VISA CARD REPORT

Received and filed the Visa Card Report with the current charges.

G. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MATHIS CONSULTING GROUP

- 1) Approved the Professional Services Agreement with the Mathis Consulting Group to coordinate and facilitate the City Council Goal Setting Workshop in an amount not to exceed \$8,000; and
- 2) Amended the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2010 City Manager's Division budget accordingly.

H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4659 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A CALTRANS COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING (CBTP) GRANT

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4659, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY, ACCEPT, AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR A CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMUNITY BASED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011.

I. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4656 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4656, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$236,307.02 DEMAND NOS. 28867 THROUGH 28975.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Council was requested to approve:

- 1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 2, 2010; and
- 2) Minutes of the Joint City Council/Planning Commission Special Meeting of March 4, 2010.

Councilmember Yu moved to approve Item A, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-931: A ZONING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT (ZC 09-1750) TO CONDITIONALLY PERMIT THE STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS IN THE HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-3) ZONE

Community Development Manager Lambert stated, on January 19, 2010, the City Council conducted a public hearing and directed staff to prepare an ordinance to conditionally permit the storage of recreational vehicles and boats in the C-3 (Heavy Commercial) Zone. On March 2, 2010, the City Council conducted another public hearing and approved the proposed ordinance with two amendments. Staff presented the amended ordinance for second reading and adoption by Council.

The amendments made by Council were:

Item C. The area of the subject site designated for storage shall be screened from view of the public right of way by a six-foot high view obscuring fence or wall; and

Item D. Access to the storage area on the site shall be controlled through a locking gate and access to the storage area shall only be permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and shall not occur during peak traffic hours.

At the request of Council, City Clerk Flandrick read the title of Ordinance No. 10-931.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 10-931, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Blum moved to adopt Ordinance No. 10-931, an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY AMENDING THE TEMPLE CITY ZONING CODE TO ALLOW THE COMMERCIAL STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND BOATS IN THE HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-3) ZONE WITH THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE F, PART 2, 9202: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, WHEN REQUIRED; AND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE N. PART 4, 9390.A: PERMITTED USES IN THE HEAVY COMMERCIAL (C-3) ZONE, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. PUBLIC HEARING: APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 09-1747 TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY THAT WOULD BE CAMOUFLAGED AS A "MONOPINE" (PINE TREE) AT 5221 EL MONTE AVENUE

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez recused himself as he lives in close proximity to this area.

Community Development Manager Lambert reviewed his staff report, stating on October 13, 2009, the Planning Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit request to construct a "monopine" wireless telecommunication facility at 5221 El Monte Avenue. That decision was appealed by a nearby resident. On November 17, 2009, the City Council conducted a public hearing to consider the Conditional Use Permit appeal and that hearing was continued to December 15, 2009, to allow the applicant time to present different design options for the proposed wireless telecommunication facility.

At the December 15, 2009 meeting, the public hearing was continued again, this time to a date uncertain, for approximately 60 days. The applicant was asked to explore more design options and alternate locations. At this time, the applicant has stated that there are no feasible alternate site locations, but has submitted new design options for the same site. The new designs are: monopine, monopalm, and mono-eucalyptus and are proposed for an alternate location on the site which would allow enough space for the applicant to plant two real trees for camouflage. The applicant prefers any of the camouflaged "tree" options and is willing to locate the pole in either location on the site, but will construct any of the previous or current options presented.

The staff report from the November 17, 2009 meeting included a detailed analysis of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process, the appeal process, and provided an analysis to assist the Council in reviewing the project. One of the main issues brought up by the public was aesthetic impacts.

With the aid of a power point presentation, Community Development Manager Lambert reviewed the nine different options provided by the applicant and identified locations of existing T-Mobile cell tower sites in Temple City.

Mayor Vizcarra opened the public hearing.

Maryann Harwood, representing T-Mobile, requested approval of their wireless facility at the El Monte location. At the last meeting, a site at Midway Plaza was suggested. T-Mobile contacted the property owner who denied the proposal. The current proposal using the camouflaged tree design was shown on a photo simulation. It would be disguised with two live trees similar to other broadleaf trees in the area. The height of the pole would stay the same.

Ms. Harwood and Alonzo Lugo, representing T-Mobile, responded to questions from the Council in providing information regarding the pole covering.

Peter Serdarusich, Temple City resident, stated the main issues of concern were the location of the facility in an R-1 zone and the aesthetic value of the tower in this location. He felt that T-Mobile did not make extensive efforts to find another location. Now with nine options, he felt this issue should go back to the Planning Commission. He requested Council not to vote on this issue tonight, but to tell T-Mobile what is wanted and have them design it and bring it back.

Gregg Alfuegren, Temple City resident, stated the issue was not so much design as about people who did not want this in their neighborhood. He understood that 51% of people interviewed did not want the tower there in their area. He thought that was the issue, not the design or looks of it.

In response to Councilmember Sternquist, City Attorney Vail stated the City is somewhat hampered because it does not have a telecommunications ordinance that provides objective location standards. It does have a CUP process through which basic findings

must be made. He spoke further of what Council may or may not consider in making a determination on this issue.

Ann Baziak stated she was one of the 51% that sees this as Mr. Serdarusich sees it. This is a very small church and the house next door is bigger looking. Seeing the slides tonight with this towering over the church was not very appealing.

Mr. Lugo, representing T-Mobile, stated there is a significant gap in coverage in this area and half of all 911 calls are made by wireless phones.

Anthony Serdarusich stated residents are heavily opposed to this and felt data from the police department regarding 911 calls should be reviewed. He asked for a continuance on this item as more research should be conducted. There are health risks involved and he disputed the fact that a facility is needed here. There are plenty of other locations and this affects a lot of people. It needs to be inspected further.

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

Mayor Vizcarra stated statistics can be taken all kinds of ways and there is a lot of information on both sides that is not necessarily accurate or proven. The Council is elected to represent the residents and listen to their concerns and they must also consider legal issues.

Councilmember Sternquist said she would like to see the City set up some preferred and non-preferred areas that protect our residents within the limits of the law. She was not totally convinced that the coverage gap is as large as T-Mobile states and would like to deny the request based on aesthetics as the proposed design does not look good in that area.

Councilmember Yu stated putting cell towers in a single residential zone is never a good thing, but there has to be some kind of policy that is well thought out. Council can consider adverse effects of use and enjoyment of adjoining properties. The eucalyptus design does look better but you would still know it is a cell tower and he was not sure he could support that.

Councilmember Blum stated locating cell towers in residential areas is undesirable. There was really a lack of good evidence presented and good information supplied by the survey also. The R-1 Zone remains the key issue.

City Attorney Vail counseled the City Council regarding the findings that would have to be included in a resolution of denial. And if the Council denies the request, the applicant still has the opportunity to challenge the decision in court.

Councilmember Sternquist moved to deny the application based on its failure to meet all the required findings, specifically the failure to locate the facility so as not to have adverse effects on adjoining properties, seconded by Councilmember Yu and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

City Attorney Vail noted that a Negative Declaration was prepared for this project and one of the elements in that document is aesthetics. The City originally noted that the project

would not have a demonstrable negative effect and Council is disagreeing with that opinion. The camouflage design cannot fully mitigate the aesthetics issue and the scale of the monopine has not been diminished.

Council concurred that all of the nine design options were visually unappealing and out of scale to the neighborhood and location.

City Attorney Vail stated a resolution of denial would be brought back to Council at their meeting of April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez resumed the dais.

RECESS/RECONVENE

The City Council meeting was recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4657 – MAYOR’S APPOINTMENTS TO CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND DELEGATES/ALTERNATES TO OTHER AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS

The City Council was requested to review the list of City Council committee and delegate appointments representing the City of Temple City at meetings of other governmental agencies or community organizations and to consider proposed Resolution No. 10-4657 making appointments to said agencies and organizations.

Mayor Vizcarra noted that Mr. Blum was appointed to the Council after the list was put together and asked for suggested revisions to the appointments.

At the request of Council, Commissioner Dan Arrighi provided information on the Upper San Gabriel Valley Water District meetings. The City Council discussed the appointments and concurred with the following.

TEMPLE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Liaison: Councilmember Blum

CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION (CCCA)

Delegate: Councilmember Blum  
Alternate: Councilmember Sternquist

JOINT POWERS INSURANCE AUTHORITY

Delegate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez  
Alternate: Councilmember Sternquist

L.A. COUNTY CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE

Delegate: Councilmember Yu  
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ANIMAL CONTROL

Delegate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez  
Alternate: Mayor Vizcarra

UPPER SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Delegate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez  
Alternate: Councilmember Sternquist

FOOTHILL TRANSIT ZONE

Delegate: Councilmember Sternquist  
Alternate: Councilmember Yu

L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT

Mayoral Delegate: Mayor Vizcarra  
Alternate: Councilmember Yu

MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT

Delegate: Ken Gillanders

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Delegate: Mayor Vizcarra  
Alternate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez

TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Delegate: Mayor Pro Tem Chavez  
Alternate: Councilmember Yu

Mayor Vizcarra suggested, due to Council's conflicts with meeting times, that the appointment to the Sister City organization be made from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4657, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES, with the exception of the Sister City organization, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

C. CITY CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEMPLE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ASSIST IN THE PURCHASE AND MAILING OF THE CHAMBER'S *TEMPLE CITY LIFESTYLE* MAGAZINE

Assistant to the City Manager Flod summarized his staff report, providing background information and publication/distribution costs regarding the *Temple City Lifestyle* magazine.

In 2008, the City provided seed money to the Chamber to launch their *Temple City Lifestyle* magazine. The Council approved the amount of \$12,000 for the publication of 15,000 copies plus up to \$5,000 for mailing to every address in Temple City. The \$12,000 was to be reimbursed back to the City. The Chamber reimbursed about \$4,900 back to the City out of the advertising revenue, leaving a net cost to the city of \$7,100.

For the upcoming 2010 edition, the Chamber is contractually obligated to purchase 5,000 copies of the magazine. The Chamber is requesting \$13,800 for an additional 8,000 copies plus \$5,000 for delivery costs for a total of \$18,800. In return, the Chamber is promising to turn over all advertising revenues to the City. Additionally, the City may wish to also purchase advertising space in the magazine to tout the City's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Linda Payne, Chamber President, stated the Chamber is asking for help in buying the extra copies to mail the magazine to all residences, businesses and Chamber members as it did before. The magazine is a tool the Chamber would like to use to encourage

people to shop in Temple City as every business in the City is listed in the directory in the back of the magazine. There is also a lot of interest this year as they hope to make it a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition.

Mary Kokayko, Temple City resident, stated she would prefer to see this money used for something better. It has only been two years since the first edition and she preferred the Chamber monthly paper which has all of its business listed in the back or the City's quarterly newsletter, or to see an electronic billboard that would advertise upcoming meetings, etc.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, said she remembered the first copy and thought it was well done and was surprised to know there were so many businesses in Temple City. She thought it would be good for the City to contribute as it gives publicity for the City.

City Attorney Vail provided information on the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regulations regarding mass media mailings which prohibit featuring an elected official prominently, but he believed this problem could be avoided with this publication.

Councilmember Sternquist said she would like to see a new edition. She took out the old edition and went through it and was reminded of the different places she hadn't thought about for some time.

Councilmember Yu was in support of the proposal and totally agreed with Ms. Burke in feeling that it was very well done, and there have also been a lot of changes in the last two years. Also, in light of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary, it would be a great instrument to get the message out there and to advertise and support our businesses.

Councilmember Blum stated, as we look forward to upgrading the downtown area, we need to create an awareness and excitement in what we have and to take the opportunity to educate people of the changes along Las Tunas.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez felt there were advantages to the City for these types of expenditures. As Liaison to the Chamber, he has been privy to many discussions of events and activities tying into the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and suggested Council receive a proof of the magazine to ensure that photos of Council attending events would not be violating the FPPC regulations. He believed this edition of the magazine could work hand in hand with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, highlight City events and may even be a keepsake of this celebration. He was fully supportive of contributing toward the publication.

Councilmember Blum moved to:

- 1) Approve a total appropriation of \$18,800, of which an amount not to exceed \$13,800 would be used by the Temple City Chamber of Commerce to purchase an additional 8,000 copies of the *Temple City Lifestyle* magazine, plus an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to mail copies of the magazine to all residences in Temple City with reimbursement to the City of some portion of the \$13,800 out of the advertising revenues from the magazine; and
- 2) Amend the adopted Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget accordingly,

seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

**9. COMMUNICATIONS – None**

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

At 9:46 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 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

At 9:47 p.m., the City Council recessed to the Community Development and Housing Authority Meeting. Minutes of the Authority are set forth in full in the Authority's records.

**RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL**

The City Council Meeting was reconvened at 9:56 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 – None**

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

**A. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST**

Councilmember Sternquist said she noticed in the Star's real estate section that another Primrose property was on the market opposite the property the City purchased previously and asked that staff look into it for parking purposes.

Councilmember Sternquist suggested that Council consider a 5K run as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities, which could be coordinated through the Sheriff's Department.

**B. COUNCILMEMBER YU**

Councilmember Yu formally welcomed Councilmember Blum and said he looked forward to working with him on the City Council.

**C. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM**

Councilmember Blum asked where the City was at in regard to emergency preparedness and planning.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi stated currently the City along with other Cities is updating its emergency plan with the assistance of the County. There have been discussions about outsourcing or ramping up our efforts and the Council may wish to attend basic training provided by National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Mayor Vizcarra stated, in the meantime, we need to know what our response will be and if we have a rallying point, emergency supplies, etc.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi stated the City would be covered under the emergency plan standard operating procedures in coordination with the County.

Councilmember Yu stated one of the things we discussed when asking for federal funding was the need to upgrade our emergency response center which is currently in the Library basement.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez suggested staff prepare a report to update Council as to where we are now and recommendations of what we still need in regard to emergency response preparedness.

City Manager Pulido stated this item will be brought back to Council at the second meeting in April.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez also welcomed Councilmember Blum to the Council. By his contributions, it is evident he will bring his experience and knowledge and dedication in serving our community.

1) Request that the City begin to Establish a Historic Preservation Program as Part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez requested that the Council consider a historic preservation program. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary discussions brought to mind a raised awareness of our City's history and he didn't know if the City was doing enough to acknowledge or preserve our City's heritage. Every two years the Los Angeles Conservancy puts together a report that grades historic preservation. The last one was in 2008 and Temple City got an "F". Many surrounding cities got good grades and he thought this might be the time to approve the commission of a bust of our founder. He felt the passage of an ordinance to help preserve our historic sites would start the ball rolling, and could also result in a tax savings for property owners. A couple of weeks ago the Council heard a presentation concerning commercial corridors and combined with the history of a city, historic sites serve as anchors. Simple things like acknowledging the name of a street with a plaque fit in with the theory of making a city walk friendly. The time has come to think about things like that.

City Manager Pulido stated he is hoping to have a goals setting session for Council in April and the feedback from that will give good direction.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA

Mayor Vizcarra welcomed Councilmember Blum and said he knew he would be an asset on the Council.

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

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

Susan Schlaeger, Temple City Library Manager, thanked Council for their support of the 50 Books for 50 Years campaign. The donated books will be on display this week in the Library.

She also provided Council with a calendar of upcoming events at the Library for the month of March.

City Manager Pulido stated, regarding the funding of the bust of Walter Temple, sufficient funding was found from different internal accounts, but it is preferable to get contributions through community fundraising and the Parks and Recreation Department will be sending out fundraising letters soon.

**18. CLOSED SESSION** – None

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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City Clerk