

**CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember-Blum, 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

Lieutenant Coronne Jacob, Temple Station, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Vizcarra announced that he would be leaving the meeting around 8:00 p.m.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS

A. INTRODUCTION OF AUSTRALIAN SISTER CITY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Nancy Terry, of Sister Cities Organization, introduced the following Sister City Exchange students visiting from Hawkesbury Australia: Eden Barrett, Cassie Crowther, Rachael Reid, Charlton Robb, Renee Smyth, Lexi Stapleton

B. PRESENTATION BY AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – RELAY FOR LIFE

Anita Dominguez, Area Director, Relay for Life, L.A. Region, played a video and presented information on the upcoming Southern California Chinese Relay for Life event to be held at Temple City High School on June 26-27, 2010. Ms. Dominguez and Ling Wu, Event Chair, described the relay as a 24-hour event to bring the community together and bring awareness for cancer research. The City was requested to co-sponsor this event.

C. UPDATE FROM AREA “D” DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATOR

Brenda Hunemiller, Los Angeles County Area D Coordinator, provided a power point training session on the state/county emergency operations plan and how it fits in with the City's own plan in the event of a disaster. Ms. Hunemiller responded to questions and explained the role of the Council, emergency team, and the public in the overall plan.

Mayor Vizcarra left the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Chavez assumed the Chair.

Eliza Clifford, Regional Manager for Southern California Edison, presented a brief overview of the state of the utility and latest upgrades and projects. Ms. Clifford also provided information on Edison's outreach and energy efficiency programs.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Tarang Panchal, Temple City resident, commented on the "no back-in" parking restrictions at the plaza on the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Rosemead Boulevard. He stated that about 90% of the parking is angular parking where it makes sense, but the small section behind Denney's is straight-in parking and there is no safety issue with that kind of parking. A lot of people getting a \$40 ticket for this offense are upset as they go to the stores in this plaza to save money. In some cases, this is viewed as harassment and could lead to a boycott of the plaza.

Mary Kokayko, Temple City resident, referred to an item in the City Manager's report concerning an inquiry by a commercial broker of a proposed mixed use for the Piazza property. There are a lot of people unhappy over this as residents have waited 5 years for something nice for that corner and don't want to end up with 800 office employees. We were hoping to get restaurants and retail on that corner. Now that the City has hired someone to help us, why not wait for them to do so? She asked Council to consider the residents who live here, not a commercial broker who only cares for profit for himself.

Michelle Howe, Temple City resident, expressed her concern that Temple City may not be prepared to deal with any natural or terrorism disaster. There is no information available on the website about disaster preparedness and the City is high density in population. She hoped that the Council will put an emergency response team and plan in place to deal with any disaster or emergency.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Sternquist removed Item D from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Blum 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
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-Vizcarra
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2010, as presented.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A STREET BANNER BY ST. LUKE SCHOOL

Approved the request by St. Luke School for City staff to place and remove a street banner congratulating their Robotics Team, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A STREET BANNER BY TEMPLE CITY YOUTH FOOTBALL

Approved the request by Temple City Youth Football for City staff to place and remove a street banner advertising their enrollment period, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM KMART STORE TO HOLD A TEMPORARY EVENT ON JUNE 12, 2010 IN THE PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF THEIR BUILDING LOCATED AT 5665 ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD

Approved the request from Sears Holding Corporation (i.e., Kmart store) to hold a temporary event on June 12, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., to be conducted in the parking lot in front of the Kmart store located at 5665 Rosemead Boulevard.

- F. APPROVAL OF FOURTH AMENDMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES

Approved the Fourth Amendment for Auditing Services between Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. and the City of Temple City for the year ended June 30, 2010, and authorized the City Manager to sign the agreement.

- G. PETTY CASH AND VISA CARD REPORTS

Received and filed the Petty Cash and Visa Card Reports with the current charges.

- H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4665 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4665, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$138,444.79 DEMAND NOS. 29109 THROUGH 29192.

- D. APPROVAL OF PERMITS TO SELL FIREWORKS FOR THE 2010 SEASON

The City Council was requested to approve twelve (12) applications for fireworks permits for the 2010 season.

Councilmember Sternquist asked how many of the twelve applicants have changed since the fireworks ordinance was adopted in 1996, and the percentage of profit the fireworks companies provide to the organizations.

City Clerk Flandrick responded that very few of the twelve organizations have changed since 1996 and each organization negotiates directly with the fireworks companies regarding their percentage of profit.

Councilmember Sternquist stated she felt a better process would be to assimilate new groups, on a rotation basis, who could profit from fireworks sales. It would give new groups a chance to participate and give those groups not able to participate some time to look at other fundraising projects. She asked that this ordinance be reviewed before the next fireworks season.

City Manager Pulido stated staff could explore different options for Council's consideration before the next process.

Councilmember Blum moved to approve the twelve applications for fireworks permits for the 2010 season, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None
8. **NEW BUSINESS** – None
9. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None
10. **RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

At 8:57 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 8:59 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. 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs provided an update of the City's 50th anniversary planned events and activities.

14. COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR COMMISSION MEETINGS

Councilmember Blum reported on the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project Ad Hoc Committee meeting that he and Councilmember Yu recently attended. He provided background information of the City's acquisition of a portion of the Boulevard and the preliminary plans that were prepared in 2008. Federal, State and County funds of approximately \$10M have been obtained, an increase of the original estimate of \$7M. The Committee identified possible parameters that could be included with the increased funding, such as energy efficient lighting, distinctive entryways, pedestrian friendly walkways and drought resistant landscaping. The City received a preliminary proposal from Freedman Tung + Sasaki to manage the project to conclusion. The Committee met with the City Manager to evaluate the project and recommended issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Project Manager, using funds already allocated to the project.

City Manager Pulido stated he would proceed with the RFQ.

Councilmember Yu reported on the Council Chambers Remodel Ad Hoc Committee meeting as well as the Budget Ad Hoc Committee meeting, stating that employee benefits were compared with other cities and seemed to be on par. Staff was directed to contact an actuary and project what staff benefits will be in years to come to make sure funding is sufficient. Different improvement options were considered for the Chambers remodel for the most effect, namely lighting, carpeting, seating and possibly wall surfaces.

Councilmember Yu also attended the Foothill Transit meeting in place of Councilmember Sternquist, in which their budget deficit was discussed, to be made up through administrative cuts, closing some of their transit shops and reduction or termination of some bus lines. Their next public hearing regarding an increase of fares is May 12th.

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

A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM

Councilmember Blum thanked staff for coordinating the volunteers' luncheon which he felt was a great event to recognize the City's volunteers.

Councilmember Blum noted that the City of Lancaster had a measure on the ballot to continue invocations at their meetings which passed by a 3-1 margin. The City Attorney has drafted guidelines for invocations which will be considered at the next Council meeting.

B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST

Councilmember Sternquist reported attending the recent California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) conference which she found extremely interesting and enlightening. The City needs to be prepared for any emergency and should determine how we are going to disseminate information to the public. She felt it was very important to alleviate concerns by having a Public Information Officer in the forefront, and urged Council to look into acquiring a Public Information Officer, even on a part-time basis.

Councilmember Sternquist said she contacted City Manager Pulido for an update on what is happening with the issue of user fees that the City charges as it has been under review for awhile.

Financial Services Molina provided a response, stating on February 16th, the Council approved a proposal for a cost allocation plan and fees analysis study. Since then the consultant has been working with the Finance Department to review documents and should have the final report for Council's consideration by the first of August.

C. COUNCILMEMBER YU

Councilmember Yu commented on the volunteer luncheon, saying it was great to see the chemistry between the City staff and volunteers. They make a great team together.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez echoed Councilmember Sternquist's comments on the CAPIO conference. He attended quite a few workshops on handling crisis events and having an emergency process. It is very important to get the message out to the public and to get information back to the City. Methods like the SWAT surveys are a great way to get public opinions and information. One of the workshops recommended that the City opens a blog or Facebook page where we can get information out to the public. Another thing is an e-blast which the School District uses. He said he would like the City to look into that and also improve and update our website.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez thanked all of staff who put on the volunteer luncheon and hoped in the future it could be held in the City. It was a great event and he saw a lot of new volunteers.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez stated that there was one Council committee appointment that was put on hold and is still open – the liaison for the Sister City organization. He asked that this item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA – absent

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

- A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM - \$550.00 (Registration – California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST - \$857.57 (Per Diem – California Association of Public Information Officials Conference) and \$550.00 (Registration – California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- C. COUNCILMEMBER YU - \$550.00 (Registration – California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ - \$857.57 (Per Diem – California Association of Public Information Officials Conference) and \$550.00 (Registration – California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- E. MAYOR VIZCARRA - \$857.57 (Per Diem – California Association of Public Information Officials Conference) and \$550.00 (Registration – California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)

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

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, stated the proposed Piazza project item in the City Manager's report deserves some merit. Although this is a prime corner, it is a nightmare regarding traffic flow. But It is worth looking into to have some 700 people come into the City for shopping, etc. and it would not create a parking problem.

Peggy Miller, Temple City resident, thanked Councilmember Sternquist for earlier mentioning keeping people aware of any situation that could be unsafe. Residents need to be informed of these types of situations.

18. CLOSED SESSION – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk