

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL AND TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Chavez called the Special Joint Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. telephonically.

**2. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Councilmember – Man, Sternquist, Vizcarra, Yu, Chavez

Board Member – Espinoza, Knollenberg, Smith, Lin, Georgino

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Cook, City Clerk Kuo, Deputy City Clerk Nunez, Administrative Assistant to City Manager and City Council Flores, Administrative Services Director Paragas, Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto, Public Safety Supervisor Ariizumi

Superintendent Fricker, Associate Superintendent Makiewicz, Director of Student Services Geddy, and Chief Business Official Sarraill

Mayor Pro Tem Yu made a motion to excuse Councilmember Sternquist. Seconded by Councilmember Vizcarra.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Chavez led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. INTRODUCTION**

City Council and Board of Education gave a brief self-introduction.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE**

**i. TC for Change**

Superintendent Fricker gave a brief overview regarding TC for Change and shared that the school district has received comments from alumni and students. She shared that the school district plan to meet with the founding members of TC for Change and that the school district will be exploring inclusion and acceptance training for all district staff.

Board Members and City Council commented regarding TC for Change. City Council directed staff to provide updates regarding this matter.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment.

Delilah Vega, Jillian Rousseau, Jose Peralta, Zoe Hsu, Edmund Wong, Steven Salas, and Tuan Nguyen, Temple City School District alumni and students emailed public comments read by City Clerk Kuo, requesting that the school district respond to the open letter.

Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

i. Start of School Year

Superintendent Fricker gave a presentation on the framework for re-opening schools in August.

Board of Education and City Council made comments regarding the school district's plan to resume schools in the Fall and acknowledged Dr. Fricker, district staff, and teachers for the work they have done to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Mayor Chavez Open Public Comment

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

iii. Facility Use – Child Care Program

Superintendent Fricker remarked that access to school sites and facilities will remain limited to students, parents and the public during the pandemic.

Director of Student Services Geddy shared that the school district is exploring options for providing childcare for district staff and teachers, as well as after school care for students.

Board of Education and City Council made comments regarding the challenges and options to providing childcare for district staff and after school care for students.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

iv. District – City Communication (share letters and updates)

Director of Student Services Geddy shared that in addition to posting school announcements and events on social media, the school district will also be communicating with parents using a new communications system. She offered to add city staff or council to the distribution list for announcements.

Board of Education and City council made comments regarding the importance for the two governing bodies to stay connected and be in touch with each other. City Council directed staff to continue sharing information with the school district and to keep communications open.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

V. Possible list for families in need of internet access and places in Temple City who offer free Wi-Fi connection

Director of Student Services Geddy shared that there are families facing many challenges during this pandemic and access to internet being one of them. She

inquired if the City could provide a list of places where students can go to access free Wi-Fi during the school days.

Board of Education and City Council commented on options to provide internet access to Temple City families and students.

City Council directed staff to work with the school district to find options to provide free internet access and Wi-Fi connections to the community.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

#### B. CITY OF TEMPLE CITY UPDATE

##### i. Update on City Operations

City Manager Cook gave a brief overview on City operations and services. He shared that most City services have transitioned on-line and is available to the public.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto gave a presentation on the modified parks programs and services.

City Council and Board of Education asked questions and made comments regarding modified City operations and services.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

##### ii. Joint Facilities Use Agreement and City programs

City Manager Cook stated that discussion on joint facilities use agreement and city programs will resume after the pandemic.

City Council and Board Members made comments and spoke in favor of joint facilities use and programming in the future.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

#### C. HIGHLIGHT OF CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

City Manager Cook announced upcoming virtual Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Superintendent Fricker announced upcoming high school graduation and first day of school.

#### D. DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS -- None

#### 7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

#### 8. CLOSING COMMENTS

City Council and Board Members made closing comments.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Special Joint Meeting adjourned at 9: 23 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Tom Chavez, Mayor

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Peggy Kuo, City Clerk