

City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, January 7, 2010

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TO: The Honorable City Council **DATE:** January 7, 2010
FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **One-on-One Meetings with staff:** To date, I have met with all of the City's 35 full-time employees. In general, I have truly gained an comprehensive perspective of the Temple City community and the City's organization, which should serve me well in the near future; and
- **Avant Garde:** City staff (i.e., Community Development Manager Joe Lambert, Finance Manager Monica Molina, and Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell) and I met with Avante Garde's representatives (i.e., Vice President Lissette Calleros and Senior Project Coordinator Veronica Aguas) to discuss the various upcoming capital improvement projects (e.g., Freer Street Overlay, Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane Traffic Signal, Rosemead Boulevard Beautification, and Longden Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation). For more information regarding this meeting please refer to the Public Services Department's section of this City Manager's Weekly Report.

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

Upcoming City Events

Please refer to the Parks and Recreation Department section of this City Manager's Report for more information regarding three upcoming events (i.e., City's 50th Anniversary, Camelia Festival, and Lunar New Year).

Letter to EPA Requesting Denial of a Petition to Block AQMD Issuance of Air Permits.

As requested by Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent Yu at this week's City Council meeting, a letter was sent out to the United States Environmental Protection Agency asking for the denial of a petition by the Natural Resources Defense Council to block the South Coast Air Quality Management District from issuing air permits as allowed by recently enacted California Senate Bill 827 (Wright), which became law on January 1, 2010.

The indicated writers have submitted the following items. All have been reviewed and approved (but may have been edited) by the City Manager.

Department of Community Development (Community Development Manager Lambert)

Habitat for Humanity Rehabilitation Program and Funding

On December 15, the City Council approved a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to create the Brush with Kindness home rehabilitation program. The City Council allocated the use of \$50,000 of Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funds for this program. Staff was directed to draft an agreement between the City and Habitat for Humanity, and return to a future Council meeting for contract approval and a budget amendment. Staff would like to bring this item to Council as soon as possible. At this time, we are still working with Habitat for Humanity on the contract. Temple City is the first city to create a Brush with Kindness program with the San Gabriel Valley chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Therefore, they do not have a standard agreement, and we are waiting for Habitat to send us a draft of their agreement before we can move forward.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3, and Bicycle and Pedestrian Funds (TDA, Article 3)

TDA Article 3 funds are allocated to local agencies annually on a per-capita basis. These funds may be used for the design and construction of pedestrian and bicycle facilities and amenities (including wheelchair ramps). In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10, Temple City was allocated \$16,882 in TDA, Article 3 funds. A reserve balance of \$42,314 is also available for eligible expenses. To date, the our City has a total of \$59,196 in TDA, Article 3 funds. In FY 2008-09, the City used TDA, Article 3 funds to fund a portion of the "New Curb and Gutter" project on Longden Avenue and Lemon Avenue.

On January 19, staff will be requesting that the City Council authorize the use of TDA, Article 3 funds for the construction of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair access ramp on Longden Avenue, and to complete the much needed City-wide ADA compliance wheelchair access ramps.

Department of Management Services (Assistant to the City Manager Flod)

City Council Chambers Remodel Update

Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and I are developing a line-item matrix of Council Chamber remodeling options requested by the City Council Ad-Hoc Committee of Mayor Fernando Vizcarra and Mayor Pro-Tem Vincent Yu. It is anticipated the Ad-Hoc Committee meeting to review the remodeling options will be scheduled within the next four weeks.

Department of Parks & Recreation (Director of Parks & Recreation Burroughs)

50th Anniversary Kick-off

Monday, January 11 is the kick-off celebration of the City's 50th anniversary. The City-sponsored Chamber Mixer will be held in the Live Oak Park Community Center Annex from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please join us for this festive event with food, entertainment, and the recognition of our theme contest winners. The event is open to the public. Cost is \$5 per person.

Camellia Festival Play Day

The play day to select the Royal Court for the 2010 Camellia Festival, will be held on Saturday, January 9 at Live Oak Park. First graders from Temple City will participate in games, crafts, and interviews. The Coronation of the Royal Court will be held on February 5.

Lunar New Year

The City will be co-sponsoring a Lunar New Year event, with the Temple City Chinese American Association, on Saturday, January 30 in Temple City Park. The event will be held from 1 – 4 p.m. and will feature entertainment, food, and the traditional Lion Dance.

Department of Public Services (Public Services Manager Tidwell)

Avant Garde Meeting

City Manager Jose Pulido and staff met with Avant Garde representatives Lissett Calleros and Veronica Aguas to discuss upcoming capital improvement projects in Temple City. Those projects are listed below.

Freer Street Preconstruction Meeting

The Freer Street asphalt overlay project pre-construction meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2010. This project involves removing the existing asphalt, mixing it with new asphalt, and replacing the hot mixture over new road base material. The result will be a new road base and surface. Construction is expected to begin on January 19, 2010.

Traffic Signal at Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane

The City Council awarded the contract for the installation of traffic signals at Temple City Boulevard and Ellis Lane to Freeway Electric as the lowest responsible bidder. Construction is scheduled to start in January 2010.

Rosemead Boulevard Traffic Signal Upgrade at Broadway and Longden

The project for traffic signal upgrades at two intersections on Rosemead Boulevard was

approved by the City Council at the January 5, City Council meeting.

Plans, specifications, and authorization to solicit bids are the first approvals needed for this project, which will bring a greater level of safety to the intersections of Rosemead Boulevard at Broadway and Longden Avenue. Bids for the project are due on February 2, 2010.

Rosemead Beautification Project

On October 1, 2009, Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and Public Safety Officer Bryan Ariizumi attended a pre-construction meeting with Los Angeles County Public Works Department representatives regarding the Rosemead Boulevard improvements in the County area north of Temple City. The County's construction project is moving forward with work expected to begin soon.

Staff met with Elie Farah, the engineer for our Rosemead Boulevard improvements, this week. Based on discussions with Mr. Farah, we expect Temple City's improvements to begin in the spring.

Longden Avenue Sewer Rehabilitation Project

The Temple City Sanitation Sewer Rehabilitation Project is the complete replacement of sanitary sewers on Longden Avenue between Encinita Avenue and Rosemead Boulevard. The length of the proposed upgrade is approximately 1,750 linear feet. The existing sewer lines vary in size from 10 and 12-inches diameter. These pipes will be upgraded to 12 to 15-inch diameter sewer lines.

Depending on the costs developed in the design of the project, a possible extension westward to Avon Avenue could be included, as well as top priority replacements adjacent to Longden Avenue on Rosemead Boulevard and Sultana Avenue.

Arbor Day in the City of Temple City

The City Council has proclaimed March 15, 2010, as Arbor Day in Temple City. This will be the City's Seventh Annual Arbor Day Celebration, and will include tree plantings in the public right-of-way and a 5th Grade Poster Contest. The theme this year is, "Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!" Every 5th grader is encouraged to participate in their school's poster contest. The City Council will recognize the top three winners from each school and one winner from each school may be submitted to the California Department of Forestry no later than March 1, 2010. Each school will select the winner no later than 12:00 p.m. on February 5, 2010, in order to meet the State judging deadline.

Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and Lead Tree Trimmer Rob Cruse are scheduling visits to each school to promote the poster contest and Arbor Day.

Division of Public Safety (Public Safety Officer Ariizumi)

Weekly Crime Statistics

The crime statistics for the week of December 27, 2009 – January 2, 2010 is included with this week's report.

Planned Outage Notification

Southern California Edison (SCE) will soon be performing maintenance on the electrical system in the area. In order to perform this work safely, they must temporarily interrupt electric service and turn off power. This outage will allow Edison to upgrade aging infrastructure, make needed improvements, and complete other repairs. Edison realizes this temporary service interruption may cause some inconvenience, and they appreciate everyone's understanding as they work to increase system reliability for the future.

The planned Outage # 380192 is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2010, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., which will affect service at the following address:

5926 N. ROWLAND AVENUE
TEMPLE CITY CA 91780
SA: 3-001-5072-31
Meter: 208-310223

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

JANUARY 19, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of December 22 Meeting

Public Hearing: Approval of CDBG Annual Allocations

Public Hearing: Zoning Code Amendment – Storage of RV's in C-3 Zone

Public Hearing: Five-Year Implementation Plan Regarding the Community Redevelopment Agency

Ordinance Amendment Adopting Past Amendments Previously Approved by Resolution

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approval of Fraud Audit Policy

Financial Reports (Audit) – City & CRA

Cost Allocation Plan & Comprehensive User Fee Study

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

City Attorney Services Contract

Closed Session: Piazza Litigation

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recommendations re Downtown Parking Options

FEBRUARY 2, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of January 12, 2010

Joint Housing Rehabilitation Program with Habitat for Humanity

**Ordinance No. 10-930 – An Amendment to the Downtown Specific
Plan (DSP) Adopting Past Amendments Previously Approved by
Resolution**

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Second Quarter Budget Amendments

Shift of CRA Funds to State (SERAF)

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of January 20, 2010

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy & Firefighter of the Year Awards

FEBRUARY 16, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of January 26, 2010

New Public Hearing: Telecommunications Facility

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Introduction of Camellia Festival Royal Court

Appointment of Youth Committee members

Award of Contract – Landscape Architect for Live Oak Park Planter Project

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Traffic Signal Modification Project

MARCH 2, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of February 9, 2010

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Award of Contract – Temple City Park Lighting Project

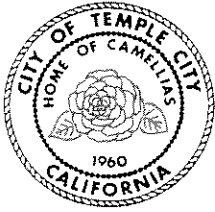
PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Arbor Day Proclamation

Recognition of Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners

ATTACHMENTS:

- The Temple City Crime Statistics Report for the week of December 27, 2009 to January 2, 2010
- Yard Sale Permits for Weekend of January 8-10, 2010.



**City of Temple City
Sheriff's Blotter
Statistical Report for the Week of
December 27, 2009 – January 2, 2010**



BURGLARY:

December 27, 2009	9400 block Las Tunas	Vehicle
December 30, 2009	9400 block Emperor	Residential

ROBBERY:

None reported.

GRAND THEFT AUTO:

December 28, 2009	10200 block Lower Azusa
December 29, 2009	5200 block Farago
December 29, 2009	5200 block Baldwin
December 29, 2009	4900 block Doreen
December 30, 2009	5400 block Halifax
January 2, 2010	4900 block Doreen

The information provided is deemed reliable, but may be subject to change.

