


City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, March 18, 2010

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TO: The Honorable City Council  **DATE:** March 18, 2010
FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- **AAE Inc.**, – Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell and I met with representatives from: AAE (i.e., Sid Mousavi, Chief Executive Officer and Yadi Farhadi, Civil Engineering Department Director); Avante Garde (i.e., Veronica Aguas, Senior Program Coordinator); and EFI, Inc. (i.e., Elie Farah, Civil Engineer), to analyze the current Rosemead Boulevard Project, and more closely assess the opportunity of adding more pedestrian amenities to the existing construction drawings prepared by EFI two years ago.

During our meeting, it was determined that the expenses for the current street improvement project are estimated at \$6.6 million, and the City has \$9.4 million in available funding, which means that we have a surplus of \$2.8 million for the desired enhanced pedestrian amenities. From a timing perspective, the City has a nine to twelve month window of opportunity to significantly upgrade the proposed street improvement construction drawings with the \$2.8 million in surplus funds, which may increase by up to \$2 million, or a portion thereof, if this project receives additional federal funding through the second round of "The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act;" and

- **Kiwanis Club VIP** – On Tuesday, I attended this service club's V.I.P. breakfast meeting along with Mayor Vizcarra, Mayor Pro Tem Chavez, Councilmember Sternquist and Planning Commissioner Patrick Horton. We heard from the Kiwanis Governor Elect of California-Nevada-Hawaii Tom Millham, and I found the Kiwanis members to be genuinely proud of their extensive work and support of the Temple City community.

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

In coordination with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the County Office of Emergency Management has prepared a Comprehensive Emergency Survival Guide intended to help the residents of Los Angeles County better prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. The Emergency Survival Guide has 100 color pages of helpful tips and information for residents to prepare for fires, floods, earthquakes, pandemic flu, terrorism, extreme weather, and tsunamis. There is space to record household emergency plans, including out-of-state contacts, family evacuation gathering points, and the location of utility shutoffs. The Emergency Survival Guide also includes checklists for gathering emergency supplies that will help individuals,

families, pet owners, businesses, and communities survive and recover after a major disaster. An earthquake or other disaster can occur at any moment, as Pico Rivera and surrounding cities were unfortunately reminded of earlier this week.

Residents and business owners can obtain a copy of the Emergency Survival Guide online at <http://lacounty.gov>, or they may also call the toll-free 24-hour L.A. County **2-1-1** number for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. Additional information on preparing for disasters is also available on-line at www.espfocus.org.

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)

Regular Planning Commission meeting of March 23, 2010

Although the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting of March 23, 2010, has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items, there will be a Special Joint Meeting held that evening at 6:30 p.m. between the City Council and Planning Commission.

Planner's Institute Conference

On March 24-26, 2010, Community Development Manager Lambert will attend the League of California Cities, Planners Institute Conference in Monterey, California. Four of the Planning Commissioners will also be in attendance. Looking at the program, it promises to be an informative and helpful event for the Planning Commissioners and for staff as well.

Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)

The Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) is a major project by Southern California Edison to upgrade existing 220 kV transmission lines to 500 kV between the Antelope Valley and the San Gabriel Valley, extending out to Ontario. One of the main reasons for this project is to access the renewable energy resources of the Antelope Valley wind farms. Construction has already started, and will be completed in Fall 2014. Copies of the March 2010 construction update are attached for your review.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

Proposition 1B

Proposition 1B funds has provided money for a variety of transportation projects. Included in this proposition was \$2 billion for cities and counties to fund the maintenance and improvement of local transportation facilities. The total allocation of Proposition 1B funds to Temple City is \$1,105,000.

In order to receive these funds, cities must approve a plan for the use of its share of Proposition 1B funds, and notify the State Controller's Office. On October 16, 2007, the City Council approved the use of the funds for the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project. During FY 2007-08, Temple City received its first portion of Proposition 1B funds in the amount of \$574,242.

On the upcoming April 6, 2010, agenda, staff will be requesting City Council approval for the use of the remaining \$530,758 Proposition 1B allocation to fund the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project.

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

Planning and Restructuring of Commercial Corridors Presentation Replays

Replays of the Planning and Restructuring of Commercial Corridors Presentation by Gregory Tung of Freedman Tung + Sasaki – Urban Design is available for viewing on the City's Government Information Channel 3 on the Charter Communications Cable TV service in Temple City everyday at 3:00 p.m. The original presentation was made at a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Planning Commission on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The presentation is very interesting and informative, discussing how the design of commercial corridors and public right-of-way on and adjacent to city streets has progressed over the years to respond to 21st Century forces of change for greater prosperity and community success.

The presentation will also soon be available for viewing over the Internet on the K-Gem website at the following link: <http://www.templecity.kgem.tv>.

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

March Madness

March Madness is upon us! The San Gabriel Valley Municipal Athletic Association is sponsoring its youth basketball tournament this week. Temple City has five teams participating in the tournaments – boys and girls "C" division (3rd – 4th grade), boys and girls "B" division (5th – 6th grade), and boys "A" division (7th – 8th grade). Temple City is hosting the Boy's "C" division tournament at the Oak Avenue gymnasium. Teams from Arcadia, Azusa, Burbank, Duarte, La Verne, Pasadena, South El Monte, and Temple City will be participating in the boys "C" division tournament. The winners of each tournament will advance to the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation championships, which will be held April 10, 2010. Temple City fared very well last year taking 1st place in the San Gabriel Valley and Southern California tournaments with our "C" girls, and taking 2nd place in both tournaments with our "C" boys. Good luck to all our teams.

Spring Fling

The annual Spring Fling will be held next Friday, March 26, 2010, at the Live Oak Park Community Center. Over 250 youth, between the ages of 10 and 14 years, are expected to attend.

Activities will include dance contests, laser tag, rock climbing, night hunts for candy and prizes, raffles, and refreshments.

50th Anniversary Sponsorships

The City has begun to solicit sponsors for the 50th anniversary activities scheduled for this coming May. We hope to be able to collect enough in sponsorship donations to offset part of the cost of the 50th anniversary dinner on May 21, 2010, which will allow us to keep the cost of the tickets relatively low, as well as pay for the entertainment and giveaways for the community celebration on May 22, 2010.

Department of Public Services (Public Services Manager Tidwell)

Arbor Day Update

The Arbor Day Celebration was held at Temple City Park on Monday, March 15, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The City's goal to plant 50 trees for 50 years during the year began with the planting of a ceremonial tree at the Civic Center. A Golden Nugget Mandarin tree was planted between Fire Station 47 and the Civic Center. This tasty tangerine tree should produce fruit for many years to come. More tree plantings will be taking place over the next few weeks. The goal is to plant 50 trees this year in honor of Temple City's 50th anniversary.

A small but enthusiastic crowd showed up at City Hall to enjoy the live animals on display by Pet and Jungle, a tree care demonstration by Maguet that included a contest with prizes, a working portable sawmill provided by West Coast Arborists, and, best of all, free 'cherry picker' rides for seventy-five adventurous souls on the City's aerial lift. Mayor Pro Tem Tom Chavez and new Council Member Carl Blum were among the VIP's to take to the air.

The City Council and City staff would again like to thank the schools, students, and the following winners for participating in the Arbor Day poster contest:

<u>School</u>	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>Third Place</u>
Emperor	Nigel Ho	Joshua Chao	Claire Huang
Londgen	Stephanie Shih	Michael Soto	Celyna Su
St. Luke's	Michelle Melara	Charles Greaves	Alyson Hartman

Freer Street Construction Update

The repairs for the Freer Street construction project are now completed and negotiations are underway regarding the additional costs to perform the extra construction steps required to stabilize the base material. It is anticipated that the project construction will resume early next week.

Meeting with AAE Incorporated, Avant Garde, and Elie Farah Inc.

City Manager Jose E. Pulido and Public Services Manager Bill Tidwell met with representatives of AAE Incorporated, Avant Garde, and Elie Farah Inc. to discuss the upcoming Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project. The City Manager is interested in including pedestrian friendly amenities in the current plan that was developed by Elie Farah Inc. AAE reviewed the opportunities to include these amenities, and a dialogue was developed between AAE and Elie Farah Inc. on the site specific applications that lend themselves to the desired amenities. These additions could add a unique character as well a level of public safety to the immediate area.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

APRIL 6, 2010, MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Resolution Denying CUP for T-Mobile Monopine Cell Tower

Agreement with Habitat for Humanity – Rehab Program

Public Hearing: Medical Marijuana Urgency Ordinance Extension

Public Hearing: ZC & GPA Re-Zone of R-2 Property to M-1

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approval of FY 2009-10 Prop 1B Allocation

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Recognition of Those Who Aided in House Fire Rescue

Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of March 17, 2010

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Progress Payment – Freer Street Project

Parking Permit Process (Code Amendment)

APRIL 20, 2010, MEETING

CITY CLERK

Approval of Fireworks Stand Permits

FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Approval of Audit Services Contract

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Introduction of Australian Sister City Students

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Adoption of Ordinance re Parking Permit Process (Municipal Code Amendment)

Status Report on Emergency Preparedness Plan

MAY 4, 2010

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of April 13 Meeting

Planning Commission Actions of April 27 Meeting

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of April 21, 2010

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accept Engineer's Report, Adopt Reso of Intent to Levy & Collect Assessments for L/LD & Set Public Hearing

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER
MARCH 10-16, 2010

March 10, 2010

Burglary: Between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 6000 block of Camellia Avenue. Entry to the location was made by prying open the rear sliding glass door. Approximately \$3,000 in jewelry and \$500 in currency was taken.

**Traffic Collision
Driver Arrested:**

At approximately 8:00 p.m., deputies responded to a traffic collision at Lower Azusa Rd and Doreen Avenue. After further investigation, a 51 year old male adult and Temple City resident was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Due to his injuries from the collision, he was transported to the hospital for medical treatment. The other party involved was not injured.

March 11, 2010

Vehicle Burglary: Between 7:30 p.m. on 03-11-10 and 8:00 a.m. 03-12-10, a vehicle burglary occurred in the 9800 block of Val Street. The suspect shattered the front passenger window and stole a wallet and cell phone from the front seat.

**Traffic Collision
Driver Arrested:**

A traffic collision occurred at the intersection of Lower Azusa Road and Doreen Avenue. After further investigation, a male adult was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The arrested driver sustained minor injuries in the collision.

March 12, 2010

Traffic Collision: At approximately 1:00 p.m., deputies responded to Rosemead Boulevard and Emperor Avenue, regarding a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a motorcyclist. The male adult driver of the motorcycle was transported to Methodist Hospital in Arcadia with severe trauma. Unfortunately, a short time later he succumbed to his injuries.

Burglary: Between 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 6000 block of Rosemead Boulevard. Persons unknown shattered the front living room window and stole approximately \$2,000 in jewelry.

March 13, 2010

Burglary: Between 10:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 6200 block of Avon Avenue. A handgun and miscellaneous jewelry were taken. There were no signs of forced entry to the home.

March 11-15, 2010

Burglary: Between 6:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., a residential burglary occurred in the 9100 block of Wooley Street. Persons unknown broke through a back door window and ransacked two rooms at the location. The victim, who inspected the location, determined nothing had been stolen.



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: 03-20-10

FROM: RECEPTIONIST

YARD SALE PERMITS ISSUED The following is a current list of Yard Sale

SUBJECT: Permits issued for the weekend of 03/20,21

<u>Yard Sale Address</u>	<u>Residents Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
10720 Arrowood St	Yoshimi Sawada	03/20
10529 Bogue St	Carolyn Craighead	03/20
9461 Daines Dr	David Diaz	03/21
5219 Farago Ave	John Soltys	03/20,21
4936 Fiesta Ave	Vincent Rodriguez	03/20
10769 E Freer St	David Meserve	03/19,20,21
8615 E Hermosa Dr	Chuan & Aguirre	03/20
6008 Kauffman Ave	Paula Ramirez	03/20,21
6235 Loma Ave	Jorge Blanco	03/20
6053 Muscatel	Eddie Jeffredo	03/20,21
6237 Oak Ave	Cynthia Okimura	03/19,30
5753 Rowland Ave	Glenn Brown	03/20
5134 Sultana Ave	Luis Sanchez	03/20,21
5435 Temple City Blvd	Malia Moore	03/20,21
6219 Temple City Blvd	Martha Rengito	03/20,21