



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Noon on Thursday, April 15, 2010

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: April 15, 2010

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

- Urban Futures – I met with Michael Busch (i.e., President of Urban Futures and former Finance Director for Claremont and Indio) and Bill Kelly (i.e., Managing Partner of Urban Futures and former Arcadia City Manager) to discuss their interest in working with the City and Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) on financial analysis and/or redevelopment assignments.

During the meeting, we also discussed their proposal to Temple City a year ago in response to the City's Request For Proposal (RFP) for Redevelopment/Economic Development services. The City Council/Agency Board eventually approved a contract with Avant Garde. At the conclusion of our meeting, I notified them that the CRA would be issuing an RFP for redevelopment services later this year as part of the CRA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 work program. On a side note, Mr. Kelly did mention that Las Tunas Drive looked much better than what he remembers it looking like years ago; and

- Edison – I met with Elisa Clifford, Tony Huynh, and Ron Redondo from Edison to discuss the possibility of undergrounding nine power poles between Callita Street and Emperor Avenue on Rosemead Boulevard as part of the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project, which were going to be left as is in the current version of this street improvement plan. I conveyed to the Edison representatives that it was the City's desire to underground these remaining power poles as part of this project.

We also discussed the possibility of using LED (i.e., Light Emitting Diode) street and pedestrian lighting throughout the project rather than the sodium vapor lamp lighting that is in the current street improvement plan for Rosemead Boulevard. Although Edison has not set rates for LED lighting, which could yield a substantial cost savings to the City over the sodium vapor lights, it is my assessment that we need to install LED lighting for this project even if the initial cost may be a little higher at this time. This technology is relatively new and has only been made available for implementation by public agencies within the last year or so.

It should be noted that \$9.3 million in funding for the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project comes primarily from county, state, and federal funding - the City has not appropriated any money from the General Fund for this project.

GENERAL COUNCIL INFORMATION

Piazza Project Update

Earlier this week, I was contacted by a commercial broker about the possibility of relocating a credit worthy corporate office type tenant from a nearby city to this property located at the corner of Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas Drive. The prospective tenant employs 650 people and has over 120 daily visitors to their current facilities. I subsequently forwarded this request to Randy Wang (i.e., property owner) and Howard Poyourow, who is the project manager, for their review and feedback.

If this project were to move forward, it would do so as a mixed-use (i.e., office and commercial) project that could possibly include two upscale restaurants at the corner of Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas Drive with a multi-story corporate office type building recessed behind. Parking would have to be provided underground. In addition, there may be a possibility of relocating the Temple City County Library from the Civic Center to this site as part of this proposed development project. Relocating the library away from the Civic Center would serve three important purposes: first, it would allow our community to enjoy a new and expanded library, which is sorely needed in this City; second, it could allow the City Council to consider acquisition of the current library facility and parking lot for a possible Civic Center renovation, which could include more green open space; and third, it would be consistent with the Los Angeles County Head Librarian Margaret Todd's desire to relocate the Temple City Library to this vicinity.

In essence, this development proposal is intriguing in many ways and could provide the City with a long-term (i.e., 20 to 30 years) employment base that could support the local businesses, which are currently struggling in the City – there is something to be said for having over 770 people at one location and the purchasing power for goods and services that it represents. Although this project may not bring in a significant amount in sales tax to the City, it would also not bring in the traffic and congestion problems that the shopping center across the street (i.e., Applebee's etc.) has during the evenings and weekends. Moreover, the adjacent residential neighborhood would not have to deal the adverse noise impacts stemming from truck loading and unloading during the evenings and early morning hours.

We are currently in the process of scheduling a meeting for next week with all of the parties involved to discuss this potential development opportunity. I will continue to keep the City Council apprised through this City Manager's Report regarding the latest information.

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)

6420 Rosemead Boulevard

This location is the site of the former restaurant/bar known as "The Game," and prior to that was a restaurant called "Jade West." The restaurant/bar has been closed for several months, however when they were open, they were a constant nuisance for the Sheriff's Department and Code Enforcement staff. Over the years, The Game was often in violation of Alcohol Beverage Control requirements, in addition to having several assaults occur inside of the establishment.

At this time, a prospective tenant has expressed serious interest in opening a restaurant (without alcohol) at this location. The site is already approved to operate as a restaurant (pursuant to CUP 72-365) so they can operate without any further discretionary approvals. Staff would welcome a new restaurant at this site, especially one that operates within the parameters of the law.

Next Regular Planning Commission Meeting

The regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on April 27, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Department of Financial Services (Financial Services Manager Molina)

FY 2009-10 Property Tax Data-Community Redevelopment Agency

This week, Financial Services Manager Molina met with Mr. Coren from The HdL Companies to discuss FY 2009-10 property tax data. HdL produces an annual preliminary property tax report for the Community Redevelopment Agency (Agency). It was noted that preliminary figures for FY 2009-10 property tax revenues will be 1.5% higher than last fiscal year. This increase is due to the allowable CPI growth of 2% on property tax assessed values.

Mr. Coren has advised the Agency to budget approximately a 1% decrease from this fiscal year for FY 2010-11 property tax revenues. Since there will be no CPI growth, property tax revenues will be based on current assessed values or reassessed values. In order to remain conservative, the agency will estimate a 2% decrease.

The HdL Companies have provided "Preliminary Property Tax Reports," for Agency Member review. Staff has requested a quote to include a preliminary property tax report for the City of Temple City for the next fiscal year.

Please be aware that some information included in these Preliminary Property Tax Reports are confidential and may not be disclosed to the public. For your reference, please review the attached "Confidentiality Standards" on sales tax data.

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

On Tuesday, April 13, 2010, the City conducted a mandatory pre-proposal submittal conference/job walk for its Professional Information Technology Services Request for Proposals (RFP). Fourteen vendors out of the 26 RFPs that were mailed out, attended the meeting. The potential vendors were shown all the City's computer equipment and locations, including those at Live Oak Park. There were a lot of questions asked and answered, and everyone left with a much better understanding of the RFP and the City's information technology services. It is hoped the excellent turn out for the mandatory conference/job walk will result in a similar number of good proposals submitted by the RFP deadline of Friday, April 23, 2010.

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

50th Anniversary Update

As requested by Mayor Vizcarra, staff will be providing updates on the City's 50th anniversary celebration at the City Council meetings. Updates will also be provided via this Weekly Report.

To date, \$13,000 has been received in sponsorships, including \$5,000 each from the Amida Society and Athens Services, and \$1,000 from Burke, Williams, and Sorensen, LLP, Sunnyslope Water Company, and Inland Empire Transportation. 50th anniversary merchandise continues to be sold at City Hall. Over \$1,000 worth of merchandise has been sold thus far.

Upcoming 50th anniversary events include the Walking Tour and Open House of City Hall, Civic Center, the Historical Society, the Los Angeles County Library, and Fire Station #57 on Wednesday, May 5, 2010, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Tours and information will be provided at each facility, as well as free refreshments and giveaways. The Golden Anniversary Dinner will take place on Friday, May 21, 2010, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Hall. Invitations will be mailed out within the next two weeks. A limited number of tickets will be available to the public beginning May 3, 2010. The final event in May will be a community celebration and concert at Temple City Park on May 22, 2010, from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by Dock Rock-It and the Radio Flyers and Scot Bruce as Elvis. Paul Spitzzeri, author of the Workman and Temple Families book, will be providing a brief history of Temple City and will be signing his books. During the event, there will be the dedication of the Walter P. Temple bust, a hamburger barbecue, 50th anniversary giveaways and a celebration cake.

Department of Public Services (Public Services Manager Tidwell)

Freer Street Construction Project Update

The Freer Street construction project is now complete. The contractor has brought the manhole covers up to grade, and traffic paint was put down on Tuesday, April 13, 2010. Freer Street looks good, and should last a long time. I would like to thank everyone involved for being so patient with the construction process and the weather. There were several engineering challenges that had to be solved after the project began that delayed completion, and were an

inconvenience for everyone involved. Thanks again for your patience and understanding.

Arbor Day Poster Contest Update

Temple City made history when two local fifth graders finished in the top three of the National Arbor Day Poster Contest.

Nigel Ho of Emperor Elementary School took second place, and Stephanie Shih of Longden Elementary School won third.

These two and the other winners in the Temple City Arbor Day Poster Contest were previously honored by the City Council at the March 16, 2010 Council meeting.

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
Longden	Stephanie Shih	Michael Soto	Celyna Su
St. Luke's	Michelle Melara	Charles Greaves	Alyson Hartman

Great job everyone!

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

MAY 4, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Agreement with Habitat for Humanity – Rehab Program

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition Presentation

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Older American Proclamation

50 Books for 50 Years Donation to Library

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of April 21 Meeting

50th Anniversary Celebration Update

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Accept Engineer's Report, Adopt Reso of Intent to Levy & Collect

Assessments for L/LD & Set Public Hearing

**Introduction of Ordinance - Municipal Code Amendment re Parking Permit
Process**

MAY 18, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of April 27 Meeting

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

50th Anniversary Celebration Update

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

**Adoption of Ordinance - Municipal Code Amendment re Parking Permit
Process**

JUNE 1, 2010 MEETING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Actions of May 11 Meeting

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chamber of Commerce Monthly Update

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Parks & Recreation Commission Actions of May 19 Meeting

JUNE 15, 2010 MEETING

Planning Commission Actions of May 25 Meeting

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER

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April 06, 2010

Narcotics Arrest: Two male adults were detained during a traffic stop at Persimmon Ave and Fairview Ave. As the deputies were approaching the vehicle, the passenger exited and began to walk away. Deputies observed the male was staggering and believed he may have been under the influence of alcohol or drugs and was also observed reaching in his waistband. Fearing the suspect may be trying to conceal a weapon or contraband, he was ordered to stop and detained.

After further investigation, the passenger was found to be in possession of a controlled substance (Methamphetamine). The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for failing to signal and impeding traffic.

April 09, 2010

Petty Theft: A female adult from Pasadena was arrested at the "K-Mart" 5665 Rosemead Boulevard, after she was observed by loss prevention officers stealing approximately \$180 in miscellaneous items. All the stolen items were recovered.

Driver Arrested: A male adult from Temple City was detained on a traffic stop at Lower Azusa Road and Doreen Avenue for tinted windows and no front license plate. Upon contacting the driver, deputies smelled an odor of marijuana emitting from the interior of the vehicle. After further investigation, a small amount of marijuana was located in the trunk, along with a pair of brass knuckles. The male was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of a dangerous weapon.

April 10, 2010

Assault With A Deadly Weapon: At 7:00 p.m., deputies responded to the 6000 block of Muscatel Avenue regarding an assault with a deadly weapon call. Upon arrival, they contacted three sisters in the street, alleging that five girls assaulted them and drove away. Deputies obtained a description of the suspects and they were apprehended a short time later in the city of Rosemead.

After further investigation, the victims appeared to have been assaulted when one of the suspects arrived at the victim's home demanding the collection of \$8 that was owed by one of the victims. When payment wasn't made, an altercation ensued between the parties, where allegedly a baseball bat was used. There were no significant injuries reported by any involved in this incident. Arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon were a FH/19 from North San Gabriel, FH/19 from Rosemead, MH/31 from Rosemead, MH/22 from Los Angeles and a FH/16 from Rosemead.

Vehicle

Burglary:

Between 7:30 p.m. on 4/10/10 and 9:00 a.m. on 4/11/10, a vehicle burglary occurred in the 6000 block of Temple City Boulevard. A \$200 telescope was taken. Entry was made by shattering the rear passenger side window.

April 11, 2010

Public

Intoxication:

At 3:00 p.m., deputies responded to a disturbance call in the 5900 block of Temple City Boulevard. Upon arrival, they contacted a female adult who was extremely intoxicated and unable to care for herself. The female was arrested for public intoxication and transported to Temple Station for her own safety and the safety of the public.

Warrant Arrest:

A 23 year old male was arrested in the 9700 block of Las Tunas Drive for an outstanding grand theft warrant. The warrant was issued when the suspect failed to appear in court for a hearing in which he was arrested last year for grand theft. The male was also found to have been in violation of his probation and additionally charged.

Warrant Arrest:

A male adult was detained for a traffic infraction in the 10100 block of La Rosa Drive. Upon contacting the driver, it was determined that he was driving without a license and placed under arrest. Further investigation revealed the male had an outstanding warrant for the same violation.

