



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Thursday, November 17, 2011

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: November 17, 2011

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Sales Tax Figures Up in Q1-2011¹

Receipts for Temple City's January through March 2011 sales were 6.1% higher than the same quarter one year ago. Actual sales activity was up 5% when reporting aberrations were factored out.

Higher prices at the pump helped boost service station receipts, while the restaurant category benefited from stronger sales and a new restaurant that serves beer and wine. The building and construction category also saw a bump in receipts from the opening of a new contractor supplies company.

The auto and transportation category posted an overall gain, in part from increases in auto supply stores. Gains from home furnishings, family apparel and electronics were offset by losses in other categories of general consumer goods.

A discussion of Q2-2011 sales receipts will be in next week's report.

Supreme Court Hears Arguments in Redevelopment Lawsuit²

Last Thursday, the Supreme Court opened oral arguments in a lawsuit that determines whether lawmakers staged an unconstitutional raid on redevelopment coffers to help close the State's \$26.6 million budget deficit.

According to the Mercury News, redevelopment lawyers are "...urging the court to block the money grab, saying that it undermines Proposition 22 that bars the state from raiding local funds." Meanwhile, the State argued that redevelopment agencies have been in existence for more than 60 years, and that the State has the right to abolish them.

¹ Source: HdL Companies, City of Temple City

² Source: Associated Press, Mercury News

The Supreme Court has agreed to provide a ruling by January 15 when \$1.7 billion in redevelopment money is scheduled for turn over to the State (for the 2011-12 budget year). The State also intends to seize an additional \$400 million annually for future budgets.

If the State gets their way, Temple City's proposed payment for this year is roughly \$198,000. The amount of future payments is unknown.

Weekly Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

The project team this week conducted a site walk and charrette with the City's public arts advisory committee to refine design elements and locations for the project's proposed monuments, street furniture and artistic components.

Based on input received, the project team will now meet with the City Council on November 22, 7 p.m., in the City Hall community room to present three design options for consideration. The selected option, with any other necessary refinements, will be presented for final Council approval on December 20.

City Calendar: Week of November 20

More info: (626) 285-2171.

Tuesday, November 22: Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
Meeting cancelled.

Special City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Community Room
The Rosemead Blvd. design team will present three design options for the project's proposed monuments, street furniture and artistic components.

Wednesday, November 23: Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
The commission will discuss roles and responsibilities, and the possible expansion of duties.

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Holiday
City buildings are closed. Regularly scheduled programming is cancelled.

Friday, November 25: Day After Thanksgiving Holiday
City offices are closed and regularly scheduled programming is cancelled. Live Oak Park Community Center will open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, November 26: Zumba-Thon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Live Oak Park Community Center
Burn those Thanksgiving calories with high-energy Latin and international beats. Cost is \$12 per person. Proceeds go to the Temple City SuperSTARS drill and dance team. To register, call (626) 285-2171, ext. 2360.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Request for Qualifications

Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) will soon be issued for general planning and grant writing services.

The RFQs are intended to determine the most qualified firms, and to establish a list from which one or more firms would be selected to do business with the City. Service agreements may be for specified or on-call services, and will be negotiated to best meet the City's needs.

The desired scope for general planning services includes, but is not limited to, current planning and zoning code analyses, site plan and urban design reviews, project management, and assistance with environmental due diligence. Grant writing services and fund administration will drive the other RFQ, with all services conducted on an as-needed or case-by-case basis.

Both RFQs can be found [here](#), and have been properly noticed in local publications and on various industry websites. Responses are due December 6.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

Selected Case Activity

In order to show the increased amount of work done by the Community Preservation Division, this section highlights cases that, through the efforts of staff, brought properties into compliance. Highlighted cases are those that exhibit negative impacts to neighborhoods and business corridors through their appearance and/or dilapidated conditions. For example:

Residential Case Log: 5763 Loma Ave.

August 31: A code compliance notice was issued for a concrete pad (extending from the driveway) that was used to illegally park vehicles within the property's front yard setback (FYSB).

November 9: A follow-up inspection showed compliance.



Before: Illegal concrete pad.



After: Concrete extension removed.



Before: Concrete extension being removed.



After: Concrete extension removed.

Commercial Case Log: 4516 Temple City Blvd.

September 25: A code compliance notice was issued for: conducting business without a license; maintaining non-conforming (abandoned) business signage; and having an awning in dilapidated condition.

November 8: A follow-up inspection indicated compliance through replaced signage, awning and banner removal, and a valid business license.



Before



After

PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION

November 10 Traffic Calming Workshop

The City last week held the first of two community workshops focused on traffic calming. Over 80 residents attended, representing a diverse cross-section of the community.

The City's consultant, RBF, presented a toolbox of possible traffic calming improvements. Participants used this information to identify intersections and roadways that could benefit from slowed vehicular traffic including speed bumps and narrowed travel lanes (via bulb-outs and medians).

The next meeting in January 2012 will present a draft and prioritized list of recommendations for traffic calming devices and their locations. Participants will once again be able to provide feedback.

The final list of recommendations, under auspice of a Traffic Calming Master Plan, will be presented to the City Council in March 2012. Once approved, the planning document will provide a tool for capturing grant funds to support the necessary improvements.

More information on the project can be found [here](#) or by calling (626) 285-2171, ext. 2336.



Upcoming Business Watch Meeting

On November 29, the City and Sheriff's Department will hold a business watch meeting for the Temple City business community.

The meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Ave. Discussion topics include crime prevention techniques, increased awareness and cooperation between merchants, and improving the lines of communication with the Sheriff's Department.

For more information, call Deputy Eddie Ayala at (626) 292-3351.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Senior Health Fair

The City today hosted a senior health fair in conjunction with the Monrovia Health Center and HealthCare Partners of Temple City. Over 150 seniors attended seeking health screenings and information on healthy living.

The event is part of the City's revamped senior wellness program, which includes new activities, ombudsman assistance, expanded dial-a-ride service, and homebound and senior meals.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Agenda Forecast
2. Crime Blotter
3. Issued Yard Sale Permits

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

Source: City Clerk's Office, November 17, 2011

December 6, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance – Shopping Cart Regulations
2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance – Public Nuisance Regulations
2nd Reading & Adoption of Ordinance - Abandoned Property Registration
Measure R Reallocation of Funds
Award of Contract – City Newsletter Services
Neighborhood Watch Update by Sheriff's Station

December 20, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

Resolution Adopting the City's Emergency Operations Plan
1st Reading & Introduction of Ordinance – Budget Reserve Policy
1st Reading of Ordinance – Administrative Citations & Bail Schedule
City Work Plan Quarterly Progress Report
Chamber of Commerce Monthly Report



CRIME BLOTTER, 11/06/2011 – 11/12/2011

Source: Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, November 14, 2011

11-08-11

- A School Burglary occurred between 11/4/11 6:30PM and 11/07/11 6:00AM, in the 5200 block of Daleview Av. School representatives discovered a projector and computer were missing from a classroom. There were no signs of forced entry and no video surveillance of the incident.
- A Vehicle Burglary occurred on 10/09/11 between 11:00PM and 1:45AM, in the 8800 block of Las Tunas Dr. The victim said he locked his vehicle and entered a local restaurant. When he returned to his vehicle, the driver's side window was smashed and a computer, along with other items, were missing from the interior of his vehicle. The victim was out of state for over three weeks and waited to report the theft. There were no witnesses and no known video surveillance of the incident.
- A Petty Theft of a bicycle occurred between 7:30AM and 3:00PM, in the 9500 block of Lemon Av. The victim locked and secured his bike in a designated bike rack. When he returned, his bicycle was gone. There were no witnesses or video surveillance.
- The Temple City Special Assignment Team and members of the Parole Team conducted a probation search at 7:55AM and arrested a M/H-19, in the 11000 block of West Hondo Parkway. The suspect was arrested for Possession of Counterfeit Money, Possession of a Controlled Substance & Marijuana for Sale, and Possession of a Loaded Firearm. A second suspect was identified and captured the following day, by the Special Assignment Team and members of patrol, when the suspect jumped out of a second story window to attempt to avoid capture.

11-09-11

- Deputies arrested a F/W-44 for a Domestic Violence Restraining Order Violation at 12:00 AM, in the 5700 block of Temple City Bl. The victim's ex-wife and mother of his children, suffers from a mental condition and violated a restraining order two separate times, throughout the evening. The suspect was arrested at the victim's residence. The suspect is possibly a resident of the city of Rosemead.

11-10-11

- An Assault with a Deadly Weapon occurred at 3:45PM, in the 9500 block of Lemon Av. The victim said he was approached by the suspect, who was walking towards him holding a knife down by his side. The suspect pointed the blade of the knife at the victim and continued walking towards him. The victim, fearing for his life, ran from the suspect. The victim said he does not know the suspect and does not know why the suspect would do such a thing. There were several possible witnesses to the incident and no known video surveillance of the incident. The suspect has not been identified, but this is an ongoing investigation.
- Deputies arrested a F/H-31 at 9:00PM for Possession of a Controlled Substance & Possession of Narcotics Paraphernalia, at Rosemead Bl/Las Tunas Dr. The suspect and her husband were recovering material from a trash dumpster. The suspect admitted to possessing a pipe containing methamphetamine in their vehicle. The suspect is a resident of the city of El Monte.

11-12-11

- A Non-Criminal Domestic Violence incident occurred at 10:30AM, in the 5400 block of Santa Anita Av. The parties were involved in an argument over marital problems. The parties are residents of Temple City.
- A Petty Theft occurred at 1:00PM, in the 5400 block of Rosemead Bl. The suspect had his vehicle repaired at the location. The suspect picked up his vehicle and drove away without paying for the repairs. There is video surveillance and witnesses to the incident. The suspect is possibly a resident of the city of Quail Valley.

ISSUED YARD SALE PERMITS, NOVEMBER 19-20

Source: Community Preservation Division, November 17, 2011

Yard Sale Address	Date
9811 Broadway	11/19
9616 Craiglee St	11/19
5483 Golden West Ave	11/19
5244 Halifax Rd	11/19
5247 Halifax Rd	11/9 & 11/20
6012 Muscatel Ave	11/18 & 11/19
9532 Pentland St	11/19 & 11/20
5026 Temple City Blvd	11/19 & 11/20
5107 Sultana Ave	11/19 & 11/20