



City Manager's Weekly Report

For the Week Ending Thursday, July 7, 2011

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TO: The Honorable City Council

DATE: July 7, 2011

FROM: Jose E. Pulido, City Manager

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Governor Eliminates Redevelopment Agencies

California's new budget, signed last week by Governor Brown, eliminates redevelopment agencies but creates a voluntary program to replace them.

To keep redevelopment agencies, cities and counties statewide must collectively pay \$1.7 billion this year, and \$400 million next year. If they don't, agencies will cease to exist.

The California Redevelopment Association and California League of Cities are planning to sue, citing the budget legislation as extortion and unconstitutional.

The city will have to pay \$200,000 this year to keep its redevelopment agency alive – about 30% of the agency's projected net annual revenue – and \$50,000 the following year for grand total of \$250,000.

Making this year's payment could mean putting off a host of projects including an affordable housing work program, economic development strategy and the necessary redevelopment plan amendments.

Under the legislation, redevelopment agencies dissolve on October 1. The city's redevelopment agency has until November 1 to formally agree to make the payments.

Staff and legal counsel are continuing to analyze the legislation to gauge its effect.

Mayor Sets Office Hours

Mayor Tom Chavez has announced office hours to discuss resident concerns on important city issues. Effective July 18, weekly office hours are 8-10 a.m. on Mondays and 5-7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Any person wishing to meet with the mayor can make an appointment by calling Laura Valdivia at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2322 or emailing lvaldivia@templecity.us.

Those requiring special accommodations, including Chinese and Spanish translation, should make the request when scheduling the appointment.

Gateway Project Update

Gateway Project developer Randy Wang recently launched a marketing initiative to recruit \$24 million from international investors. This effort is part of a federal EB-5 immigration program that provides a green card to foreign nationals who invest money in the United States.

Over the past few months, Mr. Wang and his colleagues have secured considerable interest from Chinese investors to cover a majority of the project's estimated \$20 million price tag. Investors are required to contribute \$500,000 each.

Following is an update on investment activities (as of July 1):

- Three investors have deposited funds in escrow (i.e. \$1.5 million).
- Two of the three have filed I-526 forms (immigrant petitions).
- Three local investors are in serious discussions on behalf of relatives overseas.
- Seven potential investors from China have scheduled visits to Temple City.

Construction on the proposed 75,000 sq. ft. shopping center is expected to begin February 2012. For more information, visit www.thegatewaytemplecity.com

Green Island Restaurant and Parking Concerns

City and Chamber of Commerce staff met yesterday with Green Island representatives to discuss public parking issues behind the restaurant. Current public parking lot provisions allow for a mix of two-hour and all-day parking; the latter prohibits sufficient customer parking during the restaurant's peak lunch hours.

Further discussion regarding this item is scheduled for the July 13 Public Safety Commission meeting. City staff is recommending that all-day parking stall restrictions be removed to accommodate the restaurant's needs – doing so would convert 37 all-day parking stalls to limited two-hour parking.

If the commission approves staff's recommendation and following a 15-day appeal period, all 69 public parking lot stalls (south of Las Tunas Dr. and bounded by Temple City Blvd. and Primrose Ave.) would change to two-hour parking between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. effective July 29.

For more information, contact Bryan Ariizumi at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2336.

City Commission Appointments

The City Council confirmed appointment of the following commissioners at their July 5 meeting:

Parks & Recreation Commission

Dan Arrighi
Nanette Fish
Andrea Olivas

Planning Commission

Patrick Horton
Albert Leung
John Cordes

These appointments came after:

- Numerous notices and press releases announcing the end of two-year terms for three seats on each commission; and
- The formation of a Council ad hoc committee (i.e. Mayor Pro Tem Yu and Councilmember Blum), which reviewed all commissioner applications and recommended candidates for interviews on June 28.

The commissioner selection process takes place this time each year as staggered two-year commissioner terms end on June 30. Applications for each of the city's commissions (Parks & Recreation, Planning, and Public Safety) are available at the City Clerk's office and can be submitted throughout the year.

To learn more about any of the commissions and their meeting schedule, please contact Mary Flandrick at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2316 or e-mail mflandrick@templecity.us

Weekly Update: Rosemead Blvd. Enhancement Project

- A number of properties were identified as encroaching onto city property and the project's proposed sidewalk design. This assessment is necessary for the construction document package, and finalization of the sidewalk and driveway layouts.
- The city manager and Vanir CM representatives met with the Pasadena Star News to discuss the project. [Click here](#) for the resulting article or refer to Attachment 4 of this report.
- The Metropolitan Transit Authority released preliminary recommendations for their selection of Call for Projects grant funds. The project's grant application narrowly missed the cut-off for funding recommendation by two points. The project team is developing a presentation to appeal the recommendation sometime in August.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Preservation Division

In order to show the increased amount of work done by the Community Preservation Division, this section highlights one or two cases that, through the diligent efforts of community preservation staff, brought properties into compliance. Subsequent weekly reports will include selected cases as warranted. Highlighted cases are those that exhibit serious negative impacts to neighborhoods through their appearance and/or dilapidated conditions. For example:

On June 14, the owner of the property located at 5726 Sultana Ave. was issued a code compliance notice for violations of the Temple City Municipal Code (TCMC):

- Accumulation of junk, trash, and debris;
- Holiday lighting; and
- Weathered siding and dilapidated paint/exterior.

The case was closed June 27 after community preservation staff conducted an inspection indicating compliance. Following are before and after photos.



Christmas lighting, chipping paint, and overgrown vegetation.



Holiday lights removed, new paint applied, and vegetation trimmed.



Accumulation of junk, trash and debris.



Items removed.

Planning Division

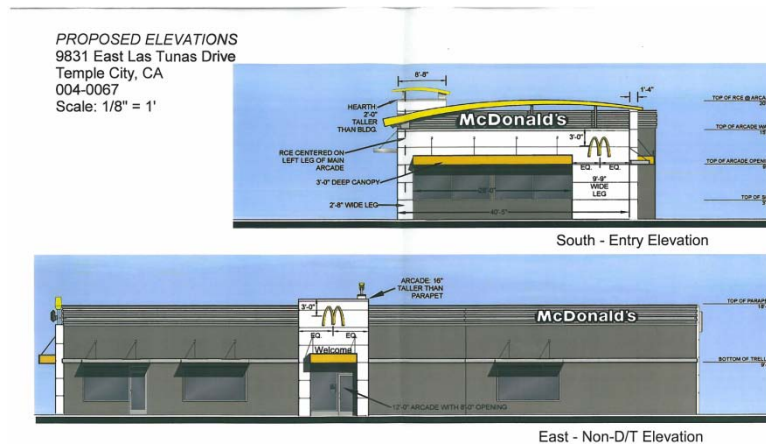
July 12 Planning Commission Meeting

The commission will welcome two newly appointed members: Albert Leung and John Cordes. Items on the agenda include the commission's annual reorganization and consideration of a conditional use permit for a beauty salon at 9251 Las Tunas Dr.

McDonald's to Undergo Remodeling

Plans were recently submitted to significantly remodel the McDonald's restaurant at 9831 Las Tunas Dr. The proposed remodel reflects a corporate direction to modernize restaurant locations that can compete with higher end uses like Starbucks and Panera Bread.

Staff is currently reviewing the site plan, and a modification of their conditional use permit is required. Below are the preliminary elevations, which are subject to change.



As part of the design review process, staff will work with the applicant to push added stonework, awnings and landscaping, as articulated in the following photos (sample from Norwalk, CA).



Public Safety Division

4th of July Fireworks Suppression Operation

The Sheriff's Department deployed three two-man teams on July 4 to quell the use of illegal fireworks through the city. From 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., the teams enforced all appropriate regulations resulting in:

- Nine misdemeanor citations for illegal fireworks;
- Approximately 50 pounds of illegal fireworks, which were confiscated or surrendered to the local fire station;

- Dispersement of two large parties; and
- Detainment of five juveniles and two adults igniting fireworks off the roof of Cleminson Elementary School.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Urban Greening Planning Grant

The city's funding consultant, Avant-Garde, has submitted an \$180,000 urban greening grant to fund the upcoming parks and open space master plan. Announcement of the funding award is anticipated sometime this fall.

The grant application requests funding for an integrated system of green streets, which connects to existing and future parks and open space.

Development of the parks and open space master plan will kick-off later this year.

Live Oak Park Basketball Court Resurfacing

The resurfacing of Live Oak Park basketball courts began this week. Courts will be closed until Monday, July 11.

Movie in the Park, July 8

Pack a picnic, take a blanket and bring the family to a free showing of Lilo and Stitch (rated PG) at Live Oak Park July 8. Movie starts at dusk (approximately 8:15 p.m.). Concessions are available for purchase.

Dial-A-Ride Service Transition

First Transit has taken over the contract for Dial-A-Ride services effective July 1. All existing policies and procedures remain the same, only the provider has changed.

We are experiencing a few problems with the transition and hope to have them resolved within the next few weeks. Patrons experiencing service problems can call Debbie Ingram at (626) 285-2171, ext. 2361 or email dingram@templecity.us

ATTACHMENTS:

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

AGENDA PLANNING CALENDAR

July 19, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

Draft Reserve Policy
Adoption of Department Workplans

August 2, 2011 City Council/CRA Meeting

Public Hearing: Certifying compliance with Congestion Management Program
Public Hearing: Adoption of County Building & Fire Codes by reference
Contract Award: Auditing Services

TEMPLE CITY CRIME BLOTTER

JUNE 30 THROUGH JULY 7, 2011

June 30, 2011

Counterfeit: Between 7:30 PM and 8:15 PM, a 16-18 year old Black male purchased fireworks from a stand located at the intersections of Longden Ave. and Rosemead Blvd. The suspect purchased \$30.00 in fireworks, provided the cashier a \$100.00 bill, and received \$70.00 in change. It was later discovered the \$100.00 bill was counterfeit.

July 1, 2011

Burglary: Between 6:30 AM and 6:30 PM, a residential burglary occurred in the 4400 block of Temple City Blvd. The victim arrived home and found his rear door open and the hinge damaged. The suspect(s) ransacked the victim's bedroom and took a safe containing \$400.00 and a digital camera. The stolen property was valued at \$300.00.

July 2, 2011

Petty Theft: Between 8:00 PM on 07-01 and 7:30 AM on 07-02, a petty theft occurred from an unlocked vehicle. Suspect(s) stole the victim's California driver's license, "Visa" debit card, and a checkbook. The suspect(s) then unsuccessfully attempted to use the victim's debit card in the city of Pasadena.

July 3, 2011

Burglary: Deputies responded to the 4900 block of Heleo Ave. regarding a vehicle burglary. A witness observed an 18 year-old Hispanic male rummaging through his neighbor's vehicle. The witness approached the suspect and asked him what he was doing and the suspect fled on foot. The witness entered his vehicle and followed the suspect as he contacted deputies. Deputies were able to detain the suspect, who admitted to entering the victim's vehicle to steal money. The suspect was arrested for vehicle burglary.

Vandalism: Between 7:00 PM on 07-02 and 7:00 AM on 07-03, vandalism occurred in the 9500 block of Garibaldi Ave. Unknown suspect(s) spray painted "CDV" on the victim's brick wall, which ran along the

driveway.

Petty Theft: Deputies responded to a petty theft call in the 4900 block of Glickman Ave. Between 9:00 PM on 06-30 and 6:45 AM on 07-01, suspect(s) entered the victim's backyard and stole four chrome rims. The rims were valued at \$800.00.

July 5, 2011

Grand Theft: At 4:50 PM, deputies responded to the 6300 block of Rosemead Blvd. The victim had been shopping and placed her purse in a shopping basket. The victim placed the basket down and momentarily walked away, losing sight of the basket containing the purse. When the victim returned, the purse, containing California identification card, social security card, cash, credit cards, gift cards and checks, had been stolen. The stolen property was valued at \$2,115.00.

July 6, 2011

Burglary: Between 7:45 AM on 07-05 and 12:05 AM on 07-06, the victim returned home and found his front door and rear sliding door open. The residence had been ransacked and the following items stolen: 2 laptop computers, a desktop computer, clothing, jewelry, briefcases, golf clubs, cash, and an electric guitar. The stolen items were valued at \$30,150.00.



MEMORANDUM

TO: CITY MANAGER

DATE: JULY 7, 2011

FROM: SANDRA SCOTT, RECEPTIONIST

SUBJECT: YARD SALE PERMITS ISSUED: JULY 9-10, 2011

Yard Sale Address	Residents Name	Date
5001 Arden Dr	Nancy Yu	7/9
6120 Avon Ave	Trinh Vo	7/8 & 9
9608 Broadway	Eric Mok	7/9
5233 Camellia Ave	Guadalupe Oropeza	7/9
5453 Cloverly Ave	Carmen Trujillo	7/9 & 7/10
10933 Daines Dr	Darlene Assad	7/9 & 7/10
10657 Freer St		7/9
4929 Heleo Ave	Chris Brueggemann	7/9 & 7/10
6463 Loma	Frances Hard	7/9
5405 Warman Ln	Beverly Galach	7/8 & 7/9
9073 Woolley St	Genine Weal	7/9

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Rosemead Boulevard in Temple City to be revamped in 2012

Adolfo Flores, Staff Writer

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The section of Rosemead Boulevard by the railroad tracks is one of three major focuses of a multimillion-dollar project that is expected to revitalize the area. Construction is slated to begin in 2012. (Courtesy photo)

TEMPLE CITY - City officials are planning to revamp the 2-mile stretch of Rosemead Boulevard in 2012 with hopes that it will jolt business.

The project is currently anticipated to cost \$13.6 million, but planners hope to get it up to \$17 million, said Kristi Twilley project manager.

The project is being funded through a combination of federal, state, county and local funds, Twilley said. Officials are vying for Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority funds as well.

"The number one thing we want to do is attract businesses and get people to utilize those businesses," Twilley said. "A lot of businesses aren't doing so well, we have some empty storefront for example, and right now they city

has money for Rosemead."

The redesign of the Rosemead Boulevard will be South of Callita Street and North of the train tracks. It's expected to include new streetlights, cycle tracks and green space.

City Manager Jose Pulido hopes that it will also create a center for Temple City at Las Tunas Drive, which he believes is missing.

"We don't really have one right now and this is a huge step towards that endeavour," Pulido said. "This is going to give the street a major revamp."

The cycle tracks, about five feet wide, and improved sidewalks are going to make the area more pedestrian friendly, Pulido said, which was a major concern at community meetings.

"We already had a bike path that we envisioned commuter cyclists

using," Twilley said. "But one of the most frequent comments was 'I can't take my kids through traffic' ... so we changed it."

The project is slated to begin construction in 2012 after they go to bid early in the year, officials said.

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