

**CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Wong, Yu, Vizcarra
ABSENT: Councilmember-None

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager/Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, Interim City Attorney Vail, City Clerk Flandrick, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Services Manager Tidwell, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Community Development Manager Joseph Lambert led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS

Interim City Manager Burroughs introduced new employees: Bill Tidwell, Public Services Manager, Alisha Martinez and Jonathan Aceves, Parking Enforcement Officers.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Dina Piraino, Temple City resident, asked about the process of selecting a City Manager and said she did not understand how highly qualified people who submitted an application were not granted an interview.

Mayor Vizcarra stated the City received approximately 40 applications for the position of City Manager and selected those most qualified for an interview. The City Council is presently in the selection process.

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of the firefighters who lost their lives fighting the Station fire. He also spoke of a traffic light out at Pentland and Rosemead Boulevard on Saturday afternoon, which turned to a flashing red light from Broadway to Lower Azusa until Monday, and wondered if this were an inherent problem at this intersection.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi responded that Edison does have planned outages which affect signal operation. When there is a planned outage, it is coordinated through the County Public Works Division as they maintain traffic signals throughout the City.

Marlin Perry, Temple City property owner, said he owned 6 units on Primrose and since a new restaurant opened up in that area, its customers have taken all of the street parking on Primrose. There are no signs limiting the amount of parking there and his 6 tenants have complained that they pay for permits for street parking, but there is none available near their units. He requested a 2-hour street parking limit so that those with permits can have the privilege of parking there.

Susan Schlaeger, Temple City Library Manager, informed everyone that September is library card signup month and she encouraged anyone not having a card to sign up for one and take advantage of access to free books and movies.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, complained of a power outage that began at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday and did not come back on until Monday and stated that she has experienced 2 long outages in the 3 years she has lived in the area. She asked if Edison informs the City when they have an outage.

Public Safety Officer Ariizumi stated Edison does coordinate with the City if there is a planned outage for upgrading power poles, etc. If there is an unexpected outage, the City sometimes does get notification that the power has gone out, but depending on the nature of the work, Edison cannot always give an estimate as to when the power will come back on.

Dina Piraino, Temple City resident, complained of Athens' service, stating their pickup service is unreliable and unpredictable, and when she called their office, was told there was a shortage of employees. She asked Council to consider this very carefully before renewing their contract.

Franklin Ruedel, Temple City resident, suggested that turning off the air conditioning may help to stop or shorten the outages. He also felt that Athens provides excellent trash pickup service. They pick up regularly and have always done their job correctly.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Wong moved to approve the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember-Chavez, Sternquist, Wong, Yu, Vizcarra
NOES: Councilmember-None
ABSENT: Councilmember-None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember-None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved as presented:

- 1) Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of August 18, 2009;
- 2) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 25, 2009; and
- 3) Minutes of the City Council Special Meeting of August 26, 2009.

B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2009

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of August 25, 2009.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2009

Received and filed the Parks and Recreation Commission actions of their meeting of August 19, 2009.

D. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT & CONDITIONS FOR THE USE OF THE CONCESSION STAND

Approved the revised Agreement & Conditions for the Use of the Concession Stand as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

E. ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE RELEASE OF SECURITY FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT 5313-5317 SANTA ANITA AVENUE, TRACT NO. 61308

Accepted the sanitary sewer improvements at 5313-5317 Santa Anita Avenue, Tract No. 61308 and authorized release of securities in the amount of \$58,500.

F. ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE RELEASE OF SECURITY FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT 5343-5353 SANTA ANITA AVENUE, TRACT NO. 63510

Accepted sanitary sewer improvements at 5343-5353 Santa Anita Avenue, Tract No. 63510 and authorized release of securities in the amount of \$58,500.

- G. ACCEPT IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROVE RELEASE OF SECURITY FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT 5108-5114 FARAGO AVENUE, TRACT NO. 60833
Accepted sanitary sewer improvements at 5108-5114 Farago Avenue, Tract No. 60833 and authorized release of securities in the amount of \$54,600.
- H. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF A BANNER BY FIRST LUTHERAN SCHOOL
Approved the request by First Lutheran School to place and remove a banner publicizing their Fall enrollment, subject to submission of proper insurance documentation.
- I. PETTY CASH REPORT
Received and filed the Petty Cash Report with the current charges.
- J. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-4630 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
Adopted Resolution No. 09-4630, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$270,776.07 DEMAND NOS. 27630 THROUGH 27725.
- K. APPROVAL OF PERMITS FOR USE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKING LOT FOR THE 2009 HARVEST HOEDOWN AND CRAFT FAIRE AND THE 2009 CAMELLIA FESTIVAL
Approved the permits for use of the Los Angeles County Library parking lot for the annual Harvest Hoedown and Craft Faire on October 17, 2009 and the Camellia Festival on February 26-28, 2010, and authorized staff to sign.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

8. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

9. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None

10. **RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

At 8:00 p.m., the City Council recessed to the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting. Minutes of the Agency Meeting are set forth in full in the Agency's records.

RECONVENE AS CITY COUNCIL

The City Council meeting was reconvened at 8:01 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

11. **ACTION ON REQUEST BY CRA** – None

12. **UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER** – None

13. **MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS** – None

14. **COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR COMMISSION MEETINGS**

Mayor Pro Tem Yu and Councilmember Chavez reported on the meeting held with Athens representatives. Mayor Pro Tem Yu stated the purpose of the meeting was to understand how the contract works and the need for a 30-year evergreen contract. Athens was asked about exploring the possibility of reducing costs by going from twice a week to once a week trash pickup, either manually or by automatic pickup, and to see what kind of rates that would yield in the long run. Also Athens suggested holding public meetings to see how the residents would respond to a different way or schedule of picking up trash.

Councilmember Chavez stated he felt the meeting was very positive and two major issues were discussed – the 30 year contract and types of services. Mr. Chiappetta, Executive Vice President

of Athens, provided the history of the contract and went over consideration of what was given up or given to the City in consideration for such a long term agreement. They also discussed some type of price breaks tied to HUD guidelines. Mr. Chiappetta will bring back a report in 30-45 days with different options. The proposed public meeting will allow everyone the opportunity to express their opinions regarding the different options and have further discussion as to keeping our service as is or trying to improve it.

Councilmembers Sternquist and Chavez reported on the City's 50th Anniversary committee meeting. Councilmember Sternquist stated four subcommittees were formed: activities/special events, commemorative items, publicity, and ways & means – finance. It was also suggested to hold a year-long celebration with the main event occurring May 22 and 23, 2010. The subcommittees will report back their recommendations to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Each subcommittee consists of 2 Parks and Recreation Commissioners as well as volunteers.

Councilmember Chavez noted that the committee is looking for interested citizens to volunteer and be involved in the subcommittees.

15. COUNCIL ITEMS SEPARATE FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S REGULAR AGENDA

A. COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ

Councilmember Chavez stated, at a previous meeting, concerns were expressed about business activity in certain areas of the City and the fact that Council was not being kept abreast of details concerning new applications for business permits. Council had informally requested updates which staff has provided as to potential business activity Las Tunas and other prime areas of the City. He felt there was a gap somewhere and he didn't want to put staff in a position of waiting for Council to do something. He requested this issue be placed on the next agenda to come to some consensus and clarify further what Council is supposed to do with these activity reports or in what way they should be used.

Councilmember Chavez congratulated the Parks and Recreation staff for a great summer concert series, the last one of which is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST

1) Habitat for Humanity

Councilmember Sternquist stated when Council was given an update on the housing element and the required units needed, she went on the internet to see what other cities have done to meet those numbers allocated to them and came across many local cities involved with Habitat for Humanity. She felt this may be a way to begin meeting some of those requirements for the housing element and may be fitting in connection with the City's 50th anniversary. On September 12th, she will be meeting with the San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Habitat for a 2-hour presentation of who they are and how the process works, with a tour of 2 projects taking place in Glendale. She asked if any Councilmembers or Commissioners would like to attend also.

Interim City Attorney Vail stated as long as there are only 2 Councilmembers and 2 Commissioners, it would not violate the Brown Act.

Councilmember Sternquist stated the presentation begins at 11:00 a.m. on September 12th and she extended the invitation to Community Development Manger Lambert also. Councilmember Wong indicated she would like to attend.

Councilmember Sternquist said she appreciated the process of interviewing for a City Manager. Bob Murray & Associates did an excellent job in selecting 5 highly qualified candidates for Council to interview and she looked forward to the final interviews and bringing a City Manager to our City that we can all be proud of.

C. COUNCILMEMBER WONG

Councilmember Wong stated a lot of people have been enjoying the concerts and she felt the music helps shorten the distance of language barriers.

She offered to help with interpreting for the community redevelopment forums scheduled by Avant Garde, particularly the third one offered in Chinese. She was also able to assist with Chinese media assistance.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM YU

Mayor Pro Tem Yu stated he and Mr. Paz of Avant Garde have been talking about the redevelopment process and the steps involved. Mr. Paz has offered to offer a session to the Council and Planning Commission to walk through the general process. Council all expressed an interest in these sessions.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA

Mayor Vizcarra agreed the Concerts in the Park have been wonderful and thanked Interim City Manager/Parks & Recreation Director Burroughs and her staff.

Mayor Vizcarra stated the September 15, 2009 City Council meeting has been canceled due to lack of a quorum. The next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 21st at 7:30 p.m.

16. REIMBURSEMENTS OF EXPENSES PAID TO OFFICIALS FOR CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS – None

17. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, said a few meetings ago she suggested adding an agenda item for questions and answers so the public could ask questions and perhaps get an answer then or later. She thanked Mayor Pro Tem Yu for bringing back the 5-day City Hall schedule. She was glad of the additional code enforcement personnel because now she is sure that her neighborhood will start improving. She has lived here 35 years and felt it sad that she has to come to council meetings and ask for her neighborhood to be upgraded. There is a vacant home across the street from her that she has brought up twice and still nothing has been done. She also suggested Council look into a better sound system for the Council Chambers.

Patrick Horton, Planning Commissioner, applauded Councilmember Sternquist for looking into Habitat for Humanity and to pursue that in conjunction with the 50th anniversary is fitting. If it materializes into something the City supports to aid in affordable housing, he wished to be involved. He also suggested involving Boy Scouts and wondered if the City considered a time capsule for the 50th anniversary celebration.

18. CLOSED SESSION – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. in honor of the Los Angeles County firefighters who lost their lives in the Station fire: Captain Ted Hall and Firefighter Specialist Arnie Quinones.

The next City Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 21, 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk