

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Pulido, City Attorney Vail, Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs, City Clerk Flandrick, Assistant to the City Manager Flod, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

**3. INVOCATION**

Temple City businessman Jerry Jambazian provided the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS – None**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Val Lai, property owner and manager of property located at 9233-9251 Las Tunas Drive, stated he received a citation for code violation involving one of his properties regarding an aerial sign and window decals. He said he has managed this property for the last 30 years and has never received this kind of notice before. He is being asked to remove the sign and decals and felt it hard in this economy to spend the money to remove them. His tenants complain to him about the City codes and move out when they cannot comply. He hoped the City would consider making the City codes more reasonable.

At the request of Mayor Vizcarra, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi responded that, if the property is vacant, the code does require removal of the previous business signs and any identifying signs.

Councilmember Sternquist noted that recently a code enforcement pamphlet went out to all of the businesses and the City is being more proactive regarding code enforcement to keep the downtown clean.

Mary Burke, Temple City resident, expressed her thanks for a well run City that supports its youth. She expressed appreciation for Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs and her staff for their hard work.

## 6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Blum removed Item A-2 and Item G from the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Blum moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Calendar, seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

### B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2010

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of April 27, 2010.

### C. APPROVAL OF PROGRESS PAYMENT NO. 2 TO HIRSCH & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR WORK PERFORMED ON THE LIVE OAK PARK CIRCULAR PLANTER RENOVATION PROJECT

Approved progress payment No. 2, in the amount of \$675.00, to Hirsch & Associates, Inc. for professional architectural services performed for the Live Oak Park Circular Planter Renovation Project (P10-03).

### D. THIRD QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY REPORTS, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Received and filed the March 2010 Treasurer's Report, Third Quarter Revenue and Expenditure Summary Reports, and Capital Improvement Financial Report.

E. RELEASE OF A CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT FOR TRACT NO. 061141 FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS AT 5832-5842 ENCINITA AVENUE

Authorized release of a Certificate of Deposit, in the amount of \$120,150, to ensure that water improvements were completed at 5832-5842 Encinita Avenue, Tract No. 061141.

F. RELEASE OF A GRADING SECURITY BOND FOR TRACT MAP NO. 65942 AT 5063 A-D AND 5067 A-C SERENO DRIVE

Authorized release of a security bond, in the amount of \$9,700.00, to ensure that grading was completed on the private property at 5063 A-D and 5067 A-C Sereno Drive, Tract Map No. 65942.

H. PETTY CASH REPORT

Received and filed the Petty Cash Report with the current charges.

I. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4669 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4669, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$255,577.10 DEMAND NOS. 29298 THROUGH 29411.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Council was requested to review and approve:

- 1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2010; and
- 2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2010.

Councilmember Blum said he wished to briefly comment regarding Item A-2, Minutes of the Special Goals Setting Meeting. On Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the City Council, City Manager, and four staff members met from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in a facilitated goals and strategic planning session. Council addressed numerous issues regarding the City and the information is being summarized by the facilitator to come back to us. The approval of next year's budget will be pushed back until we can weave these issues into the budget. A special session addressing these goals will be held.

Mayor Vizcarra stated one of the things Council wanted to focus on was the fact we really didn't have goals and a direction. Council discussed all we wanted to do for the City, what we wanted to focus on, and a target date for accomplishing them, so we took the initial step in that process.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez stated he attended the Contract Cities conference this past week and noted one of the reoccurring themes was that for a City to be successful in the future, it needed to have goals and a system in place to accomplish those goals. Having a direction and goals in place will lead to better things in the City. Council will develop a set plan.

Councilmember Sternquist added that from these goals and objections, Council will be developing a mission statement which will be a driving force for decision making in the future. This was a great opportunity to bring the Manager and staff together with the Council and look for things we want to do for the residents of the City.

Councilmember Yu said he found this to be one of the most exciting days as a Councilmember. Although it was a public meeting, only 2-3 people showed up. This is the first time in history Council got together to set goals for the City. All cities have limited resources which they must channel for the most profitable gain for the City. Council and staff can be held accountable for performance. The goals discussed touched on many levels and the Manager will take steps to achieve those goals. Some goals which Council emphasized from the very beginning have already materialized. Staff reports and everything from the Council agenda packet is now online; meetings are televised; public comments periods were increased; and the Council's email addresses are all online.

Councilmember Blum moved to approve as presented:

- 1) Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2010; and
- 2) Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 8, 2010;

seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chavez and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

G. RESOLUTION NO. 10-4668 DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 AND ESTABLISHING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PUBLIC OBJECTIONS

The City Council was requested to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to levy and collect Lighting and Maintenance District assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010/2011.

Councilmember Blum provided background information regarding the Assessment District which was established in 1969 to pay for street lights and landscaping. The fees were set forty years ago and with inflation, the dollar value is less than half. The City has been subsidizing the District out of other funds instead of appropriately reflecting the fees out of the District. This will be discussed in the public hearing which is set by the proposed resolution for July 6, 2010.

Councilmember Blum moved to accept the Engineer's Report and adopt Resolution No. 10-4668, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 WITHIN THE CITYWIDE LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT, PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972 AND ESTABLISHING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PUBLIC OBJECTIONS, seconded by Councilmember Yu and unanimously carried by the following roll call vote:

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

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

8. **NEW BUSINESS** – None

9. **COMMUNICATIONS** – None

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

At 8:01 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 8:06 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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

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

**13. MATTERS FROM CITY OFFICIALS**

**A. 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE**

Parks and Recreation Director Burroughs provided an update of the City's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary upcoming events and activities.

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

Councilmember Yu reported on the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project Ad Hoc Committee meeting with City Manager Pulido and the consultant to clarify points and define the scope of work.

Councilmember Sternquist stated she would be attending the Foothill Transit meeting tomorrow and looked forward to bringing back information to the residents on fare hikes.

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

**A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM – None**

**B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST**

Councilmember Sternquist reported on the Contract Cities conference sessions she attended, and in particular the risk management session. The speaker emphasized the importance of having a system in place so that accidents and tragedies are prevented before they even happen. She was appreciative of being able to attend this conference as she learned a lot.

**C. COUNCILMEMBER YU – None**

D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said he and Councilmember Yu had an interesting meeting with a company that identifies a project and goes out and looks for funding for it. At the Contract Cities conference, the theme was the economy and about things that will succeed in the current economy. Most of the tips and suggestions offered have already been implemented in this City. Another topic that was also mentioned at the California Association of Public Information Officials (CAPIO) conference was the importance of having good media relations and to be prepared for crisis. This was also discussed at the Council goals session in regard to keeping the public informed. He spoke of the importance of being a member of the local and regional organizations such as the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) so the City can share in the global environment of the State and County. Also joining subcommittees on these organizations will many times open doors to benefit our City.

Councilmember Yu added that getting involved is a great opportunity to meet other City Councilmembers and managers from other cities. He also met with legislators such as Senator Carol Liu, Assemblymember Anthony Portantino and Supervisor Mike Antonovich who hopefully will see us in a good light when funding opportunities become available.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA

Mayor Vizcarra asked for an update on the former Shell gas station on Las Tunas Drive.

City Manager Pulido reported receiving a call last Friday informing him that the site has been approved for a Unocal Station, so within the next few months an application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) will be submitted by the owner for a Unocal gas station and mart. In the interim an independent brand gas station has been approved and will be operating until Unocal comes in.

**16. REIMBURSEMENTS OF EXPENSES PAID TO OFFICIALS FOR CONDUCT OF CITY BUSINESS**

- A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM – \$985.51 – Per Diem Advancement (California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST - \$1,317.96 – Per Diem Advancement (California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)

- C. COUNCILMEMBER YU - \$985.51 – Per Diem Advancement (California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ - \$985.51 – Per Diem Advancement (California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference); \$39.00 – Reimbursement to City (California Association of Public Information Officials Conference)
- E. MAYOR VIZCARRA - \$985.51 – Per Diem Advancement (California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)

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

Ken Knollenberg, Temple City resident, thanked Council for having the May 8 goals and strategic planning meeting where he witnessed five elected officials working together with the same goals to benefit the City. The Council took ownership in identifying problems and came up with a plan of action and timeline for completion.

Das Sheenh, Temple City resident, said he was grateful to see this Council that is upfront and works truly for the citizens. He spoke of his concerns with the Athens survey and felt the choices given were not for the people's benefit. The bottom line is the cost and that should be based on usage like other utilities. Also a rebate for senior citizens should be considered.

Patrick Horton, Planning Commissioner, thanked Council for their feedback of the Contract Cities conference and provided some suggestions of solar lighting and power in which Southern California Edison (SCE) is leading the charge. These issues dovetail with the Lighting and Maintenance District and bear consideration. He also mentioned the City's CTY Community Notification System service in which residents sign up to be contacted regarding emergencies which is one mechanism the City has to let residents know what is going on.

**18. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk