

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 3, 2010**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vizcarra called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:32 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, Community Development Manager Lambert, Financial Services Manager Molina, Public Safety Officer Ariizumi

**3. INVOCATION**

Pastor John Aitken of Temple City Seventh Day Adventist Church provided the Invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Casey Lo, district representative for Senator Carol Liu, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS**

**A. RECOGNITION FROM SENATOR CAROL LIU'S OFFICE FOR THE CITY'S ECO-FRIENDLY PRACTICES**

Casey Lo, of Senator Carol Liu's office, presented Council with a certificate of recognition of the City's energy efficiency practices.

A certificate was also received from Assemblyman Anthony Portantino's Office.

Teresa Lamb, of Senator Adam Schiff's office noted the great turnout at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Fair at Temple City Park.

**B. SISTER CITY ORGANIZATION PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO CITY COMMEMORATING 25 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH HAWKESBURY, AUSTRALIA**

Steve Terry, representing the Sister City organization, presented a plaque to the City Council from the national committee commemorating the City's twenty-five year partnership with its sister city of Hawkesbury, Australia. Also in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its first government, the City of Hawkesbury sent commemorative presents.

**C. "50 BOOKS FOR 50 YEARS" DONATION TO THE LIBRARY**

Councilmember Sternquist, on behalf of the residents, presented another fifty books donation to the Temple City Library representing many hours of valuable entertainment for children and adults. She congratulated everyone on their efforts of helping our library and said she hoped to see a donation of 500 books by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Susan Schlaeter, Library Manager, accepted the books for the Library.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA – None**

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Blum moved to approve the Consent Calendar, 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

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approved the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 20, 2010, as presented.

**B. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF JULY 13, 2010**

Received and filed the Planning Commission actions of their meeting of July 13, 2010.

**C. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ACTIONS – MEETING OF JULY 21, 2010**

Received and filed the Parks and Recreation Commission actions of their meeting of July 21, 2010.

**D. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4686 APPROVING THE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY AND RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMITS**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4686, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY AND RECOMMENDED SPEED LIMITS.

**E. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 10-4689 FOR THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECT; PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT NO. 005-N (UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON TEMPLE CITY BOULEVARD & LAS TUNAS DRIVE AND AT BALDWIN AVENUE & OLIVE STREET)**

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4689, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY TO SIGN THE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 005-N TO THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY – FEDERAL MASTER AGREEMENT NO. 07-5365R.

**F. CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LECMGT TO DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM AND TRAINING**

1) Approved a \$24,000 Consultant Services Agreement with LECMgt to develop an emergency preparedness program and training for the City Council and staff; and

2) Authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

G. PETTY CASH REPORT

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

H. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4687 – APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Adopted Resolution No. 10-4687, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY ALLOWING CLAIMS AND DEMANDS IN THE SUM OF \$482,434.38 DEMAND NOS. 29846, 29848-29852, 29857, 29858-29911 (\$424,210.66 – FY 2009-2010) AND DEMAND NOS. 29845, 29847, 29853-29856, 29912-29964 (\$58,223.72 – FY 2010-2011).

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 10-936: A ZONING CODE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW HEDGE HEIGHTS OVER SIX FEET TALL OUTSIDE OF THE FRONT YARD SETBACK AREA IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND TO SPECIFICALLY DEFINE HEDGES

On July 20, 2010, the City Council conducted a public hearing to consider an Ordinance that would define hedges, and eliminate the hedge height requirement in the rear yard area of residential properties. The City Council introduced the draft Ordinance for first reading and at this time, the Ordinance was presented for second reading and adoption by the City Council.

At the request of Council, City Clerk Flandrick read the title of Ordinance No. 10-936.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez moved to waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 10-936, an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY AMENDING THE TEMPLE CITY ZONING CODE TO ALLOW HEDGE HEIGHTS OVER SIX FEET TALL OUTSIDE OF THE FRONT YARD SETBACK AREA IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES, AND TO SPECIFICALLY DEFINE HEDGES, TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE A, SECTION 9109: DEFINITIONS; AND TITLE 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE K, SECTION 9316, seconded by Councilmember Blum 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

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

A. PUBLIC HEARING: TO CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BY ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-4688

Community Development Manager Lambert reviewed his staff report, stating in response to Proposition 111 in 1990, which increased the State Gas Tax, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) Congestion Management Program (CMP) was developed. Conformance with the CMP assures that local agencies are providing transportation improvements to offset the traffic congestion resulting from new development. If a city does not conform to the CMP, that city's share of the Gas Tax

increase provided by Proposition 111 may be withheld and allocated to the County to use on regional transportation projects.

It was requested the Council consider the adoption of a self certified resolution confirming full compliance with the CMP in that all of the development review requirements have been codified into the Zoning Code and all monitoring has been completed or is scheduled for completion. This will allow the City to receive Proposition 111 State Gas Tax funds in the amount of approximately \$565,085 this fiscal year.

Mayor Vizcarra opened the public hearing.

Eliza Clifford, Region Manager for Edison, invited everyone to view Edison's energy efficient mobile unit at the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Fair in Temple City Park this evening. She also offered to meet with any individual Councilmembers on the state of utility presentation recently sent out. In response to Mayor Vizcarra, she stated that Edison is not performing much undergrounding of equipment recently as it was found not the most effective for reliability.

Patrick Horton, Planning Commissioner, commended the City Council and staff for ensuring that the City is regionally integrated and doing its part regarding congestion management program compliance. Another good thing about the program is that the city gets points to use to justify application for special projects.

Community Development Manager Lambert stated, as part of Metro's mitigation fee study currently going on, the new strategy is to identify special projects of designated arterials for the future.

Hearing no further requests to speak, either for or against this item, the public hearing was closed.

Councilmember Blum moved to adopt Resolution No. 10-4688, a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE CITY TO BE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CMP) AND ADOPTING THE CMP LOCAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65089, 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

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY UPDATE

Linda Payne, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, provided an update of the Chamber's recent and upcoming events and membership numbers.

## 11. RECESS TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

At 8:12 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 8:30 p.m. with all Councilmembers present.

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

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

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

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

Councilmember Yu reported that he and Councilmember Sternquist, as the Retail Study Ad Hoc Committee, met for the second time last week to compile the Council's survey preferences and gave them to City Manager Pulido to enter into Buxton's SCOUT software. The next step is to prepare pursuit packages with the City Manager for contact with different businesses, with the emphasis on retail and restaurants what would be universally attractive to residents.

Councilmember Sternquist added that it was exciting to see the technology in use that could show what types of business would be most successful in the community.

Mayor Vizcarra left the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Councilmember Yu added that the Buxton study gives us data to present to a retailer showing that Temple City is a good match for their business. It will give us the tools to go after businesses and keep up with competitors.

Councilmember Blum reported on the last Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Ad Hoc Committee meeting in which he and Councilmember Yu selected a construction management firm. That agreement will be presented to the Council at the August 17 meeting and then the City can move forward with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a design firm. It is hoped to have that contract by late November, and then we will have a much better feel of what we want to do. This Thursday the Committee will be meeting with Avant Garde to keep track of the funding status of available funding from different sources.

Mayor Vizcarra returned to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez reported that he and Councilmember Blum, as the Protocol Ad Hoc Committee have been working with City Attorney Vail on a set of protocols to be presented to Council for approval. They also plan to post these protocols on the City's website so the public can view them for input and public discussion at the Council meeting of September 7.

Councilmember Blum added that the public can view the protocols online and also send in their comments electronically.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez said he also attended the Joint Powers Insurance Authority (JPIA) annual meeting in which a new board of directors was elected. He also received an overview of their operation and had the opportunity to speak with Councilmembers of different cities who have a lot of the same issues.

Mayor Vizcarra attended the monthly Sanitation District meeting and spoke of the District's regular informational trips out in the harbor to explain the sewer runoff process. A calendar of upcoming hazardous waste disposal events was also distributed.

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

A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM

1) Council Stipends for Attendance at External Organization Meetings

Councilmember Blum stated, as a spinoff of all the recent news stories, and in line with the Council protocols regarding openness, it was appropriate to show the Council's compensation. He listed the compensation of Councilmembers as: \$480 per month; \$30 for each Community Redevelopment Agency meeting (usually 2 per month); and \$120 for each Community Development & Housing Authority meeting (scheduled as needed). In addition, there is a stipend paid by 5 of the 13 regional organizations in which one Council delegate participates.

2) Construction Project Signage Guidelines

Councilmember Blum suggested the City adopt guidelines for construction project signage to inform residents of what is going on and the timeline, etc. for future construction projects.

B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST

Councilmember Sternquist relayed information on a "home beautiful award" program that the Chamber sponsored in years past. Homes were judged on their yard and exterior appearance and certificates were given to the winner along with a breakfast at the Community Center. She said the Chamber was willing to reinstate the program which encourages people to maintain their yards.

C. COUNCILMEMBER YU

Councilmember Yu stated from time to time the Council gets letters and emails or phone calls bringing up issues that ask for follow-up. However, if they are anonymous, it is difficult to do. He recommended if anyone wishes to contact the Council, to feel free to leave a name and number so that Council can respond.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez noted that the City has information regarding low cost auto insurance offered by the Department of Insurance and also zero interest loans from Edison earmarked for local government.

Mayor Pro Tem Chavez stated, as reported by Councilmember Blum at the last meeting, the Eaton Wash Corridor Project is getting off the ground. The first fact gathering meeting was held last Thursday to provide information for recreational opportunities along the wash. Five to six cities are involved and the workshops allow people to offer their ideas and wishes for what they would like to see as far as our City is concerned. Parks and Recreation Commissioner Peggy Miller attended and provided Council with a written recap of the meeting. Several Councilmembers were able to attend the second meeting where they had the opportunity to look at an aerial view. This is just in the planning stage and there will be more workshops to put together a plan. This project will benefit a lot of cities and give our citizens a place to go for recreational activities.

E. MAYOR VIZCARRA

Mayor Vizcarra attended the Chamber's installation banquet and was glad to see the number of people involved. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the City and everyone's involvement is needed.

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

- A. COUNCILMEMBER BLUM – None
- B. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST – None
- C. COUNCILMEMBER YU – None
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM CHAVEZ – None
- E. MAYOR VIZCARRA - \$120.93 (Reimbursement to City for advances for California Contract Cities Association Annual Conference)

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

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City businessman, said the Wednesday night concerts in the park are amazing with the number of people that come out.

In response to Mr. Jambazian, City Manager Pulido stated the whole purpose of the Buxton study is to be able to show where the customer base is. Some companies do purchase information from Buxton.

Linda Payne, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, said, said regarding construction signage, that the Chamber has received quite a number of calls from residents asking what is going on, how long it will last, where the money is coming from, and who is doing it.

**19. CLOSED SESSION – None**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk