

**CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2011**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. in the City Hall Community Room, 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Field Deputy Brian Mejia, Principal Engineer & Head of City Services David Pilker, Chief Deputy – County Library Fred Hungerford, Assistant Director – County Library (Capital Projects) Jim Allen, Planning Deputy Edel Vizcarra, Public Works Commissioner Mahesh P. Parekh

City Manager Jose E. Pulido, Public Safety Officer Bryan Ariizumi, Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Burroughs, City Clerk Mary Flandrick, Assistant to the City Manager Brian Haworth, Community Development Director Steve Masura, Community Preservation Supervisor Robert Sahagun

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Chavez introduced the City Council and City Staff. Supervisor Antonovich and County Staff Members introduced themselves.

Items on the agenda were presented with the aid of a power point presentation. Questions were responded to and direction was given as needed. Mayor Chavez stated several agenda items would be taken out of order: Items 3A, 4C and 5A regarding the Library.

3. JOINT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A. Temple City Library Renovation and Art Mural

Councilmember Vizcarra thanked Supervisor Antonovich and the County for renovations to the Temple City Library in the amount of \$210,000. The City also secured an agreement with the County to allow the installation of a mural on an exterior wall of the Library. This was the City's first public art project which engaged high school students under the guidance of the Public Art Advisory Group.

4. CURRENT ISSUES/PRIORITY NEEDS

C. County Library Parking Lot

Councilmember Vizcarra noted the City's Farmer's Market has been very successful and the community has embraced it. The City would like to expand the Market through a joint use agreement with the County for use of the County Library parking lot, and also a waiver of any permit fees.

Mr. Hungerford indicated that approval would be through the Board of Supervisors which has the authority to waive fees. Supervisor Antonovich suggested Mr. Hungerford work with City staff to prepare an agreement.

5. FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

A. New Civic Center

Mayor Pro Tem Yu thanked Supervisor Antonovich for funding an additional day for the Library to be open. The Library is now open four days a week and the community is very appreciative. Temple City is a growing community that values education which makes the County Library more pertinent than ever. The key to revitalizing the eastern part of the downtown area is to prepare a master plan to create a civic center complex of City Hall, Civic Center, Fire Station and a new County Library. It is exciting to see how the County is helping other communities and all have different funding considerations. This is an opportunity for the County and City, and possibly the School District, to partner together and conduct a library assessment study for a complete transformation of the Civic Center. The City would need the County's consideration of different funding possibilities or property exchange and control agreement.

Supervisor Antonovich suggested City Manager Pulido start a dialogue with the County's Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hungerford noted that a needs assessment would cost approximately \$35,000 which is not currently in the County's budget. It is a fairly extensive process geared to make sure the residents' needs are met.

3. JOINT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following items were accomplished through a joint effort of the City and County.

A. Temple City Library Renovation and Art Mural – Already discussed.

B. Rosemead/Callita/Sultana Intersection Improvements

Councilmember Blum thanked the County for coordinating their roadwork with the City to redesign this intersection which is under both County and City jurisdiction to make it safe for pedestrians and drivers.

C. Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Mayor Chavez stated, at last year's meeting with Supervisor Antonovich, the City indicated it wished to have a more restrictive ordinance regarding medical marijuana dispensaries and the County responded with an ordinance that matched the City's provisions and covered the unincorporated areas. Supervisor Antonovich noted this issue had the full support of the County Board of Supervisors.

D. Senior Meals Program

Councilmember Sternquist thanked the County for helping to implement a Senior Lunch Program which began at Live Oak Park Community Center last Valentine's Day. The City partnered with the YWCA to provide the meals. It has provided seniors with an opportunity to come together and share a meal and has also extended the communication between the City's Asian and non-Asian community. In March of 2011, the menu was expanded to provide both an Asian and American menu and has been a huge success. In addition, this has led to more senior involvement in the community.

E. Temple City Emergency Preparedness Plan

City Manager Pulido thanked the County for responding to the City's request for assistance to coordinate efforts toward emergency response operations. The cooperation of County staff has enabled the City and its consultant to prepare an emergency preparedness and response plan which was recently approved by the State.

F. County Public Works Liaison

City Manager Pulido stated this request from last year, to coordinate County and City planned improvements to Rosemead Boulevard, is nearing completion. A seamless transition in facilitating design efforts at shared boundaries was accomplished with County staff's support.

4. CURRENT ISSUES/PRIORITY NEEDS

A. Rosemead Blvd. Construction Coordination – *Ensure timely interagency reviews and consistent public information messages.*

Councilmember Blum reported the City is working through its design review process. Construction bids will begin this Spring with actual construction to begin in the Summer. The City is appreciative of the County's timely support and coordinated improvements. Supervisor Antonovich stated the County's portion is scheduled for completion in the Spring of 2012. The Governor has already authorized bond funding for road projects ("shovel-ready" projects) which may be utilized in Temple City for projects such as this. The County has not exercised use of these funds as yet.

B. Rosemead Blvd. Service Road – *Reconstruct a City service road that provides sole access to county properties.*

City Manager Pulido requested the County reference any funding sources and coordination for improvements in the area of the service road that would coordinate with elements of the Rosemead Boulevard Improvement Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Yu asked for aid with the Flood Control District regarding Eaton Wash which runs across the Boulevard.

Mr. Pilker stated the County has been working with the City on this and has 60% signed plans. They have initiated an analysis on the County portion of the service road and will continue to work with the City staff and the Flood Control District as part of this project also.

C. County Library Parking Lot – Already discussed.

D. Bicycle Master Planning Efforts – *Coordinate efforts that improve connectivity between existing and proposed bikeways.*

Community Development Director Masura provided information on the efforts toward master bike plans within the San Gabriel Valley. The City completed its first Bike Master Plan earlier this year and the County is now finishing their Plan. A bike network will improve connectivity.

Mayor Chavez left the meeting at 8:53 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Yu chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Director Masura stated that both plans show Eaton Wash as a bike path and this is something the City would like to work on with the County to pursue additional funding. The City received grant funding as the first phase of its plan and there has been tremendous interest and support from the community. The County and City have been at the forefront of

what needed to be done and any additional aid the County could give on Eaton Wash or any other connecting streets would be appreciative.

5. FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- A. **New Civic Center** – Already discussed.
- B. **Los Angeles County Flood Control Act (AB 2554)** – *Explore financing models for storm water pollution mitigation funding.*

Councilmember Blum reported on the issue of storm water and urbanization and its economic impact. The County's Department of Public Works is working with a coalition of organizations and agencies to determine how to address this issue and to explore financing models to meet this mandate, which is not federally funded. A parcel-related fee may be recommended. The County was encouraged to continue exploring financing sources. Supervisor Antonovich felt as this act was federally mandated it should be federally funded, but realized the need to find a solution.

- C. **Temple City Redevelopment Plan** – *Collaborate on analyses that support actions for additional blight-alleviating and housing resources.*

City Manager Pulido asked for the County's continued support of the City's effort to undertake a redevelopment plan amendment to create additional revitalization and housing resources. He provided an update on the progress of the project at the corner of Las Tunas Drive and Rosemead Boulevard, which is currently going through the EB5 Program to secure investors.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Ruedel, Ken Knollenberg, and Bob Glynn spoke of possible joint efforts with School Districts, Peck Road Water Conservation Park Project, and vehicle parking over flood control channels.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk