CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Man called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 7:02 a.m. in the City Hall Community Room located at 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Councilmember – Chavez, Sternquist, Yu, Chen, Man
ABSENT:	Councilmember – None
ALSO PRESENT:	City Manager Cook, Community Services and Public Safety Supervisor Amaya, Community Preservation Officer Tran Community Services Officer Carrillo, Community Services Officer Nolasco
	Captain Meza, Deputy Felix, Deputy Swartz, Deputy Bui, Detective Lieutenant Kearney

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sean Lee, Jennie Andrews, and Feng Lan Liu, Temple City residents, talked about their experience relating to burglaries and attempted home break-ins in their neighborhood.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Cook stated that public safety is a top priority for the City and City Council. He introduced the Special Assignment Deputies and the City's Public Safety team and noted that City public safety staff are working in conjunction with law enforcement to conduct additional patrols throughout the city.

Captain Meza discussed recent residential burglaries in the community and outlined the steps law enforcement is taking to address them. He reiterated that this is an utmost priority for the station. Deputies are conducting several special operations and working collaboratively with adjacent cities, with support from the special crime unit. The City and Temple Station have also assigned additional resources and encouraged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity or individuals in their neighborhood. He also shared information about the Sheriff's Volunteer on Patrol Program for anyone interested in getting involved.

Deputy Swartz gave a presentation and provided general statistics on public safety in the city.

A. QUALITY OF LIFE

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the sex offender registrants, paroles, and probationers in the City for the month of March 2026.

He added that the special assignment team meets monthly with the Captain and other special assignment teams to review crime trends and law enforcement summaries. They also follow up on cases to identify workable information that may assist in solving them.

B. OPERATIONS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of operations for the month of March 2026.

C. CRIME TRENDS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview on crimes affecting Temple City and neighboring cities for the month of March 2026.

D. NOTABLE ARRESTS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of notable arrests made in the city for the month of March 2026.

E. CRIME STATISTICS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the crime statistics for the month of March 2026.

Captain Meza shared that they share intel within the Sheriff's Department and with local police agencies to help solve reported crimes. They work collaboratively with law enforcement throughout Southern California.

City Manager Cook also shared that announcement of events such as DUI checkpoints and additional traffic enforcement is to let the residents know and alert the criminals that law enforcement is present and active in the community.

F. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the traffic issues for the month of March 2026.

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H. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TEAM ACTIVITIES

Deputy Swartz provided an update on the special assignment team activities.

I. PUBLIC OUTREACH / EVENTS

Deputy Swartz reported on the public outreach conducted by the special assignment team.

J. UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY 2026

Deputy Swartz announced upcoming meetings and events that will be conducted in the City.

Councilmember Yu stated that the City, Council, and law enforcement are doing what they can to address residents' concerns about the home break-ins. The City has the support of the largest Sheriff's Department, and the City has access to those resources to help address these issues. He asked Captain Meza to speak about the burglary crews that are committing the break-ins.

Captain Meza shared that the criminals have become very organized and sophisticated and use tools to disable Wi-Fi or cut off electricity to disable alarms and cameras. Hidden cameras are also used to observe targeted homes. Deputy Bui talked about securing your utility/electricity box or installing sensor that would make noise to help deter criminals from cutting off your electricity. He stated that they are addressing these concerns by allocating additional resources.

Councilmember Sternquist remarked that, in light of recent crimes being shared, there has been a noticeable increase in residents' awareness of public safety. She added that the City Council meets regularly to address public safety issues and that it has always been a top priority. She also encouraged the public to get involved with the Sheriff's Department's Volunteer on Patrol Program.

Mayor Man mentioned that at a recent neighborhood watch meeting, residents brought up data that they saw from a third-party website with crime statistics. He asked Captain Meza to speak to the accuracy of the data from third-party sources. He also asked what information the residents should be reporting when calling in a crime or suspicious activity to help law enforcement.

City Manager Cook explained that different reporting systems are used and not all cities subscribe to the same service. He noted that the Sheriff's Department contracts with CrimeMapping.com, and data from some cities does appear there because they use a different provider. He added that residents can find accurate, Temple City-specific information in the City's Crime Blotter, a weekly report of crimes in Temple City.

Mayor Man encouraged residents to report any suspicious activity in the community. He asked Captain Meza what information residents should provide when reporting suspicious activity or a crime. He noted that details provided by residents may help law enforcement locate suspects, including through the use of Flock cameras.

Temple City Unified School District Superintendent Art Cunha offered to share any public safety information or tips from the City or law enforcement with parents.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Special Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

William Man, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy Kuo, City Clerk