CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 5938 Kauffman Avenue, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmember – Chen, Man, Sternquist, Yu, Chavez

ABSENT: Councilmember – None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Cook, City Attorney Murphy, City Clerk Kuo, and Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto

3. INVOCATION – Pastor Kelty, Community of Christ, located at 5851 Temple City Boulevard, provided the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Chavez lead the pledge of allegiance.

5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATION

A. TEMPLE CITY LIBRARY 2024 BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Ann Quach, Teen and Adult Librarian provided an overview of the Library Bookmark Contest.

City Council presented each student with a certificate of recognition.

Mayor Chavez announced upcoming library events.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

James Ponnet, Elizabeth Lampton, and Elisa Pierre, Temple City residents, expressed the need for additional street sweeping signage on Broadway near Saint Luke Church.

Carolina Ceballos, Southern California Edison Local Public Affairs, introduced herself to the City Council.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Man made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Seconded by Councilmember Sternquist and approved by the following votes:

AYES: Councilmember – Chen, Man, Sternquist, Yu, Chavez
NOES: Councilmember – None
ABSTAINED: Councilmember – None
ABSENT: Councilmember – None

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The City Council is requested to review and approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 19, 2024.

Action: Approved the Minutes of the City Council Meeting.

B. TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION ACTIONS - MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The City Council is requested to receive and file the actions of the Regular Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting of November 13, 2024.

Action: Received and filed the Transportation and Public Safety Commission actions from their regular meeting of November 13, 2024.

C. PURCHASE AND INSTALL OF LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) CONVERSION KITS FOR STREET LIGHT POLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The City Council is requested to approve purchase and installation of LED conversion kits for street light poles to enhance their visibility and energy efficiency.

Action:

1. Authorized City Manager to execute a contract with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. and TBS Business Solutions USA, Inc. for direct purchase of LED light conversion kits through CMAS (State of California Multiple Award Schedules Program) in amount of $50,707.86; and

2. Authorized staff to spend funds up to $110,000 for installation of LED light kits.

D. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO ADD LIGHT POLE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT SCOPE TO EXISTING STREETLIGHT RESTORATION SPECIALISTS, INC FOR LAS TUNAS DRIVE STREET FURNITURE AND FIXTURE PAINTING PROJECT

The City Council is requested to approve a change order to add streetlight pole improvement project scope to the existing contract with Streetlight Restoration Specialists, Inc. for the Las Tunas Drive Street Furniture and Fixture Paint Project.

Action: Approved a change order to add Streetlight Pole Improvements project scope to the existing Streetlight Restoration Specialists, Inc. contract for Las Tunas Drive Street Furniture and Fixture Painting Project (CIP No. P24-06).

E. REQUEST FOR LANE CLOSURES ON LAS TUNAS DRIVE FOR THE TEMPLE SHERIFF STATION MUG RUN

The City Council is requested to approve the temporary lane closures on Las Tunas Drive between Muscatel Avenue and Rosemead Boulevard on December 14, 2024, for the Temple Sheriff Station Mug Run.

Action: Approved the temporary lane closures on Las Tunas Drive between Muscatel Avenue and Rosemead Boulevard on December 14, 2024, from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Temple Sheriff Station Mug Run.

F. APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF TEMPLE CITY FOR USE OF FACILITIES AND PROVIDING MUSEUM SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

The City Council is requested to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Historical Society of Temple City for the use of their facilities and to provide museum services to the public.

Action: Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Historical Society of Temple City for two years starting from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026 with a total amount not to exceed $24,000 (i.e., $12,000 per calendar year, January - December).

G. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-5789 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

The City Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 24-5789 authorizing the payment of bills for fiscal year 2024-25.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 24-5789 authorizing the payment of bills for fiscal year 2024-25.

8. PUBLIC HEARING – None

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. LIVE OAK PARK PLAYGROUND SIGN SELECTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PRODUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SIGN

The City Council is requested to select an entry sign design for the Live Oak Park playground.

City Manager Cook gave an overview of the Temple City Park and Live Oak Park Playground Projects.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto gave a summary of the staff report for the entry sign for Live Oak Park playground.

Ryan McKay, SWA Landscape Designer and Associate Project Manager, presented the two design options for the entry sign.

City Council asked questions regarding the entry sign designs, possible name for the new playground, intent and placement of the entry sign, the cost for fabrication of the signage, and timeline for the installation of the signage.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment. Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

City Council spoke in favor of the entry sign location proposed by staff, running conduits for the entry sign lighting, directing staff to provide additional design options and names for the park for the Council Ad Hoc Committee to consider, and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement for production and installation of the sign in an amount not to exceed $40,000.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING START TIME

The City Council is requested to have a discussion regarding amending the Regular City Council meeting start time.

City Manager Cook stated that changing the City Council Regular Meeting start time is at the discretion of City Council and would require an amendment to the City's Municipal Code.

City Council made comments regarding their regular meeting start time.

Mayor Chavez opened public comment.

Dawn Tarin, Temple City resident, asked if changing the Council Regular meeting start time would have an effect on the start time for commission meetings.

Hearing no request to speak, Mayor Chavez closed public comment.

Councilmember Sternquist made a motion directing staff to bring back a proposed ordinance for the next Council meeting amending the regular meeting start time. Seconded by Mayor Chavez and approved by the following votes:

AYES: Councilmember – Chen, Man, Sternquist, Chavez
NOES: Councilmember – Yu
ABSTAINED: Councilmember – None
ABSENT: Councilmember – None

11. UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER – announced Lights on Temple City this Friday, invited the Council to take a tour of Live Oak Park playground, commented that we will see more patrols and traffic enforcement efforts in the City and major shopping centers at Rosemead Boulevard and Las Tunas since Council approved additional overtime funding for the Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies.

12. UPDATE FROM CITY ATTORNEY – Provided an update on Assembly Bill (AB) 2631 signed by the Governor last month which requires the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to provide free online Ethics training.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

A. SCHOOL DISTRICT/CITY STANDING COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Man and Mayor Chavez) – Formed 1/3/2012

No report.

B. AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE
(Mayor Pro Tem Yu and Mayor Chavez) – Formed 7/15/2014

No report.

C. FACILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Man and Mayor Pro Tem Yu) – Formed 4/4/2017

No report.

D. CITY BASED HOMELESS PLAN STANDING COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Sternquist and Mayor Chavez) – Formed 3/16/21

No report.

E. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY PROPERTY AT 9050 LAS TUNAS DRIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Sternquist and Councilmember Man) – Formed 5/17/22

No report.

F. LAS TUNAS DRIVE STREETSCAPE AD HOC COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Chen and Mayor Pro Tem Yu) – Formed 5/16/23

No report.

G. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY PROPERTY AT 5003 SERENO DRIVE AD HOC COMMITTEE
(Councilmember Sternquist and Mayor Chavez) – Formed 11/6/22

No report.

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

A. COUNCILMEMBER CHEN – shared that he received a request from Mothers Against Drunk Driving inviting the City to participate in their annual Illuminate California campaign for communities that have suffered from drunk driving accidents. They respectfully requested that Temple City illuminate parts of our park and public building.

B. COUNCILMEMBER MAN – commented on Lights on Temple City and the grand opening for Ace Hardware.

C. COUNCILMEMBER STERNQUIST – shared that Ralphs now carries Rite Aid ice cream.

D. MAYOR PRO TEM YU – no report.

E. MAYOR CHAVEZ – shared that the Youth Committee will be attending the Homestead Museum Holiday Open House this Sunday, Women's Club holiday party also on Sunday, commented about Ring alerts, and Lights on Temple City.

15. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA – None

16. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Tom Chavez, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Peggy Kuo, City Clerk