CITY COUNCIL AND TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavez called the special joint meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT: Board Member – Espinoza, Georgino, Sneed, Smith, Bell

City Manager Cook, City Clerk Kuo, Community Services and Public Safety Supervisor Amaya, and Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto

Superintendent Cunha, Assistant Superintendent/Business Services Wu, Director of Operations Salazar, Executive Assistant Montero

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Board President Bell lead the pledge of allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

5. INTRODUCTIONS

The Temple City Unified School District Board members and City Council introduced themselves.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. TEMPLE CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

I. SPORTS COMPLEX

Temple City Unified School District (TCUSD) Superintendent Cunha introduced Director of Operations Salazar to give an update on the progress of the high school's sports complex project. Director of Operations Salazar reported on the progress of the construction and shared that the sports complex is anticipated to be completed by the 2025 football season.

Director of Operations Salazar answered questions regarding the amenities of the sports complex and the technological upgrades.

Superintendent Cunha thanked the community for their support of the school bond measure allowing for updates to school facilities.

The City Council asked if the sports complex would be opened to the community when school is not in session. Superintendent Cunha shared that opening the sports complex for public use is being considered.

B. CITY OF TEMPLE CITY UDPATE

I. E-BICYCLES

City Manager Cook gave a brief introduction on e-bike and e-bike safety.

Community Services and Public Safety Supervisor Amaya provided a presentation on the different types of e-bikes and the traffic rules for operating e-bikes. He gave several options for educating and reaching out to students, parents, and the community regarding e-bike safety. He also shared a free online e-bike safety training offered by the California Highway Patrol.

Community Services and Public Safety Supervisor Amaya answered questions regarding e-bike riding safety.

Superintendent Cunha shared that the schools does not allow any non-pedaling bicycles on campus and that the school sites will begin to enforce this rule.

Sheriff Deputy Anchondo answered questions regarding the enforcement of traffic rules for e-bike riders. He also shared that law enforcement can give warning, tow, or cite depending on the violation.

The City Council and the Board of Education stated that both agencies will work collaboratively to understand the situation of e-bike usage in the community and provide education and information regarding e-bike safety.

II. PARK PROJECTS

City Manager Cook gave a brief introduction and overview of the City's parks and playground projects.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto reported on the pickleball court conversion at Live Oak Park, Temple City Park Playground Project, Live Oak Park Playground Project, Sereno Open Space Project, and the 9050 Las Tunas Park Project.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto answered questions regarding park amenities and upcoming park projects and green space.

The City Council spoke in support of joint project between the City and the School District to provide more open space for the community.

III. STATUS ON JOINT USE OF FACILITIES AGREEMENT

City Manager Cook shared that the school and city had a joint use facilities agreement a year and a half ago. City staff will bring to the Council and Superintendent Cunha to

the Board of Education a recommendation to extend the joint use of facilities agreement between the city and the school district.

Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto and Superintendent Cunha both expressed the benefits of continuing the joint-use of facilities agreement with the school district for city and school events.

The City Council and the Board of Education commented on the advantages of joint use facilities agreement and spoke in favor of future collaboration opportunities.

City Manager Cook requested to combine the update for Item B and C.

B. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT

City Manager Cook commented that the city will work with the School District to develop a master calendar to include city and school events.

C. CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

The City Council asked for an update on Doug Sears Learning Center. Superintendent Cunha shared that the center is almost complete and will have an open house in April. The City Council expressed desire to work with the School District to develop an emergency situation protocol.

D. DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The City Council and the Board of Education spoke in favor of meeting jointly annually.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Jerry Jambazian, Temple City business owner, suggested an e-bike rodeo to educate the riders, is looking forward to the grand opening of Live Oak Park, and is excited to see a video screen at the new high school sports complex.

8. CLOSING COMMENTS –

The Board of Education made final comments and is looking forward to the next joint meeting. They expressed appreciation for the cooperation and collaboration between both agencies and that the students and the community will benefit from the joint body working together.

The City Council made final comments and concur that both agencies are serving the same constituents and community. They expressed appreciation for the School District and the Board of Education's input regarding the needs of the schools and the community. City Council looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the school district.

9. ADJOURNMENT –

The City Council Special Joint Meeting is adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy Kuo, City Clerk