CITY COUNCIL
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sternquist called the City Council Special Meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. in the City Hall Community Room located at 9701 Las Tunas Drive, Temple City.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jing Li, Temple City Library Manager, shared that the library no longer has an assigned Deputy to contact regarding their law enforcement service requests, all requests will be called in to the Temple Sheriff's Station.

Captain Meza introduced Deputy Benjamin Swartz, a new member of the Special Assignment Operation Team. He also advised the continued decline of residential burglaries and efforts made by the team, detectives, and field units.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. LETTER OF OPPOSITION: SENATE BILL 79 HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

The City Council is requested to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the City expressing opposition to Senate Bill 79 allowing for denser housing construction near public transit stops by overriding local zoning.

City Manager Cook gave a summary of the staff report.

City Council made comments regarding the bill.

Mayor Sternquist opened public comment. There was no request to speak. Mayor Closed public comment.

Councilmember Yu made a motion approving the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the City expressing opposition to Senate Bill 79. Seconded by Councilmember Chavez and approved by the following votes:

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. QUALITY OF LIFE

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the sex offender registrants, paroles, and probationers in the City for the month of August 2025.

B. OPERATIONS

No report.

C. CRIME TRENDS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of crime trends in neighboring cities affecting Temple City for the month of August 2025.

D. NOTABLE ARRESTS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of notable arrests made in the city for the month of August 2025.

E. CRIME STATISTICS

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the crime statistics for the month of August 2025.

F. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Deputy Swartz provided an overview of the traffic issues for the month of August 2025.

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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 OCTOBER 2025

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

Councilmember Chavez inquired about adding one more area watch meeting for the month of November.

Councilmember Chen made comments and asked questions regarding E-bike safety and concern for pedestrians.

Jerry Jambazien, Temple City business owner, wanted to know how area meeting topics are decided. Asked if there has been an increase in calls due to message boards advising see something say something.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

Cynthia Sternquist, Mayor

ATTEST:

Peggy Kuo

Peggy Kuo, City Clerk