



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

For the period of February 19 – March 4, 2016

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TO: The Honorable City Council

ISSUE DATE: February 19, 2016

FROM: Bryan Cook, City Manager

THE WEEKS AHEAD

Feb. 23 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers - CANCELLED

**More info: Community Development Department
(626) 285-2171 ext.4312**

Feb. 24 Transportation and Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., City Council Chambers - CANCELLED

**More info: Community Development Department
(626) 285-2171 ext.4345**

Feb. 24 Monthly Meeting: Law Enforcement Summary Meeting, 7:00 a.m., City Hall Community Room

**More info: City Clerk's Office
(626) 656-7314**

Mar. 1 City Council Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers, 5938 Kauffman Avenue

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Up for discussion:

- Approval of Temporary Street Closure for "Every 15 Minutes" Program at Temple City High School.

OF INTEREST

Mayor's State of the City Address

Mayor Chavez to present State of the City Address on February 23rd

The February 23rd State of the City Address will provide a unique opportunity for citizens to hear from Temple City Mayor Tom Chavez. At this annual event, the mayor will share his thoughts on a number of topics, including potential enhancements to Las Tunas Drive, regional partnerships and a major parks project. "The annual State of the City Address is an opportunity for City Hall to let residents and business leaders know what we're doing to maintain quality of life and build Temple City into the strong regional partner that we know a prosperous future requires," Chavez said. "This is an excellent opportunity for us to evaluate where we've been and get the community involved in where we're going." This will be the second time Mayor Chavez has delivered the State of the City, having first done so in 2012.

Hosting the event will be First Baptist Church, 6019 Baldwin Ave., Temple City, 91780. Mayor Chavez will begin speaking at 6:30 p.m. Parking is available in the church parking lots off Rowland Avenue. A pre-address reception will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Seating is provided on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Those requiring special assistance can contact Jittaune Brookshire at (626) 285-2171 or jbrookshire@templecity.us.

New Residential Development

On Tuesday, February 9, the Planning Commission approved a 28-unit residential condominium development located at 5654 and 5657 McCulloch Avenue. The project is located on two properties on opposite sides of the street totaling 1.86 acres. The development consists of attached and detached units ranging from 1,149 to 1,625 square feet of living area with each unit having

their own two-car garage. Below is a view from McCulloch Avenue looking at the main building comprising of 12 units with a courtyard in the middle.



For more information regarding the project, contact Adam Gulick at (626) 656-7316.

Dim Sum and Tea in the Park

On February 9th, free dim sum and tea was served in the picnic shelters at Live Oak Park and Temple City Park to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Over 200 individuals enjoyed the unseasonably warm weather and delicious treats out in the parks.



Camellia Festival

The 72nd annual Camellia Festival takes place next weekend, February 26 – 28 at Temple City Park. Carnival hours are as follows:

Friday, February 26 4 – 10 p.m.
Saturday, February 27 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sunday, February 28 12 – 8 p.m.

Presale carnival ride tickets are available at City Hall, 9701 Las Tunas Drive and Live Oak Park, 10144 Bogue Street, through February 22nd. Pre-sale tickets can also be purchased online at www.TheFunCarnival.com through February 25th. Pre-sale tickets are sold in sheets of 20 for \$14. New this year, unlimited ride wristbands are available for use on Sunday, February 28 between 12 noon and 6 p.m. Wristbands are on sale now for \$25 (\$30 at the Carnival).

The annual Camellia Parade will be held on Saturday, February 27. The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Las Tunas at Sultana and continues eastbound to Camellia. Approximately 80 walking units, bands, and floats are participating in this year's parade.

The community is reminded of upcoming street closures and parking restrictions due to the 2016 Camellia Festival and Parade. Las Tunas will be closed to all traffic between Kauffman and Golden West from noon on Wednesday, February 24 until 5 a.m. on Monday, February 29. In addition, Las Tunas between Rosemead Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue will be closed on Saturday, February 27 from 8 a.m. until approximately 1 p.m. for the Camellia Parade. Sultana will also be closed on Saturday between Broadway and Hermosa from 6 a.m. until 1 p.m. Several streets in the vicinity will be posted No Parking.

For further information on the upcoming Camellia Festival, please visit the City's website www.templecity.us or contact Festival Director, Dawn Tarin, at (626) 285-2171 ext. 4030.

Tree Pruning

West Coast Arborists (WCA) is performing grid pruning on the City's parkway trees in districts 1 and 2. This area, on the east side of the City, is bounded by Santa Anita Avenue, Arden Drive, Live Oak Avenue and Lower Azusa Road. All City street trees are on a 4-year grid cycle, meaning they are trimmed at least once every four years. Residents in the trimming areas are reminded to comply with all No Parking signs to allow WCA to safely and efficiently trim our trees.

Mid-Year Budget Review

Analysis

The FY 2015-16 Mid-Year Budget review process provides the City Council with an opportunity to review and adjust original revenue projections and budgeted appropriations based on six months of actual activity. Adjustments are a result of changes in revenue projections based on actual revenue received from July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, as well as unanticipated expenditures due to information that was not previously available. The City continues to show positive financial results. It is through the significant diligence of staff by finding cost-cutting strategies that the City has been able to preserve its financial health without eliminating services. While results have been positive, the City continues to monitor revenues closely and to strictly control expenditures.

Property Tax

Property taxes continue to be one of the City's strongest revenue sources. Under Proposition 13, property is generally reassessed only when there is a change in ownership. After which, its assessed value is adjusted annually by an inflation factor not to exceed two percent. Temple City's assessed valuations continue to increase and the median home prices have exceeded the pre-recession levels of 2007. Due to accurate budgeting last spring, no adjustment is recommended at this time.