

**CITY COUNCIL  
TEMPLE CITY, CALIFORNIA**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Yu called the City Council Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. telephonically.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Cook, City Attorney Murphy, City Clerk Kuo, Deputy City Clerk Nunez, Community Development Director Reimers, and Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto, Administrative Services Director Paragas

**3. INVOCATION** – Pastor Keltly, Community of Christ, provided the invocation.

**4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Yu led the pledge of allegiance.

**5. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – PRESENTATIONS** – None

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Yu opened public comment. With no callers or email request to speak, Mayor Yu extended public comment for 1 minutes to allow the public to dial in. Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public comment.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Yu opened public comment. With no callers or email request to speak, Mayor Yu extended public comment for 1 minutes to allow the public to dial in. Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Sternquist made a motion to approve the consent calendar items. Seconded by Councilmember Vizcarra and approved by the following votes:

AYES: Councilmember – Chavez, Man, Vizcarra, Sternquist, Yu

NOES: Councilmember – None

ABSENT: Councilmember – None  
ABSTAINED: Councilmember – None

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Council is requested to review and approve:

1. Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 7, 2021; and
2. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of December 14, 2021.

Action: Approved.

**B. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5574 APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-22**

The City Council is requested to adopt Resolution No. 21-5574 authorizing the payment of bills.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 21-5574

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. ADOPTION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 21-1058 U AND INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 21-1059 IMPLEMENTING SB-9 (AKINS) RELATING TO URBAN LOT SPLITS**

SB-9 amended Section 66452.6 of, and added Sections 65852.21 and 66411.7 to, the California Government Code (Attachment “D”) to allow for urban lot splits. The proposed Ordinance seeks to improve upon the State’s efforts by addressing issues that the State did not previously consider or further strengthening the State’s efforts.

City Manager Cook gave a brief background on SB-9 and the proposed ordinances.

Community Development Director Reimers gave a summary of the staff report.

City Council asked questions regarding the proposed ordinances and made comments.

Mayor Yu opened public hearing.

Franklin Ruedel, Temple City resident, commented that SB-9 would be helpful and useful for developing vacant lots but not conducive for existing developed properties. He is not in favor of SB-9.

Yu-Wen Taylor, public speaker, spoke in favor of SB-9 and asked City Council not to adopt an ordinance that would hinder what is allowed by SB-9.

Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public hearing.

City Council made final comments regarding the proposed ordinances.

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to introduce, read by title, waive further reading, and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 21-1058U. Seconded by Councilmember Man and approved by the following votes:

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

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to:

1. Introduce Ordinance No. 21-1059 for first reading by title only, amending Title 3, Chapter 3, and Title 9, Chapters 1 and 2, of the Municipal Code (Attachment “C”);
2. Waive further reading of Ordinance No. 21-1059; and
3. Schedule the second reading of Ordinance No. 21-1059 for January 4, 2022.

Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sternquist and approved by the following votes:

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

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5573 PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL THAT WERE TO BE ELECTED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 AND CANCELLING THE CITY’S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON THAT DATE**

As of the close of business on Friday, December 10, 2021, the deadline for filing nomination papers, the only candidates to file the required nomination papers were the two incumbents for the office of Councilmember. City Council is requested to adopt one of the three action as per California Elections Code 10229.

City Clerk Kuo gave a summary of the staff report.

City Council did not have any questions regarding the presentation or report.

Mayor Yu opened public comment. With no callers or email request to speak, Mayor Yu extended public comment for 1 minutes to allow the public to dial in. Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Sternquist made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-5573 (Attachment "A") providing for the appointment of the two nominees to the office of City Council that were to be elected on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 and cancelling the City's General Municipal Election on that date. Seconded by Councilmember Vizcarra and approved by the following votes:

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

**B. DISCUSSION REGARDING INITIATION OF A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO MAINTENANCE OF VACANT PROPERTIES**

Staff was directed to submit an item relating to an amendment to the Temple City Municipal Code that would require owners of vacant properties to maintain their properties with landscaping and fencing for Council discussion.

Community Development Director Reimers gave a summary of the staff report.

City Council asked questions and made comments regarding whether to initiate an amendment to the Temple City Municipal Code (TCMC) requiring additional maintenance standards for vacant properties.

Mayor Yu opened public comment.

Franklin Ruedel, Temple City resident, asked if the City would consider offering financial assistance to property owners to maintain their vacant lot.

Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public comment.

City Council made final comments regarding additional maintenance standards for vacant properties.

City Council directed staff to move forward and bring an ordinance with additional maintenance standards for vacant properties for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

- 11. UPDATE FROM CITY MANAGER** – reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Sternquist participated in County’s redistricting public hearings providing testimony, and on December 15, the commission voted on a final map that included Temple City remaining in the same Supervisorial District (i.e., District 5). City Manager Cook invited Parks and Recreation Director Matsumoto to report out on the vaccination clinic at Live Oak Park this month and thanked City Council for their leadership and support of staff during the pandemic.
- 12. UPDATE FROM CITY ATTORNEY** -- reported out on project Home Key, Assembly Bill 149 (i.e., city’s contribution to street maintenance), Senate Bill 503 (i.e., voter signature verification), and Senate Bill 331 (i.e., employment settlement/non-disparagement agreement).
- 13. COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING AD HOC OR STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
  - A. SCHOOL DISTRICT/CITY STANDING COMMITTEE**  
(Councilmember Man and Councilmember Chavez) – Formed 1/3/2012  
  
No report.
  - B. LAS TUNAS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
(Councilmember Chavez and Mayor Yu) – Formed 2/18/2014  
  
No report.
  - C. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CITY PROPERTIES STANDING COMMITTEE**  
(Mayor Yu and Councilmember Man) – Formed 2/18/2014  
  
No report.
  - D. AUDIT STANDING COMMITTEE**  
(Councilmember Chavez and Mayor Yu) – Formed 7/15/2014  
  
No report.
  - E. FACILITIES, PUBLIC WORKS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
(Mayor Yu and Councilmember Man) – Formed 4/4/2017  
  
No report.
  - F. PRIMROSE PARK ART ELEMENT AD HOC**  
(Councilmember Vizcarra and Mayor Yu) – Formed 5/19/20  
  
No report.

G. CITY BASED HOMELESS PLAN STANDING COMMITTEE  
(Councilmember Vizcarra and Mayor Pro Tem Sternquist) – Formed 3/16/21

No report.

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

- A. COUNCILMEMBER VIZCARRA – wished everyone a happy holiday and expressed that if a committee was created to address vacant properties, he would be willing to serve on that committee.
- B. COUNCILMEMBER CHAVEZ – wished everyone a happy holiday and is looking forward to serving another term on the Council.
- C. COUNCILMEMBER MAN – shared that the school district is looking into opening a preschool/daycare type of program for ages 3 – 5 at the former Doug Sears Learning Center in Fall of 2022 and wished everyone a happy holiday.
- D. MAYOR PRO TEM STERNQUIST – shared that she had an opportunity to speak with Congresswomen Judy Chu and learned that there will be funding available in the near future for public transportation projects and would like the City to have plans in place for possibly increasing e-vehicle charging stations in the city and wished everyone a happy holiday.
- E. MAYOR YU – reported out on his meeting with Governor Newsom’s Director of External Affairs, Ms. Priscilla Cheng, regarding SB-9 and possibility of receiving more funding from the State for infrastructure projects. He also commented on the successful vaccination drive, wished everyone a happy and safe holiday, and is looking forward to serving another term on the Council.

**15. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Yu opened public comment.

Franklin Ruedel, Temple City resident, commented on SB-9.

Hearing no further request to speak, Mayor Yu closed public comment.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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Vincent Yu, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Peggy Kuo, City Clerk