



City Council Weekly Information Packet

Friday, September 25, 2020

Includes the following documents/information:

- 1) City Council Events Schedule
- 2) State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities
- 3) Utility Moratorium Update
- 4) Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month
- 5) Community Services Department Update

City Council Events Schedule

September 25, 2020 thru October 20, 2020



The Mayor and City Council have been invited to attend various community meetings and public and private events at which a quorum of the City Council may be present. The Council will not be conducting city business, nor will any legal action be taken. This is an event only and not a public meeting. A list of the community meetings and public and private events along with the schedules, dates, times, and locations is attached. Organizers may require a rsvp or fee.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat	Sept 26	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Country Club Way Bike and Ped improvements WebEx Public Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 687 3401 Event password: CCW Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 687 3401
Sat	Sept 26	11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Transit Service Reductions WebEx Public Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 068 4929 Event password: Transit2 Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 068 4929
Sat	Sept 26	Noon-1:00 p.m.	Alameda Meadows NA, McClintock NA, Palmcroft Manor NA and Santo Tomas NA's Meeting Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84866008681 Meeting ID: 848 6600 8681 Passcode: 279903 One tap mobile +16699009128, 84866008681#, 0#279903# US (San Jose)
Tue	Sept 29	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Ribbon Cutting & Reveal of Tempe Dance Studio AZ Ballroom Champions \$20,000 Alphagraphics Makeover reveal Location: Arizona Ballroom Champions 1805 E. Baseline Rd. Unit 103, Tempe 85283

Tue	Sept 29	Noon-1:00 p.m.	Clark Park Improvements Community Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 769 8102 Event password: Clark Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 769 8102
Tue	Sept 29	5:00-6:00 p.m.	Clark Park Improvements Community Meeting tempe.webex.com Event number: 146 138 1751 Event password: Clark Audio conference: To receive a call back, provide your phone number when you join the event, or call the number below and enter the access code. United States Toll: +1-408-418-9388 Access code: 146 138 1751
Wed	Sept 30	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Maple Ash, Wilson Art & Garden, and Mitchell Park Neighborhoods Traffic Mitigation Meeting Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91731211795 Meeting Id: 917 3121 1795 Password: community Or dial-in: 669-900-6833, Press # for Participant ID 233891 Password: 414542578
Wed	Sept 30	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Rural Geneva Neighborhood Association Meeting Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/95292459734 Meeting ID: 952 9245 9734 Password: rural Or dial-in: 669-900-6833, Press # for Participant I.D., Password: 566112
Wed	Oct 14	5:30-9:00 p.m.	37th Annual Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Virtual Info: tempecommunitycouncil.org/don-carlos
Thu	Oct 15	2:00-3:30 p.m.	Maricopa County Community Farmer Roundtable Online via Zoom (registration): https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register bit.ly/VirtualFarmerRoundtable
Tue	Oct 20	11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Valley Metro Clean Air Campaign Awards Online Virtual Event: TBD For more information: https://www.valleymetro.org/valley-metro-champions-clean-air
Thu	Oct 22	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Virtual Ribbon Cutting for Senior Helpers of Tempe https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register

Thu	Nov 05	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Virtual Ribbon Cutting for Comfort Suites Phoenix Airport Zoom Link (registration): https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register
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MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Andrew Ching, City Manager
FROM: Marge Zylla, Government Relations Officer
DATE: September 25, 2020
SUBJECT: State and Federal Update & Grant Opportunities

Below are summaries of recent actions and announcements at the state and federal level:

- USCM Federal Updates
- State Expenditures of COVID Relief Update
- Governor's Executive Orders
- JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights
- Grant Opportunities

Please let me know if there are follow-up questions for Tempe's federal lobbyist. Also, please let me know if Tempe staff members are pursuing federal grants so we can arrange for letters of support from our Congressional delegation.

USCM Federal Updates

Via US Conference of Mayors Staff, 9/23/20

[Barr Charges Mayors of New York, Portland, OR, and Seattle as "Failures On Basic Functions of Protecting Citizens"](#)

The Trump administration continues in its attacks on a number of mayors and cities. The Justice Department yesterday has named the cities of New York, Portland, OR, and Seattle as cities "that have permitted violence and destruction of property" and the statement targets those cities for possible cuts in federal funding.

Attorney General William Barr is the person that is leading the charge following President Donald Trump's September 2nd memo where he named a number of mayors as allowing "rioters and anarchists" to engage in violence and destruction. President Trump zeroed in on District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser in the September 2 executive memorandum but Mayor Bowser and Washington, DC were not listed in the labeling of the other three cities.

Attorney General Barr has the power to list and label "anarchist" cities. The release yesterday is Attorney General Barr's first list. The September 2 memo directs Barr to consult with Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf and Office of Management and Budget Director Russ Vought. Those three Washington officials are given the power from President Trump's edict to identify, label, and name cities, "that have permitted violence and destruction of property to persist and have refused to take reasonable measures to counteract these criminal activities."

While Barr has labeled three cities – New York, Portland, OR, and Seattle – in the statement yesterday, there is definitely an inference that there could more cities and mayors that will be added to Barr's list.

One part of their rationale, according to their statement, was attributed to city councils voting to cut police funding, refusal to prosecute protesters, or charges like disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly, the rejection of federal intervention, and injuries suffered by law enforcement during violent outbursts.

An observer may conclude that there are many more cities that have experienced a number of these factors but yesterday, there were only three on Barr's list.

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan, and Portland, OR Mayor Ted Wheeler issued a joint statement that said, among other things about the administration's move, that it was, "thoroughly political and unconstitutional."

The threat to stop federal funds earlier was dealt with in the courts when a federal court ruled that the administration could not withhold federal dollars to deemed "sanctuary cities."

In a letter sent to President Trump, signed by Conference President Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer and me as your CEO and Executive Director, on behalf of our Executive Committee, asked President Trump to rescind his September 2 anarchist cities directive, but that has not happened: to wit, the Attorney General labeling the three cities yesterday.

In response to the Attorney General releasing his "anarchist cities" list, I responded with this statement yesterday. [Click here to read it.](#)

Governor Executive Orders

The Governor has issued a number of Executive Orders in the past months. They can be found at [this link](#). No Executive Orders were issued this week.

State Expenditures of COVID Relief Update

The Governor's Office announced additional allocations from the state-appropriated funds for COVID-19 related expenditures: \$6 million to ASU for the development of point-of-need testing; \$786,500 to UA to

fund two poison control centers to field COVID-19 questions and \$750,000 to UA for COVID-19 case investigations. The Governor's Office press release is at [this link](#).

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee released their September Monthly Fiscal Highlights this week. The report is available at [this link](#).

Grant Opportunities

Via the U.S. Conference of Mayors

With just over a month before election day, mayors are working closely with their local election offices to ensure that their residents can vote safely and easily this election cycle.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, through its Youth Involvement Task Force, is actively identifying tangible resources to help cities expand voting access to all eligible voters - particularly those in underserved and underrepresented communities.

As such, the U.S. Conference of Mayors encourages your local election office to apply directly for grant funding, provided by the Center for Tech and Civic Life, to help cover election administration costs related to COVID-19. The Center of Tech and Civic Life has made available \$250 **million** to help local election offices secure staffing, training, safety equipment, and additional resources necessary to ensure that every eligible voter can have their vote counted this election.

The deadline to apply for this funding is Thursday, October 1st. Application information is at [this link](#). Please note that in most cases, it will be your county election office that will need to apply for this grant funding.

Via the National League of Cities

COVID-19 + Equity Hackathon: Municipalities Invited to Apply

Tyler Technologies and Code for America are hosting a virtual hackathon. **Submit your challenge** through Oct. 8 and earn an opportunity for technology experts to help your community develop useful solutions for efficiently responding to equity challenges brought on by COVID-19. **Reserve your spot** at the Civic Mixer on Oct. 1 to learn more.

Cities Invited to Apply to Cities of Opportunity Action Cohort

A new peer-learning community will provide local officials the opportunity to share ideas on how to address holistic, interconnected factors that affect life expectancy and harness political will with other leaders, stakeholders and multi-sector partners to deliver equitable and resilient futures for all residents.

[Learn more and apply here.](#)

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director; Braden Kay, Sustainability Office Director

THROUGH: Steven Methvin, Deputy City Manager – Chief Operating Officer

DATE: September 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Utility Moratorium Update

Background

The COVID-19 Pandemic, the ensuing financial crisis and the hottest summer on record in the Phoenix region has put a strain on Tempeans. Many residents are struggling to pay rent, mortgages, car payments and their utilities. Energy shutoffs during extreme temperatures can be a life and death issue. Understanding the severe nature of the current situation, many Tempe utility providers enacted a shutoff moratorium to ensure that their customers are not without power during the summer. In the last two weeks utilities announced changes to their disconnection moratorium policies. Mayor and Council should be aware of these changes and they may hear from the utilities about why their policies are changing. The City of Tempe is committed to clear and consistent communication with our residents about how to work with their utilities. The following memo reviews up to date information on shutoff policies for major utilities that serve Tempe.

Utility Moratorium Information by Providers

APS – Arizona Public Service has extended the disconnection moratorium for customers through the end of 2020. Late fees will also be waived during this time. APS stopped disconnections for non-payment, as well as late fees effective March 13. On June 1, a seasonal hold on disconnects took effect for residential customers of all regulated utilities concluding on October 15. APS encourages customers to seek assistance now if they know they are already behind on balances owed and provides resource information on its website <https://www.aps.com/en/Residential/Save-Money-and-Energy/Disconnections>. APS states that customers may qualify for fully covered, or significantly reduce past due balances. Additionally:

- Crisis Bill Assistance Payment assistance of up to \$800 a year is available for qualified customers
- Energy Support program offers a 25% discount each month for qualified limited-income customers
- Energy Support with Medical program offers a 35% discount each month for qualified customers who have a life-threatening illness or use essential life-sustaining medical equipment
- Project SHARE Temporary bill assistance through The Salvation Army

SRP - Salt River Project has extended the disconnection moratorium for customers on its limited income program, the Economy Price Plan (EPP), until early January. SRP will put standard payment policies, including disconnects for non-payment, back in place on Oct. 1 for non-EPP customer. SRP reports accelerating its outreach programs to find financial support for customers and develop customized payment arrangements, providing resource information on its website <https://www.srpnet.com/about/customer-assistance.aspx>.

SRP initially implemented a moratorium on power disconnections starting in March. In July, SRP announced it was extending its suspension of disconnects until October. Currently, there are 7,200 SRP residential customers in Tempe who are delinquent. Of those, 1,600 are enrolled in the EPP plan and have been granted the moratorium extension. Beginning in October:

- M-Power Price plan, SRP's prepay plan, customers will have any accumulated debt placed in a paydown account, and a percentage of every future energy purchase will be applied to this account so they can pay off the debt over time.
- Non-EPP customers with \$80 or more of debt will automatically be placed on eight-month payment plans if they have not already called SRP to set up personalized payment arrangements.

- SRP customer service representatives will continue to share referrals to community action agencies with available COVID-19 relief funds, help customers switch price plans and receive payment extensions and discounts.
- Customers who are having any difficulty paying their bill are directed to call (602) 236-8888, and SRP customer service representatives are ready to discuss customer arrangements in more detail.

SRP states that any of these support activities can help reduce debt and help customers with past-due balances avoid potential disconnection this fall.

Southwest Gas – Southwest Gas has not resumed disconnections and currently has no planned date to stop the moratorium on disconnections. Southwest Gas provides resource information on its website <https://www.swgas.com/en/az-special-programs>.

Cox – Cox Communications is not currently disconnecting Connect2Compete program customers. Disconnections have resumed for all other customers. The disconnection moratorium was part of FCC’s Keep America Connected Initiative, which was extended through the end of July. For families who have students at home and qualify for our Connect2Compete program Cox still offers two months free. However, even families who have already utilized their two free months are not being disconnected for non-pay at this time.

- Cox will make another announcement surrounding these programs on September 29.

Tempe Water – The City is sensitive to the financial impact of COVID and, since March of this year, has suspended service disconnections for nonpayment. At this time, a date for resuming service disconnections has not been set. Tempe’s Customer Services continues to reach out to residents who are behind on their utility bills via email, doorhangers, and phone to set up flexible payment arrangements and provide information on agencies that provide utility assistance.

Other Utility Assistance

Maricopa County residents seeking assistance with current utility deposits or payments may qualify for assistance from the Human Services Department’s Community Services Division (CSD) via their local Community Action Program (CAP) offices. The CAP office for Tempe is the Tempe Community Action Agency. To qualify residents’ household income for the past 30 days must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income. More information about the program and application is available at the website <https://www.maricopa.gov/5581/Utility-Assistance>. The agencies below also offer utility assistance to Tempe Residents:

- Tempe Community Action Agency (480) 350-5880
- Salvation Army (480) 967-8649
- Guadalupe Community Action Agency (480) 503-5378
- St. Vincent de Paul (480) 966-1974

Communication to Residents

Communications and Media Relations is planning a phased effort that will start prior to Oct. 1 and continue through the end of the year, with additional communications as needed. The effort will focus on communicating utility and eviction moratorium information as well as community resources for assistance. Messaging will be shared through the following: tempe.gov, email distribution, social media, Tempe 11, facilities, Tempe Today, media outreach, print and digital fliers, door hangers, and TD3’s PeachJar. Additionally, messages will be shared directly with housing clients, participants in city programs such as Tempe PRE, schools, nonprofits and the faith community.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council
THROUGH: Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director
FROM: City of Tempe Family Justice Commission
DATE: September 25, 2020
SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month



Purpose

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. To recognize the prevalence and severity of this crime in Tempe, and in support of the City Council's Safe and Secure Communities policy, the Tempe Family Justice Commission (TFJC) presents the following information based on its research and makes these recommendations for action. This year, COVID-19 has had a direct and negative impact on incidents of domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence (IPV), in Tempe. Shelter in Place orders coupled with financial pressures have led to tensions in the home. Families are now frequently together twenty-four hours a day seven days a week, dealing with a variety of mixed emotions and stressors. Isolation from others in partnership with forced togetherness in the home has led to increased partner abuse.

Context

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, IPV is abuse or aggression that occurs in a close relationship. "Intimate partner" refers to both current and former spouses and dating partners. IPV can vary in how often it happens and how severe it is. It can range from one episode of violence that could have lasting impact to chronic and severe episodes over multiple years. IPV includes four types of behavior: Physical violence, Sexual violence, Stalking and Psychological aggression.

Several types of IPV behaviors can occur together. IPV is connected to other forms of violence and causes serious health issues and economic consequences. By using a public health approach that addresses risk and protective factors for multiple types of violence, IPV and other forms of violence can be prevented.

During the 2019 calendar year, the Tempe Police Department responded to and investigated 1,850 domestic violence related incidents (up .02% from 2018) with 63% being misdemeanor incidents, 19% felony, and 17% not designated as either in the reporting. While these statistics are similar to 2017 and 2018, the continued focus on the victims and collaboration of efforts that the PD and CARE 7 have strengthened over recent years cannot be understated. For 2020 the case count is projected to be higher than prior years based on second quarter data.

Best Practices for Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence

The City of Tempe, consisting of city government, non-profit organizations, schools, faith community, business community and families must band together in coordination to address this issue and apply the following best practices:

Current City of Tempe Practices

The City of Tempe incorporates many, if not all, of these best practices through the actions of the Police Department, Human Services Department and CARE 7. Examples include a robust victim assistance program that has embedded advocates in the Prosecutor's Office, Domestic Violence Unit and the Special Victim Unit of the Tempe Police Department. CARE 7 also provides daily advocacy services for Tempe Municipal Court including assistance with obtaining Orders of Protection. Additionally, CARE 7 has placed Youth Specialists in all seven Tempe high schools and four middle schools to provide supportive social-emotional services and connection to resources. The Youth Specialists are able to directly connect school-aged victims to advocates who can guide the student and their family through the criminal justice system. The CARE 7 program also provides clinical counseling for victims, free of charge. All victim services, including counseling services, can be accessed remotely, via computer or phone.

Due to the Tempe Police Department and CARE 7's enhanced procedures, added resources, and a "hand-in-hand" approach the PD has with CARE 7 victim advocates, the City of Tempe was able to provide or offer services to many of the 1,859

victims of family violence in 2019. Additionally, in April of 2020 the PD's Criminal Investigations Bureau realigned resources within the existing bureau to ensure the ability to provide the best services to victims and address a growing number of violent domestic related incidents. While the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic related to family violence within the City of Tempe cannot be completely realized to this point, the mission of the Tempe Police Department and CARE 7 to collectively care for our families affected by violence will continue to be a high priority as we move through 2020.

While victims who have reported their crime to the Tempe Police Department have automatic access to CARE 7 and their resources, there are many additional victims who have received services directly through CARE 7 without PD involvement.

However, services to victims of domestic violence could be enhanced if the Mayor and City Council consider and implement the recommendations set forth below:

Recommendations

1. Instruct staff to explore best practices toward providing centralized services to victims of domestic violence. A Family Advocacy Center would provide centralized trauma-sensitive services at the local level are proven to result in more positive outcomes for victims. Mayor and Council recently approved a Community Services Complex (CSC) Master Plan. We recommend that centralized victim services be included in that planning process.
2. Televising existing CDC domestic violence awareness videos on Channel 11.
3. Repeat the City's recent public awareness video campaign on Domestic Violence.
4. Discuss this issue both officially and in casual conversation.
5. Issue a city proclamation acknowledging this month-long observation.
6. Display a purple light on city hall in honor of this event.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/intimatepartnerviolence/index.html>

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

September 25, 2020

Creatively Celebrating the Reopening of Arredondo Park on September 28

Playground and park improvements are complete at Arredondo Park, which include a total renovation of the playground, accessible walkways into the park, a new picnic ramada located north of the playground, new trees and lighting. The improvements are funded by the city's Capital Improvement Program budget as part of the Parks Improvement Plan to invest more than \$60 million into Tempe parks over the next few years.

Please join us for a virtual celebration by visiting the Arredondo Park page at Tempe.gov/ParkUpdates for remarks and a virtual tour led by Mayor Woods and Councilmember Arredondo-Savage.



Additionally, join Tempe Parks and Recreation, and Neighborhood Services at Arredondo Park and School, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, September 28, to pick up fun, park-themed activity kits and donut vouchers.



Arredondo Park Re-opening

Celebrate the park renovation by staying safe and connecting virtually. Visit the Arredondo Park page at tempe.gov/ParkUpdates for remarks and a virtual tour by Mayor Corey Woods and Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage.

Stop by Arredondo Park on Monday, Sept. 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. to pick up activity kits and donut vouchers.



Investing in Tempe Parks



COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

September 25, 2020

TEMPE PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER 2020 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



13,586 ENCOUNTERS

From youth to older adults, nearly 14,000 participated in Tempe Parks & Recreation programs and activities.

5,160 SWIMMERS

Escalante, McClintock and Kiwanis swimming pools might have had a short swim season, but they remained a popular Tempe destination.



2,983 CAMP EXPERIENCES

Youth and adaptive recreation participants had fun, stayed active and engaged, while adhering to safety guidelines at Tempe summer camps.



703 BOAT PERMITS

Online boat permit sales enabled the community to explore Tempe Town Lake.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS PARTICIPATION



483 COMPUTER SESSIONS

Tempeans visited the Escalante, North Tempe and Westside Multi-Gen Centers to stay connected.



1,658 Cooling Station Attendees

105 Shower Program Sessions

1,522 Boys & Girls Club Campers

9,401 TCAA Home Delivered Meals



71 FREE CLASS VIDEOS

Classes and activities for all ages and stages were filmed for at home use.

713 TCAA Pick-Up Meals

161 Blood Drive Donations

6 EXPANSIONS OF PREMISES

Expansions enabled Tempe businesses to better and more safely serve the community.



#TempePlays



#TempePlaysAtHome

COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE

September 25, 2020

Clark Park Improvements

Help us shape the future of Clark Park by joining us at one of two virtual community meetings. We are continuing conversations about the future community pool and other park amenity improvements. The same material will be available on both dates.

Scheduled Meetings

Tuesday, September 29
Noon – 1 p.m.
Via [WebEx](#)

Tuesday, September 29
5 – 6 p.m.
Via [WebEx](#)

[WebEx Attendee Instructions](#)

Meetings are focused solely on listening to the community to help shape a plan that reflects needs and vision. Proposed improvements are currently funded in the city's Capital Improvement Program budget, as part of the Parks Improvement Plan, which is reinvesting more than \$60 million into Tempe parks over the next five years.

For instructions on how to participate in the virtual meetings, or to view the recorded meetings and other project materials, visit Tempe.gov/ParkUpdates. Online comment will be open from September 29 through October 11, 2020, at Tempe.gov/Forum.

Park Improvements include:

- Community Swimming Pool
- Playground
- Ramada
- Restroom
- Baseball Infield Material
- Basketball Court Lighting
- Additional Trees and Landscaping

We Need Your Input!

Clark Park Improvements

Comment online through Oct. 11
tempe.gov/forum
or 480-350-4311



Investing in Tempe Parks