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City of Temple Looks Back On the Key Events of 2012

TEMPLE, TX – (January 4, 2013) "Temple had a very successful 2012 as a result of the tremendous work by Team Temple. The teamwork by volunteers, the city staff, elected officials and the community have again led to an extremely productive year in which much was accomplished. We benefited from the work that was done in past years, and we will build off of our success to make the future even brighter for the citizens of Temple. The City of Temple Strategic Plan continues to guide us in what we do to make Temple a great place to live work and play." says Bill Jones III, Mayor of the City of Temple.

"I would categorize 2012 for the City of Temple as a year of transition and new beginnings" says David Blackburn, City Manager of the City of Temple.

"The steps the City took this year in adopting its first ever Sustainability Plan, in diversifying its fleet fuel sources and the pilot program for residential curbside recycling signaled both transitions and new beginnings. For all of these efforts, the goal was fairly simple...to provide services and programs to our residents in the most efficient manner possible" continues Blackburn.

"I also look back at our economic development efforts over 2012 and see a very successful year, maybe one of the best ever. The agreements negotiated with Panda Energy, and the ultimate groundbreaking for a 758 megawatt power plant in Temple weren't just significant for Temple or the region, but for the entire State" states Blackburn.

"But, perhaps the most notable event in 2012 for me from the City's perspective is the extension of our tax increment financing reinvestment zone. The reinvestment zone is both the financing agent and the 'economic

developer' for our City. The City worked very hard during the 2011 Legislature to get legislation passed that allowed the continuation of the reinvestment zone. With the help of our State Representative, State Senator and others, the bill was passed. We then spent most of 2012 obtaining the approval of our partners in the community to implement the extension of the reinvestment zone, with the last approval being obtained in December. The extension of the reinvestment zone by all the community partners is, in my mind, the most notable event for the City in 2012” says Blackburn.

List of City of Temple Highlight for 2012:

January 13, 2012 - Ribbon Cutting for New Temple Baseball Complex will Honor Drayton McLane

A new little league baseball complex opens in Temple. The complex is made possible by Grand Slam for Youth Baseball (GSFYB), a community partnership between Minute Maid and the Astros-In-Action Foundation. GSFYB makes it easier for boys and girls to play, learn about, and experience baseball; one way they support youth baseball is by refurbishing or rebuilding youth baseball fields.

<http://tx-temple2.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=4938>

January 19, 2012 - Sustainable Management Plan

City Council adopts a resolution accepting the City of Temple Sustainable Management Plan that provides guidance on how to integrate and increase the practice of sustainable and energy efficient measures within City operations. The first such plan ever adopted by the City.

http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/archives/91/01-19-2012%20Agenda_RN1792.pdf

February 15, 2012 - City of Temple Recognized as Heart and Stroke Healthy City

The Texas Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke presented the Silver Award to the City of Temple for promoting heart health. The Council's Texas Heart and Stroke Healthy City Recognition Program honors cities that advance recognized best practices for preventing and controlling heart disease and stroke.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=4996>

April 4, 2012 - Temple Fire Promotes Deputy Chief

Fire Chief Lonzo Wallace promoted Craig Maatta to the rank of Deputy Chief Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 4 p.m. at Central Fire Station, 201 North 3rd Street.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5708>

April 16, 2012 - Temple Parks Foundation Celebrates 10 Successful Years of Service

The Temple Parks Foundation was founded in 2001 to support the Temple Parks System. Since then, the Foundation has been very active in the community.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5171>

May 24, 2012 – NW Loop 363

City Council awards a contract for the expansion of the NW Loop 363 to James Construction. Expansion of the NW Loop has been on the City's project list since the 1980's.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/index.aspx?nid=1577>

June 18, 2012 – Panda Power

City Council adopts a resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with Panda Temple Power, LLC, that will result in the construction of a clean natural gas fueled combined-cycle facility capable of providing electricity for 750,000 homes in the Central Texas area.

<http://pandaenergy.com/Projects/Temple/tabid/87/Default.aspx>

July 19, 2012 - City Council Adopts 2012 CDBG Annual Action Plan

City Council adopted the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan reflects the City of Temple's funding priorities and identifies the projects proposed to receive Federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant ('CDBG') program. The City of Temple will receive \$386,943 for its 2012 CDBG allocation.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5378>

August 2, 2012 - Temple Public Library Receives 2011 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award

The 2011 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association was presented to the Temple Public Library.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5438>

August 30, 2012 – Council approves Transportation Capital Improvement Program within 2013 Budget

Council approves a multi-year transportation capital improvement program (FY2013-18 Transportation Capital Improvement Program, or ‘TCIP’). The 17 project areas identified in the TCIP are intended to address both the need to improve our existing transportation infrastructure and provide new capacity and connectivity. This \$60+ million CIP is the largest single CIP ever undertaken by the City.

http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/archives/91/08-30-12%20Special%20Agenda_RN2011.pdf

September 6, 2012 – Panda Groundbreaking

Panda Power Funds officials and investors are joined by elected officials from across the state to break ground on the company’s 758-megawatt natural gas-fueled power plant in Temple, Texas. The natural gas facility is scheduled to come online by the end of 2014 and will provide electricity for approximately 750,000 homes in the Central Texas area.

<http://www.pandafunds.com/connect/highlights/>

September 13, 2012 - Expansion of Curbside Recycling Pilot Program

The City expands the Curbside Recycling Pilot Program, from approximately 2,000 homes, to 4,000 homes. This curbside residential single stream pilot recycling program is ongoing.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/admin/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5550&DL=1>

September 18, 2012 - City of Temple to Host Neighborhood Pride Clean-Up Day

The City of Temple, in cooperation with United Way and Keep Temple Beautiful, Inc., hosts a Neighborhood Pride Clean-Up Day on Friday, September 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/admin/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5563&DL=1>

October 4, 2012 - City of Temple Receives Alternative Fuels Initiatives Grant

The City of Temple is the recipient of a grant from the Clean Start Propane Refueling, Vehicle Incentive & Outreach Program provided by Texas State Technical College (TSTC) and its partners CleanFuel USA (CFUSA) and Public Solutions Group (PSG). This grant will provide approximately \$99,500 to convert eleven vehicles to propane autogas (LPG).

<http://tx-temple2.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5598>

October 12, 2012 – City of Temple Receives Recycling Containers for the Parks

The City of Temple Parks and Leisure Services Department gets a boost to their recycling efforts thanks to a significant grant made possible by The Coca-Cola Foundation with new recycling trash containers for the parks.

<http://www.templetx.gov/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5607>

October 18, 2012 – Water Treatment Plant Back-Up Generator

Council unanimously approves a resolution authorizing a \$2.5 million dollar contract to construct emergency power improvements and building modifications to house back-up generator hardware at the City's Water Treatment Plant.

<http://tx-temple2.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5617>

December 3, 2012 – Bell County Approves Extension of Temple Reinvestment Zone

By Minute Order #521/12, Bell County Commissioners unanimously approved an agreement extending the life of the City of Temple Tax Increment Financing Reinvestment Zone #1. This action marked the culmination of more than a years' worth of work in obtaining all the community partners approval for extending the life of the City's primary economic development financing tool.

http://www.bellcountytexas.com/county_government/commissioners_court/docs/121203minutes.pdf

December 6, 2012 - Temple Airport Receives Matching Grant to Construct New West Side Entrance

Council adopts a resolution authorizing the acceptance of a TxDOT Aviation Division Routine Airport Maintenance Grant in the amount of \$100,000. This grant will assist with improvements, including new signage, to the new west side entrance at the Draughon-Miller Central Texas Regional Airport.

<http://tx-temple2.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5682>

December 20, 2012 - Purchase of CNG-powered trash trucks authorized

City Council approves the purchase of 14 compressed natural gas (CNG)-powered heavy duty vehicles. The purchase represents a first for the City of Temple, as it will add CNG vehicles to its fleet.

<http://tx-temple2.civicplus.com/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5704>

December 21, 2012 - Temple CVB Pinterest Account Receives International Recognition

Temple Parks and Leisure Services was presented an award for excellence in Marketing by the Learning Resources Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning. The award was given to the department at the LERN International Conference in Washington D.C. in November.

<http://www.ci.temple.tx.us/DocumentView.aspx?DID=5705>

December 26, 2012 – Ernest Stroud Retires from Temple Fire & Rescue after 34 Years of Service

Ernest ('Ernie') Stroud, the most senior firefighter in the Temple Fire & Rescue Department, retires after more than 34 years of service. (*Temple Daily Telegram, December 27, 2012*)

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