

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE LA VERNE CITY HALL
Monday, August 18, 2014**

1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Mayor Don Kendrick
Mayor Pro Tem Donna Redman
Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Charlie Rosales
Council Member Ron Ingels

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Assistant to the City Manager City Treasurer/City Clerk Jeannette Vagnozzi
Public Works Director Dan Keeseey
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Senior Management Analyst JR Ranells
Principal Planner Eric Scherer
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Letter of Thanks to the La Verne Police Department Mayor Kendrick read comments received thanking La Verne Police Department and the Chief for the strong presence for first day of school at Bonita Unified School District.
- 5.. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of the regular meeting of August 4, 2014, were ***received and filed*** as submitted.

July 2014 Treasurer's Report **July 2014 Treasurer's Report**. ***Approved as recommended.***

2013-14 Registers of Audited Demands **2013-14 Registers of Audited Demands** in the amounts of \$150,963.75 for July 28, 2014, and \$31,953.33 for August 7, 2014. ***Approved as recommended.***

2014-2015 Registers of Audited Demands **2014-2015 Registers of Audited Demands** in the amounts of \$180,074.76 for July 29, 2014, and \$446,428.46 for August 5, 2014. ***Approved as recommended.***

Consider Carryover of Housing Linkage Fund Assistance for Habitat for Humanity Construction Project

Consider Carryover of Housing Linkage Fund Assistance for Habitat for Humanity Construction Project - The City Council was requested to authorize an appropriation of \$77,500 in Housing Linkage Funds in the 2014-2015 budget for use as assistance towards the construction of one single family home by Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity at 1520 First Street. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution (s) passed & adopted, as recommended, as follows:

Resolution No. 14-58, Approving Application for Grant Funds from the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space for the Senior/Community Center HVAC Improvements, an Inclusive Playground, and Adopting a Youth Employment Plan

Resolution No. 14-58 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT COMPETITIVE EXCESS FUNDING FOR THE SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AND INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AND APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF A YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PLAN. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution No. 14-59, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the City of Industry for the Exchange of Proposition A Funds for General Fund Revenues.

Resolution No. 14-59 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF INDUSTRY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A FUNDS FOR GENERAL FUND REVENUES. Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No.14-59 authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the City of Industry for an exchange of \$250,000 in Proposition A transportation funds for \$187,500 of general funds. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution No. 14-60, Approving Vacation by Quitclaim Deed of a Building Restriction Easement within Tract No. 66059

Resolution No. 14-60 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE VACATION BY QUIT CLAIM DEED OF A BUILDING RESTRICTION EASEMENT WITHIN TRACT NO. 66059 AND THE DEDICATION OF A REVISED BUILDING RESTRICTION EASEMENT WITHIN TRACT NO. 66059 AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. Staff recommended that the City Council authorize the vacation by Quit Claim Deed of the existing Building Restriction Area Easement and authorize the City Clerk to accept the dedication of a revised Building Restriction Area Easement. ***Approved as recommended.***

6. At 6:33 p.m., the La Verne City Council recessed to meet as the La Verne Public Financing Authority; and at 6:36 pm., the La Verne City Council immediately reconvened.

7. Gilead Development Update

Principal Planner Scherer presented to the City Council the details for Gilead La Verne Campus, the development of up to an approximately 400,000 square foot building on a vacant 23-acre parcel previously owned by the Trammell Crow Company. Trammell Crow subsequently sold the property to Gilead Sciences, Inc, which wishes to construct a new office/manufacturing/warehouse facility for its pharmaceutical company. The project requires a Tentative Tract Map, a Variance for the height of portions of the proposed building and the retaining walls, and a Precise Plan Review for site design and architecture. The project includes the extension of Wheeler Avenue south to Puddingstone Drive.

Fred Kilpatrick spoke on behalf of Gilead.

Council Member Carder asked for clarification on parking requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Redman asked for clarification on building height.

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to receive and file the report and provide staff with any feedback regarding the proposal. The project has recently been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on August 13, 2014.

The City Council welcomed Gilead to La Verne.

8. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Old Town La Verne Parking Study

Mayor Pro Tem Redman and Council Member Carder declared a conflict of interest on the Old Town Parking Study and did not act or participate in this matter because it involved the University of La Verne and they are both employed by the University of La Verne. Both left the Council Chambers.

Community Development Director Fredericksen reported on the Old Town La Verne Parking Study. He stated there has been a recent surge in demand for parking in Old Town due to the popularity of the local restaurants and businesses as well as increased enrollment at the University of La Verne. The City has sought the expertise of parking consultants to conduct a parking study of Old Town. The study evaluates the current issues and makes both short-term and long-term recommendations on mitigating the parking problems in Old Town.

Staff, the Development Review Committee, and Planning Commission requested that the City Council review the Old Town La Verne Parking Study, provide comments, and then receive and file the Parking Study. Staff also requested that the City Council direct staff to develop a list of implementation measures based on the parking study and send that list to the Parking Committee for review prior to City Council approval and implementation.

The parking consultants retained by the City, Michael Bates of the Mobility Group and Janice Rhodes of JR Parking, presented the findings of the parking study.

Mayor Kendrick received public comment.

Bob Gillam, 1515 First Street, stated various points why he did not think the report was accurate.

Craig Walters, Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District and Old Town resident, liked the report because the quantifiable data clearly captured the issues faced by businesses and residents.

Clive Houston-Brown, University of La Verne, stated they were actively working on the issue by expanding parking, optimizing scheduling of classes to even out parking demand, and promoting alternate transportation. He did not agree with all of the recommendations, but assured that the University would cooperate as best as it can.

Council Member Rosales stated that the City needs to take action to resolve parking issue.

Council Member Ingels agreed.

Mayor Kendrick stated that course scheduling is an important part of the solution. University staff and faculty need to respect public parking. The University is growing and the downtown is vibrant and this type of growth brings parking issues. We need to work together to resolve this issue.

Council Member Ingels suggested trying to require students and staff to park on University of La Verne property.

Council Member Rosales suggested contacting other college cities to see how they handle parking.

City Manager Russi stated the City can incorporate parking requirements in the next University of La Verne Master Plan.

After reviewing the Old Town La Verne Parking Study and receiving public comment, it was moved by Rosales, seconded by Ingels, and carried by a vote of 3-0 (Redman and Carder Abstained) to receive and file the Parking Study and directed staff to implement recommendations in phases as outlined, develop a list of implementation measures based on the parking study and send that list to the Parking Committee for review prior to City Council approval and implementation.

Mayor Pro Tem Redman and Council Member Carder returned to the Council Chambers and took their seats.

9. Consider Farmers Market Recommendation from the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Advisory Board

Community Development Director Fredericksen reported on the Farmers Market recommendation from the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Advisory Board. He stated that City Council is requested to consider a recommendation from the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Advisory Board to change the format and day of the week for the Old Town Farmers Market, to a more produce centered market, and from Thursday evenings to Saturday mornings.

The Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Advisory Board and staff recommended that the City Council approve the Board's recommendation to not extend the current Thursday night contract, and instead to support a process to receive and consider proposals for a Saturday morning, produce centered, Farmers Market.

Mayor Kendrick stated that the Fairplex has plans to start a Saturday morning Farmers Market.

Craig Walters, Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District, stated that the Farmers Market has been good for several years, but it is time for change.

Dave Gayman, Farmers Market Manager, thanked the City Council for their support and stated he elected per the agreement to not continue the market beyond August 30, 2014.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Ingels, and unanimously carried to not extend the current Thursday night contract, and instead to support a process to receive and consider proposals for a Saturday morning, produce centered, Farmers Market.

10. Public Comment

This was the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Mayor Kendrick called for public comment.

Gary Hunter reported that the foot traffic bridge at Chelsea has lights out.

Public Works Director Keesey stated it was CalTRANS property and would investigate who is responsible for the maintenance.

11. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reported that she attended Habitat for Humanity Pancake Breakfast kick off for the house to built in La Verne for a veteran. She thanked the La Verne Fire Department for the volunteers who cooked the breakfast.

12. Closed Session

At 8:25 p.m., the City Council met in closed session for the following purposes:

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiator: City Manager and Senior Management Analyst Employee Organization: La Verne Firefighters' Association

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

Performance review of the City Manager

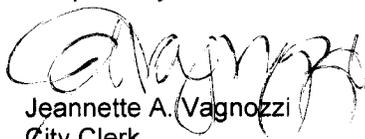
There was no announcement.

13. Cancellation of the September 2, 2014 City Council Meeting

It is expected that the next regular meeting of the La Verne City Council scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2014, will be CANCELED due to a lack of business.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeannette A. Vagnozzi
City Clerk