

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Donna Redman, Mayor Pro Tem

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Monday, February 02, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Carder, Council Member Ingels, Council Member Rosales, Mayor Pro Tem Redman, and Mayor Kendrick

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Introduction of Toni Navarro, Executive Director of Tri-City Mental Health Services** – Antonette (Toni) Navarro was selected Executive Director by the Tri-City Governing Board. Navarro, succeeds Jesse Duff who has retired. Ms. Navarro is a graduate of UCLA and has a Masters' Degree in Education from University of California Santa Barbara and held the position of Director of Clinical Program Services for Tri-City from 2008-2014. Ms. Navarro is a licensed marriage and family therapist and has been providing community-based mental health services to underserved and high-utilizing populations for greater than 25 years.

- b. **Recognition and Presentation of 2014 "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients** – Annually, the City Council presents the "Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award" and the "Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award" to recognize volunteers who have made outstanding contributions and performed exemplary service to the City and the community. Each recipient receives an individual Pride of La Verne plaque and their names are placed on perpetual plaques displayed in City Hall.

The Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award was named after S. Jack Huntington who moved to La Verne in 1970. Despite heavy professional obligations and time commitments to the U.S. Naval Reserve, Jack became actively involved in the community as a volunteer. He was active in various local organizations including the La Verne Jaycees, Little League and the Youth Basketball program. Jack also completed two terms on both the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission. Jack Huntington was a citizen volunteer who exemplified the "Pride of La Verne" through selfless service to the community.

This year the Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award is being presented to Craig Walters in recognition of his exemplary volunteer service to the community, especially to Old Town La Verne and the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District (OTLVBID). Craig has been a member of the OTLVBID since 1999, and has served as Chairman of its Advisory Board for the last 14 years. His volunteerism and leadership have been instrumental in the continued quality growth of Old Town. His personal efforts have been especially meaningful in the creation and/or growth of many events including the very successful "Sip of La Verne" Wine Walk, as well as general improvements throughout Old Town. Craig continues to be active in working to bring a new Farmers Market to Old Town, and also serves as a representative on the Old Town Parking Committee. He is also an active member of the La Verne Historical Society. Craig makes the success of Old Town his priority, and does so in a volunteer capacity.

The Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award was named after long time resident, Jim Scranton, who was a founding member of the Youth Sports Committee. In 1986, he formed the City's first club soccer team, the La Verne Lasers. Jim also spent five years on the Sports Park Committee which resulted in the development of sports fields in conjunction with Bonita High School. He also participated in the City's women's soccer program as a coach. The Youth Sports Committee recommended that a Pride of La Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award be named in honor of Jim Scranton who was posthumously honored with the inaugural award.

This year the Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award is being presented to Steve Kennedy. Steve has been a volunteer for AYSO Region 112 for over 12 years. He has held nearly all leadership positions on the board, including but not limited to a three-year term as Regional Commissioner, Coach, Referee, and Instructor. Steve can always be found on the fields coaching, refereeing, and mentoring. Steve lives the AYSO's Six Philosophies and has continued his consistent volunteerism even though his children have all aged out of the program. Steve is well known for his dedication to youth sports and his incredible heart for service.

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)
- a. **City Council Minutes** of the regular meetings of January 20, 2015, to be received and filed.
 - b. **Registers of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$196,651.67 dated January 12, 2015, \$1,106,791.28 dated January 20, 2015, and \$796,259.65 dated December 22, 2014. Approval recommended by staff.
 - c. **Declaration of Surplus Property** - Certain vehicles have been depreciated through the equipment fund and/or are scheduled for replacement. Each is no longer useful or is ineffective for current operational requirements. Upon replacement, each will become surplus to the city's operational needs and should be disposed per Administrative Regulation No. 606. ***Staff recommends that the City Council declare the vehicles identified in Attachment A as surplus to the City's needs and further recommends that the staff be directed to sell each in a fair and equitable manner per Administrative Regulation No 606.***
 - d. **Filming Agreement for Everdream LLC** - The City Attorney has prepared an agreement which allows Everdream LLC to film a commercial at Las Flores Park located at 3175 Bolling Avenue. The request is to conduct filming and ancillary activities generally between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2015. ***Staff recommends that the City Council give approval for Everdream LLC to film at the above location and authorize staff to finalize remaining conditions associated to the filming activities.***
 - e. **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2014** - The City has prepared its annual financial report that has been examined by our outside independent accounting firm, Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP. The audit report reflects the financial position and operating activities of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. ***Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2014.***
 - f. **Resolution(s)** passage and adoption recommended as follows:
 - 1. **Resolution No. 15-04** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA VELO FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL SAN DIMAS STAGE RACE. ***Staff recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 15-04 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Southern California VELO Cycling Club permitting the cycling race on specified streets.***
 - 2. **Resolution No. 15-05** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TRI EVENTS, INC FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHAMPIONSHIP & TRI EXPRESS TRIATHLON SERIES. ***Staff recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 15-05 Authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Tri Events Inc. permitting the race on specified streets on the specified dates.***

3. **Resolution No. 15-07** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF A SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF. ***Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution No. 15-07, declaring the intention to provide for the abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse and setting a public hearing for March 2, 2015.***

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. **Community Development Block Grant Program for 2015-2016** - This is the 41st funding year for the Community Development Block Grant Program. According to the Los Angeles County CDBG Bulletin, the City of La Verne will be allocated approximately \$138,342 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. One application for a public service program has been received for consideration and an application from the Public Works Department for sidewalk repairs. Staff is continuing to work with the Community Development Commission to allocate the remaining portion of the grant to benefit the City of La Verne.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following allocation of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$138,342 as follows:

2014-2015 CDBG Allocation	\$138,342
Senior Hot Lunch Program	\$ 20,751
Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 58,000
Unallocated	\$ 59,591
TOTAL	\$ 138,342

This recommendation is made after consideration of the federal allocation requirements and the desire to continue the existing public service program. Staff further recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-06, approving participation in the 2015-16 Community Development Block Grant Program with the County of Los Angeles.

Resolution No. 15-06 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SELECTING CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 – 2016.

- b. **Water Utility Rate Adjustments** – In July 2012, water rates were adjusted to fully fund the operation and capital requirements of the water system. Since that time, the rates have been revised, but only to reflect the increased cost of purchased water from the Three Valleys Municipal Water District as provided for in Proposition 218. The proposed rate increase of \$0.17 per unit once again only reflects the difference in purchased water expenses between fiscal years 2013/14 and 2014/15. If implemented, the average customer will experience a 4% increase in their water bill, or about \$3.00 per month. Fees for certain other services such as service line installations have also been adjusted to reflect current labor, equipment, and material costs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the following:

1. Accept the staff report;
2. Open the public hearing to consider water rates;
3. Adopt Resolution No. 15-03, approving water rate and related adjustments.

Staff further recommends that the new water rates become effective for all bills prepared on or after February 9, 2015 (as provided in the public notice and contained within the resolution).

Resolution No. 15-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESTATING CERTAIN WATER AND SEWER FEES AND POLICIES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LA VERNE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-65

7. **OTHER MATTERS-** No matters scheduled.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. Any person desiring to speak should complete a 'Speaker Card,' located at the podium, and hand it to the City Clerk. When addressing the Council, please go to the podium and state your name and address for the record. The Mayor reserves the right to place limits on duration of comments.
9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS** - Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

10. **CLOSED SESSION** - The City Council will meet in a closed session for the following purpose:

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Government Code §54957.6

Agency Negotiator:	City Manager, Personnel Officer, City Attorney
Unrepresented employee:	Chief of Police

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

***THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING** of the La Verne City Council
is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17, 2015**, at 6:30 p.m.*

ADVISORY STAFF

- _____ Robert Russi, City Manager
- _____ Robert Kress, City Attorney
- _____ Jeannette Vagnozzi, Assistant to the City Manager/City Treasurer/City Clerk
- _____ Dan Keeseey, Director Public Works
- _____ Hal Fredericksen, Director of Community Development
- _____ Richard Martinez, Finance Officer
- _____ Bill Aguirre, Director of Community Services
- _____ Scott Pickwith, Police Chief
- _____ Pete Jankowski, Fire Chief
- _____ Dominic Milano, City Engineer
- _____ Bill Elftman, Information Services Manager