

**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, February 2, 2015**

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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

Absent: Council Member Ron Ingels (excused)

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi  
City Attorney Robert L. Kress  
Assistant to the City Manager City Treasurer/City Clerk Jeannette Vagnozzi  
Director of Public Works Dan Keesey  
Director of Community Development Hal G. Fredericksen  
Director of Community Services Bill Aguirre  
Finance Officer Richard Martinez  
Police Chief Scott Pickwith  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti  
Senior Planner Candice Bowcock  
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge  
Public Works Manager Nikole Bresciani

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Presentation/Introductions  
& Announcements

Introduction of Toni Navarro,  
Executive Director of Tri-City  
Mental Health Services

**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.

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**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

**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.

Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award presented to Craig Walters

This year the Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award was 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

**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 Lazars. 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.

Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award presented to Steve Kennedy

This year the Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award was 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

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Rosales, to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items by a vote of 4-0 (Ingels absent), as presented as follows:

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of the regular meetings of January 20, 2015, *received and filed.*

Registers of Audited Demands	<b>Registers of Audited Demands</b> 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. <b>Approved as recommended by staff.</b>
Declaration of Surplus Property	<b>Declaration of Surplus Property</b> - 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 recommended 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. <b>Approved as recommended by staff.</b>
Filming Agreement for Everdream LLC	<b>Filming Agreement for Everdream LLC</b> - 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 recommended 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. <b>Approved as recommended by staff.</b>
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2014	<b>Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2014</b> - 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 recommended that the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2014. <b>Received and filed.</b>
	<b>Resolution (s)</b> passed & adopted, as recommended, as follows:
Resolution No. 15-04, Authorizing Execution of An Agreement with Southern California Velo for the 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual San Dimas Stage Race	<b>Resolution No. 15-04</b> – 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 16 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SAN DIMAS STAGE RACE. Staff recommended 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. <b>Approved as recommended by staff.</b>
Resolution No. 15-05, Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with Tri Events, Inc., for the Los Angeles Championship & Tri Express Series.	<b>Resolution No. 15-05</b> – 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 recommended 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. <b>Approved as recommended by staff.</b>

Resolution No. 15-07,  
 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

**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. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Community Development Block Grant Program for 2015-2016 - This is the 41<sup>st</sup> 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 recommended the following allocation of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$138,342 as follows:

<b>2015-2016 CDBG Allocation</b>	<b>\$138,342</b>
Senior Hot Lunch Program	\$ 20,751
Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 58,000
Unallocated	\$ 59,591
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 138,342</b>

This recommendation was made after consideration of the federal allocation requirements and the desire to continue the existing public service program. Staff further recommended 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.

Mayor Kendrick declared the public hearing open and called for public testimony on this matter.

There was none.

It was moved Rosales seconded by Carder and unanimously carried to approve the allocation of the 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$138,342 and 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,  
 Approving Participation in the  
 Community Development Block  
 Grant Program and Selecting  
 Certain Projects for Funding in  
 the Fiscal year 2015-18

**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. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Water Utility Rate Adjustments

**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 recommends the following:  
Accept the staff report;  
Open the public hearing to consider water rates;  
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).

Mayor Kendrick declared the public hearing open and called for public testimony on this matter.

There was none.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Roalses, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Ingels absent) to adopt Resolution No. 15-03, approving water rate and related adjustments.

Resolution No. 15-03,  
Restating Certain Water and  
Sewer Fees and Policies for  
Services Provided by the City of  
La Verne

**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. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

7. 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.

Teri Muse of Waste Management reported that tours are available for their Materials Recovery Facility in Azusa on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 10:30 am.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reported that she attended the Cedar Springs ground breaking at David & Margaret.

Mayor Kendrick stated the he also attended the Cedar Springs ground breaking and that it will be a wonderful project.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:07 City Council recessed to meet in 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

Adjournment at 7:25 p.m.

  
Jeannette A. Vagnozzi  
City Clerk