

**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, March 2, 2015**

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 Keesey
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personal Officer JR Ranells
Senior Planner Candice Bowcock
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Recognition of the 2015 Graduating Class of Police Explorers Police Chief Pickwith and Corporal Dransfeldt introduced and presented the 2015 Graduating Class of Police Explorers. The Explorers from the La Verne Police Department were sent to the 2015 Orange County Law Enforcement Advisors Association Academy from Thursday, February 12, through Monday, February 16. This academy was a high stress live-in academy where explorers were exposed to many aspects of law enforcement. Seven explorers graduated from the academy with Explorer Tim Lopez being recognized for scoring second highest academically out of approximately 150 explorers who attended the academy.
5. Consent Calendar

City Council Minutes of February 17, 2015 It was moved by Redman, seconded by Ingels, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2015, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands

Registers of Audited Demands in the amount of \$875,892.38 dated February 9, 2015, and \$783,748.43 dated February 18, 2015. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes

Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes of the meeting of January 27, 2015, ***received and filed.***

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

Resolution No. 15-10, Amending the Terms of the Employment Contract with Scott Pickwith

Resolution No. 15-10 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH SCOTT PICKWITH. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 15-11, A Joint Resolution of the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles Sanitation District No. 21 and other Governing Bodies Approving and Accepting Negotiated Exchange of Property Tax from Annexation to Sanitation District No. 21, (Annexation No. 745)

Resolution No. 15-11 – A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE AND THREE VALLEYS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT APPROVING AND ACCEPTING NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM ANNEXATION TO COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 21. Staff recommended that Council adopt the joint resolution with the County of Los Angeles approving and accepting negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from annexation to County Sanitation District No. 21 (Annexation No. 745). ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

6. **Conflict of Interest**
Annual Weed Abatement Protest Hearing

Council Member Carder declared a conflict of interest because she is a member of the Board of Directors for a homeowners' association that oversees property appearing on the weed abatement list and she left the Council Chambers.

Assistant to the City Manager Vagnozzi reported on the Annual Weed Abatement/Protest Hearing. She stated that on February 2, 2015, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 15-07, accepting the list of properties that County inspectors found to have weeds or brush and/or rubbish upon them. Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles, these conditions constitute a public nuisance and must be abated. Notices were mailed to property owners notifying them that the hazard or public nuisance upon their property must be abated. That notice also set March 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time for affected property owners to cure the hazard or file a protest. The annual weed abatement notice further required that owners of declared properties must maintain their parcels in a fire-safe condition throughout the year.

Mr. Masood R. Azhar, a representative from the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, Weed Abatement Division was present to answer any related questions.

The Mayor declared the public hearing opened and called for public testimony. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Following the protest hearing, it was moved by Ingels, seconded by Rosales, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Carder Abstained) to direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to abate the nuisances by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

7. Proposed Antiochian Institute at 1020 Baseline Road

Senior Planner Bowcock reported on the proposed Antiochian Institute at 1020 Baseline Road. She stated that the City Council is being requested to consider approval of a Specific Plan Amendment (9-15SPA), General Plan Amendment (147- 14GPA), and a Zone Change (146-14ZC), which are required for the proposed Antiochian Orthodox Institute at 1020 Baseline Road. The proposed Institute would consist of a theological and ecclesiastical library, offices for fellows of the Institute, living quarters for one staff member, a prayer room, and a small area for meetings. The Planning Commission has recommended City Council approval of the requests, following their conduct of a public hearing where public support was evident, without opposition. Also staff and the Development Review Committee recommended approval.

Mayor Kendrick requested that a condition be added that all future additions match existing architecture. The City Council concurred.

The Mayor declared the public hearing opened and called for public testimony. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Kendrick, seconded by Rosales and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 15-08, approving Case No. 147-14GPA, to amend the General Plan Designation of 1020 Baseline Road from Commercial/Business Park to Community Facility and it was motioned to add condition that all future additions match existing architecture, and

Introduce and place on first reading Ordinance No. 1050, adopting Case No. 146-14ZC changing the designation from "Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan (SP86-18)" to "Institutional" for 1020 Baseline Road.

Introduce and place on first reading Ordinance No. 1051, approving Case No. 9-15SPS, and a request to amend the Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan (SP86-18) to remove 1020 Baseline Road.

Resolution No. 15-08,
Approving Case No. 14-14GPA,
to Amend the General Plan
Designation of 1020 Baseline
Road from
Commercial/Business Park to
Institutional

Resolution No. 15-08 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 147-14GPA, TO AMEND THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION OF 1020 BASELINE ROAD FROM COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO INSTITUTIONAL. **Approved.**

Ordinance No. 1050,
Adopting Zone Change Case
No. 146-14ZC, Changing the
Zone Designation from "Foothill
Boulevard Specific Plan (SPA
86- 18)" to "Institutional" for
1020 Baseline Road

Ordinance No. 1050 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 146-14ZC, CHANGING THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM "FOOTHILL BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN (SP86-18)" TO "INSTITUTIONAL" FOR 1020 BASELINE ROAD. **Approved and placed on first reading.**

Ordinance No. 1051,
Approving Case No. 9-15SPA,
a Request to Amend the
Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan
to Remove 1020 Baseline Road

Ordinance No. 1051 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 9-15SPA, A REQUEST TO AMEND THE FOOTHILL BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN TO REMOVE 1020 BASELINE ROAD. **Approved and placed on first reading**

Request to Extend the
Moratorium on New Tobacco-
related Uses

City Manager Russi reported on the request to extend the Moratorium on New Tobacco-related Uses. He stated that the City Council is being requested to consider adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1052 extending a moratorium on new tobacco-related uses. The proposed moratorium extension would extend the provisions of Urgency Ordinance No. 1049 for a period of ten months and fifteen days (through January 20, 2016). This Ordinance requires adoption by a 4/5 vote.

The Mayor declared the public hearing opened and called for public testimony. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

Following the public hearing, it was moved by Rosales, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1052 extending a moratorium on new tobacco-related uses for an additional period of ten months and fifteen days (through January 20, 2016).

8. Ordinance No. 1052,
Extending Ordinance No. 1049
Establishing a Moratorium on
New Tobacco-Related Uses

Ordinance No. 1052 - AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXTENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1049 ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON NEW TOBACCO-RELATED USES. **Approved and adopted.**

9. 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.

Terri Muse presented a year in review of Waste Management activities in La Verne.

10. Council Comments and
Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reminded everyone to vote and thanked the candidates for their dedication to the City.

Council Member Ingels attended the Casa Colina Gala and thought it was a very special evening.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeannette A. Vagnozzi
City Clerk