

**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**
Tuesday, September 8, 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 Robin Carder
Council Member Donna Redman
Council Member Charlie Rosales
Council Member Tim Hepburn

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Deputy City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Public Works Director Dan Keeseey
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Police Captain Nick Paz
Acting Police Captain Elizabeth Garcia
Fire Battalion Chief Mark Horine
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
Public Works Manager Tracy Costello
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Letter of Commendation from La Verne Heights Elementary School Principal Mayor Kendrick read a letter from La Verne Heights Elementary School Principal Patrick McKee thanking and commending the La Verne Police Department for their professionalism and outstanding support during a recent incident at the school.

Mayor Kendrick stated that this was an excellent example of the partnership between the city and school district.
- Badge Pinning of Firefighter Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated newly appointed Firefighter Mike Bentz. He reported that Mike Bentz is a lifetime resident of La Verne. He became interested in the fire service as a child when his mom enrolled him in a Junior Lifeguard Program. He attended the Mt. SAC fire academy in 2010 and shortly after, was hired as a La Verne Apprentice Firefighter. He received his paramedic training at the Los Angeles County Paramedic Training Institute in 2015. Mike is the son of Steve and Shelly, and has two siblings. He's eager to continue to give back to his community and the opportunity to make a difference as he starts his career. His badge will be pinned by his mother Shelly Bentz.

5. Consent Calendar
- It was moved by Redman, seconded by Rosales, 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 17, 2015, ***received and filed*** as submitted.
- 2014-15 Registers of Audited Demands **2014-15 Registers of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$42,494.43 for August 10, 2015, in the amount of \$106,627.13 for August 17, 2015; and the amount of \$98,340.46 for August 24, 2015, ***approved as recommended by staff***.
- 2015-16 Register of Audited Demands **2015-16 Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$122,937.38 for August 11, 2015, in the amount of \$914,398.55 for August 18, 2015, and the amount of \$392,393.70 for August 25, 2015, ***approved as recommended by staff***.
- Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes **Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes** of the meeting of March 24, 2015, April 28, 2015, and May 26, 2015, ***received and filed***.
- Resolution (s)** passed & adopted, as recommended, as follows:
- Resolution No. 15-72, Approving Final Tract Map No. 72428, Meritage Homes **Resolution No. 15-72** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 72428, (CASE NO. 95-13TTM), A REQUEST BY MERITAGE HOMES, TO SUBDIVIDE A 14.94-ACRE PARCEL 6700 NORTH SAN DIMAS CANYON ROAD INTO A 22-LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION WITH COMMON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION LOTS. On August 13, 2014, the Planning Commission approved Tentative Tract Map 72428 for 22 residential lots and lettered lots for the private street and open space, a residential development on a vacant 14.94 acre parcel located at 6700 North San Dimas Canyon Road. The final map and subdivision agreement have been submitted and reviewed and found to be technically correct by the City Engineer. Staff recommended that the City Council approve Final Tract Map 72428 and the subdivision agreement in accordance with the findings and subject to the conditions in Resolution No. 15-72. ***Approved as recommended by staff***.
- Ordinances (s)** second reading, passed and adopted, as recommended, as follows:
- Ordinance No. 1060, Permitting Procedures for Small Residential Solar Energy Systems **Ordinance No. 1060** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE AMENDING CHAPTER 18.106 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE PERMITTING PROCEDURES FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS. ***Approved***.
- Ordinance No. 1061, Requiring all New Homes to include Re-Circulating Hot Water **Ordinance No. 1061** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE AMENDING CHAPTER 15.04 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING ALL NEW HOMES TO INCLUDE RE-CIRCULATING HOT WATER SYSTEMS. ***Approved***.

6. Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) System

Police Captain Paz reported on the Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) System. He stated that the ALPR Systems are rapidly growing in use with 71% of police departments in the United States using some form of ALPR technology. This advanced technology is being used as an additional tool to help keep communities safe by allowing law enforcement to solve crimes that would otherwise go unsolved. ALPR involves the use of special cameras and software that recognize a license plate, capture an image of the license plate and interpret the characters of the license plate into data that may be used for investigative purposes. Staff sought out proposals from three vendors, reviewed their respective systems and selected Vigilant Solutions. A representative from Vigilant Solutions was present at the meeting to answer any questions.

Council Member Rosales stated that he has a nephew in law enforcement who informed him that the ALPR System is an excellent crime fighting tool.

Council Member Redman asked for confirmation that forfeiture funds will be used to purchase the ALPR System and asked when it would be up and running.

Captain Paz stated that forfeiture funds will be used to purchase the ALPR System and it would be up and running in three months.

Council Member Hepburn stated it was a great use of forfeiture funds. He made reference of the burglary at Mickey's Jewelry and the use of ALPR Systems in apprehending the suspects.

Mayor Kendrick praised the use of the ALPR System. He stated that in City of Claremont, the Police department has recovered many stolen vehicles with the use of the system. He stated that bringing this type of technology will help deter crime and was pleased that the City is acquiring the ALPR System.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn to approve the purchase agreement of the Automated License Plate Reader System (ALPR) from Vigilant Solutions in the amount of \$428,498 and appropriate \$440,000 from asset forfeiture funds.

7. NHRA Fanfest Event in Old Town La Verne

Senior Planner Bowcock reported on the NHRA Fanfest Event in Old Town La Verne. She stated that the City Council is requested to consider a new event for the NHRA Fanfest this November 12, 2015. For the last four years the event has taken place the Saturday before the Finals in November. The NHRA is now proposing to change it this year, so as to take place on the Thursday night before the Finals with a driver autograph session at Lordsburg Tap House from 7pm to 8pm; including setup/cleanup, the event will take place from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. If Council supports the new proposed event, staff will bring back a new agreement to a future Council meeting for Council consideration

Council Member Carder asked if the downtown merchants were in favor of the event and asked if staff has communicated with the University of La Verne.

Senior Planner Bowcock stated that the downtown merchants are in support of the event and staff has been in communication with the University of La Verne.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to support the NHRA's new event for the Fanfest scheduled for Thursday night, November 12, 2015, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm and staff will bring back a new agreement to a future Council meeting for Council consideration.

8. 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, 4316 Chelsea, La Verne, thanked the Public Works Department for their quick response in replacing the lights at Chelsea bridge. He said the work was done in a timely manner.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Hepburn reported that he attended the recent Metro Gold Line Station dedications in Duarte, Arcadia, Irwindale, and Monrovia. The stations are super and artwork is incredible and amazing. He invited the residents to visit and to attend the Azusa/Downtown Metro Gold dedication on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Council Member Carder reported that she went to the new Wahfles restaurant and it was packed. The restaurant is amazing and wonderful. She also met with new Bonita Unified School District Superintendent Kurt Madden and the new Bonita High School Principal Bob Derek. She stated the school district is under good leadership and she thanked the La Verne Police Department for the traffic control on the first days of school.

10. Closed Session

At 6:54 p.m., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, the City Council met in closed session for the following purpose (no announcement will be made):

Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Performance review of the City Manager.

There was no announcement.

11. Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk