

AMENDED

AMENDED 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, October 5, 2015

AMENDED

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
Accounting Manager Christy Lopez
Police Captain Nick Paz
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Acting Police Captain Elizabeth Garcia
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
Public Works Manager Tracy Costello
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Assembly Member Holden's
State of the State Address

Assembly Member Holden who represents the 41st Assembly District, presented an update on the 2015 legislative session which ended August 31. Included in the presentation was the legislative year in review, the water crisis, education, regional transportation issues and issues affecting the economic vitality of the region.

Assembly Member Holden thanked the City of La Verne for its water conservation efforts in cutting water usage by 33 %. exceeding the State water conservation mandate of 32%.

Mayor Pro Tem Carder thanked Assembly Member Holden for his support of the Gold Line extension and she stated it was crucial to get on the November, 2016, state ballot a half-cent sales tax measure to expand the Gold Line to Montclair.

Mayor Kendrick expressed concern over vocational, career and technological options available to high school students who are more interested in career paths than college/university enrollment and it being ignored by the State's emphasis on education.

Assembly Member Holden stated that increase in funds to community colleges and trade schools should offer vocational options to students not interested in attending college.

Council Member Rosales questioned Assembly Member Holden's support of SB 433, a bill that would "severely restrict and limit the amount of assets that could be seized in drug and criminal cases, despite letters of opposition from the California police chiefs, police officers and law-enforcement agencies. Council Member Rosales stated that seizing assets in drug and criminal cases is very important in the fight against drug trafficking and criminal activities in our community and takes a huge burden off taxpayers, who would have to pay for law enforcement services against drug trafficking and criminal activities.

Assembly Member Holden spoke about the bill being authored by Holly Mitchell and the process of getting the bill to the legislature.

University of La Verne Vice Presidents Clive Houston-Brown and Myra Garcia, along with Hillcrest Homes President/CEO Matthew Neeley, presented Assembly Member Holden a plaque thanking him for authoring and successfully getting Assembly Bill 173, (City of La Verne Golf Carts) passed. Assembly Bill 173 removes the sunset clause to the University's and Hillcrest's use of electric carts on city streets and gives them indefinite use of electric carts to transport material, students and senior citizens on city streets.

Mayor Kendrick also credited former City of La Verne Assistant to the City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi who lobbied and worked with the University of La Verne and Hillcrest for the passage of Assembly Bill 173.

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 regular meeting of September 21, 2015, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$687,233.28 for September 15, 2015, in the amount of \$318,855.17 for September 22, 2015, approval recommended by staff.

Council Committee Assignments

Council Committee Assignments - There is a vacancy of the citizen representative on the Fairplex Liaison Committee due to the recent resignation of Debbie Frick. Council representatives to that Committee (Mayor Kendrick and Councilmember Redman) are recommending Elric Boardman be approved as her replacement. City Council should confirm the selection of Elric Boardman as the citizen representative to the Fairplex Liaison committee. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Membership in the San Gabriel Economic Partnership

Membership in the San Gabriel Economic Partnership - In expanding the City's efforts of Economic Development related to marketing, the City Council was asked to consider becoming a member of the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (SGVEP). It was recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a membership to the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes

La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes of August 25, 2015, ***received and filed.***

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

Resolution No. 15-76,
Approving the Agreement to
Repay Supplemental Education
Revenue Augmentation Fund
(SERAF) :Loans

Resolution No. 15-76- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA , APPROVING THE AGREEMENT TO REPAY SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL REVENUE AUGMENTATION FUND (SERAF) LOANS. With the dissolution of the La Verne Redevelopment Agency the City, as Housing Successor Agency, assumed the former Agency's housing functions and is entitled to receive funds owed to the former Agency's Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund. This Agreement provides for repayment of monies borrowed by the former Redevelopment Agency from that Fund to make Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (SERAF) payments. Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No, 15-76, approving the Agreement to repay SERAF Loans. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 15-77,
Appointing Ronald Clark as
City Treasurer

Resolution No. 15-77 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING RONALD CLARK AS CITY TREASURER OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE. The resignation of Administrative Services Officer/Assistant to the City Manager, Jeannette A. Vagnozzi also left the City Treasurer position vacant. As such, the Finance subcommittee, comprised of Mayor Kendrick and Councilmember Redman, is recommending former Finance Officer Ronald Clark be appointed to serve in that role. It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 15-77, confirming the appointment of Ron Clark as City Treasurer effective October 5, 2015. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Consideration of Early
Retirement Incentive

City Manager Russi reported on the early retirement incentive. He stated that staff is evaluating ways to restructure certain Police Department operations related to non-sworn positions in order to improve efficiency and better support field functions. As a result, the City Council is being asked to implement a previously used measure of incentivizing retirement for a selected position. Through this report, staff is initiating the process to comply with California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) guidelines and State law. It was recommended that the City Council authorize staff to take steps necessary for offering an early retirement incentive as allowed under CalPERS Retirement law and bring Resolution of intent to offer an early retirement incentive to the next Council meeting.

It was moved by Redman, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to direct staff to take steps necessary for offering an early retirement incentive as allowed under CalPERS Retirement law.

Request by Charbel Nassar
Regarding Traffic Issue

Mr. Nassar addressed the City Council regarding his concerns related to traffic around his residence on Birdie Drive. He stated he has been working with the City and the Police Department for a year regarding speeding vehicles driving down his street and the visibility problem from his driveway when he is backing up. He suggested that a stop sign or speed bumps be installed to slow traffic down.

Mayor Kendrick stated that he has driven down this section of Birdie Drive several times and in his personal experience, based on current speed limit and flow of traffic, there is enough time to stop for merging traffic.

Council Member Rosales asked if there have there been any accidents in the area. Captain Paz replied that only one accident since 1998 was at the cul-de-sac at Vista Court, a car hit a curb.

Council Member Hepburn stated that he lived on Birdie Drive and has jogged down that section of street many times and never had issues with visibility and felt there was good visibility both ways.

City Manager Russi stated there was nothing in the design of the street that can be changed to further control traffic. There was no warrant to place a stop sign or speed bumps. He also suggested that Mr. Nassar put in a circular driveway He also reported that no other neighbors have complained.

Public Works Director Keesey was asked to address this matter. Mr. Keesey reported that a stop sign is placed to establish right-of-way. To place a stop sign where it is not warranted would create traffic and liability problems. There is a speed limit sign, a chevron sign to guide drivers around the curve and he stated that the visibility of 300 feet from Mr. Nassar's home is adequate. For traffic calming, the Public Works staff has put in white edge striping on Birdie Drive which reduces traffic speed because drivers perceive that the road is narrowing and slow down. He stated that every five years there is a traffic study done to ensure safe and reasonable traffic conditions on public streets and for radar enforcement.

Council Member Carder suggested to Mr. Nassar that he put in a circular drive so he would not have to back up into traffic.

There was no action taken.

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.

Lilain De Loza Gutierrez, Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro), Community Affairs Department, introduced herself to Council as the representative serving La Verne.

George May, La Verne Library Manager, invited Council and the public to their annual haunted house event for which he is recruiting volunteers.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Hepburn thanked the Public Works crew for their work on the streets near his home. He said it looked super and like new. He also reported that Phil Hawkey is the new Intern CEO for the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

Council Member Redman expressed concern over the recent shooting in Oregon and strongly recommended that a Committee consisting of the City, Police, School District and Tri-City Mental Health be formed to address this growing problem and to prepare.

Mayor Pro Tem Carder agreed with Council Member Redman and reported that the University of La Verne has a Safety Committee that is currently addressing this problem. She also invited Council and the public to the Inland Valley Hope Partners 40th Annual Walk for the Hungry on Sunday, October, 11, 2015, at noon in Claremont. She will be walking and is looking for sponsors. She commended and thanked the Public Works Department for the awesome drought landscaping at City Hall and said it is beautiful.

Mayor Kendrick thanked the Water Department staff for their water conservation efforts in cutting water usage by 33 %. exceeding the State water conversation mandate of 32%.

Closed Session

At 7:30 p.m., the Council recessed for conference with labor negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiators: City Manager, Personnel Officer, and City Attorney

Employee Organization: La Verne City Employees' Association.

There was no announcement.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk