

**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, September 21, 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
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Battalion Chief Mike Thompson
Community Services Supervisor Yvonne Duran
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

La Verne LVGSA Girls 12U
All-Stars

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated La Verne LVGSA Girls 12U All-Stars. The La Verne ASA 12U All-Star team placed 1st in their District Tournaments in Beaumont, going undefeated. They moved on to the State Championships in Lancaster placing 5th which earned them a spot at the Junior Olympics State Games in San Diego. The team won its first 2 games and then unfortunately the tournament was canceled due to severe weather. The team was coached by Robert Rico and was assisted by Alfred Desrosiers, Phil Eaton, Steve Mikesell, and Efen Marquez. Each Coach was presented with certificate of recognition and each team player with an In-n-Out gift card.

Ariel Rico	Mia Tyler	Jordyn Goluskin	Alyssa Zaldivar
Kali Blount	Hailey Marquez	Sofia Delgado	Allie Acosta
Madi Mikesell	Vanessa Desrosiers	Stephanie Charland	

Trail Trekkers 20th Anniversary Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated Trail Trekkers on their 20th year Anniversary. He reported that In September of 1995 Phyllis Helm started the Women's Fitness Hiking Group and shortly thereafter men were included in the group and it was changed to the City of La Verne Trail Trekkers. Over the years this group has hiked areas from our local trails to Mammoth Lakes and Morro Bay State Park. The group currently has 147 active members and has had a total of 459 members over the course of its existence. The current Trail Trekkers leaders are Phyllis & Bill Helm, Patrick Sampson, Michael Pearlman, Julie Cosgrove, Janet Rudge and Kiam Oey. Each of the Trail Trekkers leaders were presented with a certificate of recognition.

5. At 6:51 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:57 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar It was moved by Hepburn, 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 adjourned and regular meetings of September 8, 2015, **received and filed.**

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,002,206.53 for August 31, 2015, in the amount of \$389,251.46 for September 8, 2015, **approved as recommended by staff.**

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

Resolution No. 15-73.
Authorizing Execution of an
Assignment Agreement with the
City of West Covina for the
Exchange of Proposition A
Funds for General Fund
Revenue

Resolution No. 15-73 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPOSITION A FUNDS FOR GENERAL FUND REVENUES. In August, the City of La Verne sent out a notice seeking cities that were interested in exchanging General Fund monies for La Verne's uncommitted Proposition A transportation funds, which are restricted in use. The highest proposed exchange rate for these dollars was received from the City of West Hollywood. The City of West Hollywood said that they would give us the rate of \$0.65 per dollar in general fund monies per \$1.00 in Prop A Funds. Staff recommended that Council adopt Resolution No.15-73, authorizing an exchange of \$280,000 in Proposition A transportation funds for \$182,000 of General Funds with the City of West Hollywood and authorizing the City Manager to execute said agreement. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Resolution No. 15-74,
Authorizing the Execution of an
Agreement with Metropolitan
Water District to provide Access
for Routine Maintenance of
Infrastructure and Maintenance
in La Verne Heights

Resolution No. 15-74 – 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 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO PROVIDE PROPERTY ACCESS FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAINTENANCE IN LA VERNE HEIGHTS. A proposed Agreement between Metropolitan Water District (MWD) and the City of La Verne allows the City to enter onto MWD property to conduct routine maintenance of infrastructure and landscaping within the La Verne Heights Assessment District. This agreement also formalizes MWD's responsibility to abate brush within the parcel and provide the City of La Verne the authority to enter onto MWD's property to conduct maintenance of a public trail, drainage system and landscape area. Staff recommended adoption of Resolution No. 15-74, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with Metropolitan Water District for the purpose of designating maintenance responsibilities within MWD's easement. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

7. At 6:57 p.m., the City Council recessed to meet as the La Verne Successor Agency, following which the Public Successor Agency adjourned at 6:58 p.m., and the City Council reconvened to regular session.

8. Claremont Agreement

City Manager Russi stated that the Council held a study session on this matter on September 8, 2015, and that the Claremont City Council will be considering approval of same agreement on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Public Works Director Keesey reported on the Claremont Agreement. He stated that the City of Claremont is actively pursuing control of the private water system serving its community and has requested La Verne's assistance in operating the system if acquired. As part of this process, the cities of Claremont and La Verne entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in February 2014. The MOU established the framework for discussing the City of La Verne's operation of the Claremont Water System should the City of Claremont acquire the system. This discussion has resulted in the development of the proposed agreement for operation and maintenance of the Claremont Water System. The agreement would take effect upon Claremont's acquisition of the water system, although certain aspects of the agreement would be effective immediately. The proposed agreement is consistent with the final EIR concerning Claremont's acquisition and operation of the Claremont Water System and certified by the Claremont City Council in March 2014. Therefore, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21166 and City of La Verne environmental guidelines, no additional environmental review is required under CEQA.

Public Works Director Keesey stated that the City of Claremont requested one minor change to the agreement on page 57, Item 3. Conditions to Commencement: Transition; Operations Plans, to change the commencement date from 18 months to 24 months, due to potential delays.

Mayor Pro Tem Carder stated that basically the City of La Verne will be providing the staffing and operational skills and the City of Claremont will be paying the City of La Verne.

Public Works Director Keesey replied that was correct.

Council Member Redman asked if the additional water staff will be housed in La Verne.

Public Works Director Keesey replied that the employees hired to work the Claremont water system will be housed in Claremont. Equipment assigned to the Claremont water operations will be housed in Claremont and water customer service/ billing office will be provided by Claremont.

Mayor Kendrick stated that he was pleased that employees hired to work the Claremont water system will be offered continued employment with Claremont for a minimum of two years, once the agreement has terminated.

Mayor called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

It was moved Carder, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 15-75, authorizing the execution of an agreement with the City of Claremont for the operation and maintenance of the Claremont Water System, and the one minor change to the contract on Page 57, Item 3. Conditions to Commencement: Transition; Operations Plans, commencement date be changed from 18 months to 24 months, due to potential delays. City Council found the proposed agreement to be consistent with the final EIR and directed staff to file the appropriate Notice of Determination.

Resolution No. 15-75,
Authorizing Execution of an
Agreement with the City of
Claremont for the Operation
and Maintenance of the
Claremont Water System

Resolution No. 15-75 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLAREMONT FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE CLAREMONT WATER SYSTEM. **Approved.**

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.

Ben Wong, Region Manager, Southern California Edison updated the City Council with upcoming staff changes in the Edison Local Public Affairs Department. He stated that Edison is strongly committed to customer service and steadfast commitment to La Verne.

Mayor Kendrick thanked Mr. Wong for his dedication and commitment to La Verne and that he is an excellent example of customer service.

Linda Logan, Covina Rotary Club, reported on the upcoming event honoring Veterans and handed flyers to veterans Mayor Kendrick and Council Member Rosales to attend Covina Rotary Club's Field of Valor and to sponsor a flag in the field. All proceeds from the event will benefit veterans, active duty military and their families. Ms. Logan also stated that 10% of veterans returning are homeless and that should **NOT** be happening.

Mayor Kendrick thanked her for service and dedication to helping veterans.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Carder reported that she attended the Azusa Downtown and APU/Citrus College Gold Line Station Dedication Ceremony on Saturday, September 19, 2015. She stated that it was a wonderful event and the station artwork is beautiful. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and many State legislators were in attendance. She stated it was crucial to get on the November, 2016, state ballot a half-cent sale tax measure to expand the Gold Line to Montclair. She stated that Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti strongly supports the expansion of the Gold Line.

Council Member Hepburn stated he also attended the same event and also reported that it was pretty amazing. He wants to see rapid transit expand and is very excited. He also agreed the half-cent sales tax measure is needed to continue the Gold Line and it be placed on the November, 2016 ballot.

Council Member Rosales stated that the City for the past 10-15 years La Verne has been concerned about future transportation and is striving to be transit oriented.

Council Member Redman thanked Mayor Pro Tem Carder for all her dedication and work on the Gold Line Board.

Mayor Kendrick was extremely pleased that Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti supports the expansion of the Gold Line to Montclair.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lupe Gaeta Estrella".

Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk