

**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, December 7, 2015

1. At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kendrick kicked off the season with a holiday message and introduced Olivia O'Brien, who assisted with the tree lighting ceremony.

Mayor Kendrick also introduced members of the La Verne Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the Chamber singers from Bonita High School, under the direction of Todd Helm, sang Christmas Carols and Santa Claus made an appearance.

2. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:56 p.m.

3. 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
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Deputy City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Public Works Director Dan Keesey
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Police Captain Nick Paz
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Principal Planner Eric Scherer
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge

4. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

5. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Bonita High School Varsity
Field Hockey 2015

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, introduced and congratulated Bonita High School Varsity Field Hockey 2015 Team for winning the Southern Section League by going 8-0 during the season. They played Marina High School in the 1st round of the CIF Playoffs and won 3-2. Advancing to the 2nd round, they played Huntington Beach and lost 2-1. The team was coached by Janet Wong and was assisted by Jennifer Gonzalez, Hayley Blockinger, and Joe San Nichols. Mayor Kendrick presented each coach with a certificate of recognition and each team player with an In-n-Out gift card.

Sydney Aguirre	Michelle Boulware	Kara Elder	Heather Hill
Kinsey Kline	Jacquelyn Munet	Ana Munoz	Alyssa Palmer
Sarah Quintana	Kaylee Singleton	Emma Smith	Kyra Terry
Jayden Vasquez	Katie Wearp	Shannon Wong	Michelle Yamamori

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously approved (except for Item 5.e.3, Resolution No. 15-91, designating the Henry L. Kuns House as a local landmark. Mayor Kendrick declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting because of his involvement with the sale of the property to applicant as a real estate agent) to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, as follows:

City Council Minutes

City Council Minutes of the regular and adjourned meetings of November 16, 2015, and amended minutes of October 5, 2015, meeting, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$1,265,823.59 dated 11-9-15; in the amount of \$470,889.37 dated 11-18-15; and in the amount of \$1,282,808.18 dated 11-24-15. ***Approved as recommended.***

La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes

La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes of October 27, 2015, ***received and filed.***

Appropriation of Funds for Council Chamber Microphones

Appropriation of Funds for Council Chamber Microphones - A budget amendment is requested to purchase new microphones for the Council Chambers. The new equipment will improve public communication within the chambers and promote access to public meetings held in the chambers. Staff recommended that the City Council approve a budget amendment appropriating \$7,000 to purchase microphones and associated labor and equipment for the Council Chambers. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Budget Appropriation for Bronze Battle Cross Statue at the Veterans Memorial

Budget Appropriation for Bronze Battle Cross Statue at the Veterans Memorial - A budget amendment is requested to purchase a Bronze Battle Cross Statue to further expand on our recognition of the Veterans Memorial. The statue depicts a soldier's rifle stuck between his boots and his helmet on top of the rifle. This statue would take the place of a temporary one that is erected by the Post members at all Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies. The cost of the bronze statue is \$6,700 and would be funded from the Veterans Memorial Fund. A picture of the statue is submitted with the report. Staff recommended that City Council approve the appropriation of funds in the General Capital Improvement fund (405) and the transfer of \$6,700 from the Veterans Memorial fund. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

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

Resolution No. 15-88,
Authorizing the Execution of an
Agreement with Run Racing for
the Annual Holiday Half
Marathon

Resolution No. 15-88 - 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 RUN RACING FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY HALF MARATHON. Run Racing has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive, Fairplex Drive, and McKinley Drive to conduct a half marathon event on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The route of the race is attached to the agreement as "Exhibit A". The event is scheduled to take place between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM and is expected to draw up to 9,000 participants and spectators. The La Verne Police Department will be in charge of all traffic control within the City. Recent policy has been to prepare individualized agreements for such large events. Staff has therefore developed a standard agreement outlining the traffic control plan requirements, locations, schedule, estimated fees, applicant's responsibilities, and insurance and indemnification requirements. Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-88, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Run Racing for the Holiday Half Marathon on December 13, 2015, and permitting the event to close specified streets.
Approved as recommended by staff.

Resolution No. 15-90,
Designating the Curtiss House
as a Local Landmark, and
Approving a Historical Property
Agreement

Resolution No. 15-90 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE CURTISS HOUSE AS A LOCAL LANDMARK; APPROVING A HISTORICAL PROPERTY AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF THE LANDMARK PROPERTY. Shirley Burgess Vanderbeck, trustee of the Vanderbeck Family Trust, owner of 4255 Bradford Street requests: (1.) Recognition of the home, the Curtiss House, as a local cultural landmark, and (2.) Approval of an Historical Property Agreement, also known as a "Mills Act" contract, which commits Ms. Vanderbeck and future owners to maintain their historic property in an exemplary manner and to retain or, where appropriate, restore historic features. The agreement will result in lower property taxes for the owner. Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 15-90, designating 4255 Bradford Street as a local landmark and approving the attached Historical Property Agreement.
Approved as recommended by staff.

7. Resolution No. 15-91,
Designating the Henry L. Kuns
House as a Local Landmark,
and Approving a Historical
Property Agreement.

Resolution No. 15-91 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE HENRY L. KUNS HOUSE AS A LOCAL LANDMARK; APPROVING A HISTORICAL PROPERTY AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF THE LANDMARK PROPERTY. Eric P. and Raquel Hammerstrom, owners of 2449 Magnolia Avenue requests: (1.) Recognition of the home, the Henry L. Kuns House, as a local cultural landmark, and (2.) Approval of an Historical Property Agreement, also known as a "Mills Act" contract, which commits the Hammerstroms and future owners to maintain their historic property in an exemplary manner and to retain or, where appropriate, restore historic features. The agreement will result in lower property taxes for the owners. Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 15-91, designating 2449 Magnolia Avenue as a local landmark and approving the Historical Property agreement. **Approved as recommended by staff by a vote of 4-0, Mayor Kendrick declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting because of his involvement with the sale of the property to applicant as a real estate agent.**

8 Proposed Marshall Canyon/Sierra La Verne Exchange – Informational

City Manager Russi reported on the proposed Marshall Canyon/Sierra La Verne Exchange. He stated that this is a follow up to the request made by several members of the public for the City Council to take a position on the possible exchange of Marshall Canyon Golf Course. At this time, there is not enough information regarding this issue for Council to make an informed decision on the group's request. Accordingly, staff will be commencing a process to publicly examine the impact on La Verne of the proposed exchange.

Mayor Kendrick asked for Council comments.

Council Member Carder stated she has done a lot of reading and study on this matter. She stated that she lives in north La Verne and is a board member of her homeowners association, and they too have concerns regarding the exchange. She felt there was not enough information to make an informed decision at this time that would be in the best interest of the entire community.

Council Member Rosales stated he is a member of Sierra La Verne Golf Course and plays there often and did not want to see it go public. He stated it was extremely important to him to preserve open space and wildlife, but he felt that the City was not at a point to make an informed decision. There was not enough information and it will take a great deal of consideration. He stated that the Council loves La Verne and to trust them that they will be make the right decision for the entire community.

Council Member Redman stated she was glad to see this matter on the Agenda. She stated it was very frustrating not being able to respond to their concerns at the last Council meeting during public comment. She stated that she has not yet formed an opinion on this matter, since there is not enough information and wants to see all the pros and cons before making a decision that is in the best interest of entire community.

Council Member Hepburn thanked City Manager Russi and staff for the transparency on this matter and getting information on the City's website. He reported he spoke to the operator at Marshall Canyon Golf Course and was told there was maintenance money available but they could not touch it. He stated that the Marshall Canyon Golf Course is a recreational area run by the County and they need to fix it.

Mayor Kendrick thanked the people in attendance for coming and said it was important that everyone have an opportunity to speak. He stated he did not have all the facts on this matter and it will be a very long process.

City Manager Russi reported there was a sign-in sheet for interested individuals who wished to be kept updated on this matter.

Community Development Director Fredericksen gave a summary of the process to publicly examine the impact on La Verne of the proposed exchange. He stated there would be several workshops and public hearings held to address the public's concerns and an environmental assessment report. Generally, after three months, an extensive report would be prepared for the Council.

Council Member Rosales asked if at this time it was best for the residents to go to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors with their opposition of the exchange and concerns.

Community Development Director Frederickson, the City has no formal application on file and no jurisdiction and it would be appropriate for residents to go the County.

Kyle Weichert, Lewis Homes Operating Company, stated at this time they only have an Exclusive Right to Negotiate (ENA) agreement with the County regarding the potential exchange of the Sierra La Verne County Club for the County's Marshall Canyon Golf Course, but there are no development plans in this early stage of the process.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the proposed exchange of the Sierra La Verne County Club for the County's Marshall Canyon Golf Course and any development of homes in Marshall Canyon and requested City Council to take position and oppose this project by writing a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Sabina Sullivan speaking for Mike Gelskey, La Verne.
Andrew Marlen, 778 Via Espirito Santos, Claremont
Rick McGrew, 2358 Tricking Creek, La Verne
Edward Venegas, 7152 Via Dicha, La Verne
Jane Riggs, 4852 St. Andres Avenue, La Verne
Carl Main, 2008 Bogie Drive, La Verne
David Giedigian, 6885 Starline Street, La Verne
Marcia LePierre, 7239 Calle Aragon, La Verne
Lisa Vaporis, 4676 Hale Avenue, La Verne
Rick Bowen, 2340 Eagle Drive, La Verne
Kathy Winsor, 7151 Monterey Street, La Verne
Lynn Del Toro, 7143 Via Dicha, La Verne
Matthew Lyons, 819 Arbor Circle, La Verne
Jeffrey Schreck, 1954 Essex Avenue, La Verne

Mayor Kendrick, Mayor Pro Tem Carder, Council Members Redman and Rosales all agreed this was a very serious matter and thanked the residents for coming, but more information was needed in the decision making process. As elected officials they have an obligation to serve the entire community and make the decision that is in the best interest of the entire community.

Council Member Hepburn stated he can't support any new development of homes in Marshall Canyon and Marshall Canyon needs to stay a golf course. He moved that a letter be sent to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors opposing the exchange.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to send a letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors opposing the potential exchange of Marshall Canyon Golf Course for Sierra La Verne County Club.

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.

Mayor Kendrick acknowledged James Kesterson, Navy Veteran, and thanked him for his service. James Kesterson, 1261 Oak Mesa, La Verne, stated he remembers when north La Verne was just orange groves before the homes were built. He stated he rides his bike on Wheeler Avenue and the traffic is horrendous and asked about bike lanes. He also opposed the development of new homes which will only create more traffic.

Tim, Pomona resident, stated he is a member of Protect our Neighborhood (PON) and wanted to let the Council know they were looking into the Fairplex events and the noise, traffic, and safety issues they create. He stated he also loves shopping in La Verne.

10 Council Comments and
Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Hepburn reported that several San Gabriel cities expressed serious concerns over a plant to alter flight patterns and reroute airplanes over local skies. He was concerned how it affects our area especially the noise and fuel burn.

Mayor Kendrick reported that the Holiday Open House in Downtown La Verne held on Saturday, December 5, 2015, was a wonderful kick-off to the holiday season. He thanked the Community Development staff who volunteered the entire day and the University of La Verne volunteers.

11 Closed Session

City Manager Russi reported there was no need for a Closed Session.

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.

12 Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk