

**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, January 19, 2016

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
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker
Deputy City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Acting Police Captain Elizabeth Garcia

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Badge Pinning of Corporal Erin Hess Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, introduced and congratulated newly promoted Corporal Erin Hess. Erin was born and raised in Claremont where she began her law enforcement career as a Police Aide with Claremont Police Department in 1996. In 1999, she graduated from the Rio Hondo Police Academy and was hired by the Arcadia Police Department as a Police Officer. In 2006, Erin was hired by the La Verne Police Department and has worked as a field training officer and a detective. Erin enjoys spending time with her husband and three children. Her husband, Scott Mena, also a La Verne Police Officer, pinned her badge.

Badge Pinning of Sergeant Cory Leeper Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, introduced and congratulated newly promoted Sergeant Cory Leeper. Cory graduated from Bonita High School in 1994. From 1992 to 1994, he volunteered as a La Verne Police Explorer until hired as a Police Aide in 1994. In 1997, Cory was hired as a La Verne Reserve Police Officer. One year later, Cory was hired as a full time La Verne Police Officer and graduated from the San Bernardino Sheriff's Academy with top academic honors. In 2006, Cory was promoted to the rank of Corporal. Cory has worked several details within the department including as a field training officer, range instructor, SWAT, and two assignments as a Detective. His girlfriend Jennifer pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning of Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, introduced and congratulated Badge Pinning of newly promoted Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez. Sam graduated from El Rancho High School in 1992 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1997. He was immediately hired by the Los Angeles Police Department as a Police Officer where he worked until 2000 when he was hired by the La Verne Police Department. Sam has worked a variety of assignments including Department Range Master since 2001, detective from 2004 to 2007, and he was also one of the original members of Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET) as a Police Sniper from 2004-2013. Sam was also assigned to the Foothill Air Support Team from 2007 to 2011 as a Tactical Flight Officer. Sam was promoted to Corporal in 2007 and was later promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2014. His wife Elizabeth pinned his badge and she was wished a Happy Birthday by City Council.

5. At 6:49 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of the special meeting of December 21, 2015, and the special and regular meetings of January 4, 2016, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$470,389.12 dated 1-4-16, ***approved as recommended.***

Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2015 **Treasurer's Report for the Month of December 2015**, ***received and filed.***

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 6/30/15 **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 6/30/15** - The City of La Verne Municipal Code, as well as State Law requires an annual examination of the City's financial records and as a result, the City has prepared its annual financial report that has been examined by our outside independent accounting firm - Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP. The audit report reflects the financial position and operating activities of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2015. ***Received and filed as recommended by staff.***

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

Resolution No. 16-02, Adopting a Salary Chart for all Full-Time Employees

Resolution No. 16-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SALARY CHART FOR ALL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-47. This resolution and salary table reflect changes in the salaries for full-time employees with the exception of employees represented by the La Verne City Employees Association. Staff recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 16-02, amending the salary table for affected positions. ***Approved.***

Resolution No. 16-03,
Adopting a Salary Chart for all
Part-Time Employees

Resolution No. 16-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SALARY CHART FOR ALL PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-48. This resolution and salary table reflect changes in the salaries for part-time employees with the exception of employees represented by the La Verne City Employees Association. Staff recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 16-03, amending the salary table for affected positions. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 16-04,
Approving a Class Specification
for Fleet Analyst

Resolution No. 16-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CLASS SPECIFICATION FOR FLEET ANALYST. Due to the evolution of the fleet division and associated complexities and demands, Staff is recommending Fleet Analyst be added to the City's classification plan. In accordance with the City's personnel rules and regulations, such additions require City Council approval. Funding for this anticipated addition is included in the 2015-2016 budget. Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 16-04 approving a class specification for Fleet Analyst. **Approved.**

Ordinance (s) second reading, passed and adopted, as recommended, as follows:

Ordinance No. 1064,
Prohibiting all Commercial
Medical Marijuana Uses in the
City and Prohibiting Cultivation
for Medical Use by Qualified
Patient or Primary

Ordinance No. 1064 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DELETING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 18.82 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING ALL COMMERCIAL MEDICAL MARIJUANA USES IN THE CITY AND PROHIBITING CULTIVATION FOR MEDICAL USE BY A QUALIFIED PATIENT OR PRIMARY. **Approved.**

7. Community Development Block
Grant Program for 2016-2017

City Manager Russi reported on the Community Development Block Grant Program for 2016-2017. He stated that this is the 42nd funding year for the Community Development Block Grant Program. According to the Los Angeles County CDBG Bulletin, the City of La Verne will be allocated approximately \$132,748 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. One application for a public service program has been received for consideration and an application from the Public Works Department for sidewalk repairs. Staff is continuing to work with the Community Development Commission to allocate the remaining portion of the grant to benefit the City of La Verne. The Community Development Department recommended the following allocation of the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$132,748 and further recommended the approval of Resolution No. 16-07, approving participation in the 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant Program with the County of Los Angeles.

2016-2017 CDBG Allocation	\$132,748
Senior Hot Lunch Program	\$ 19,912
Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 58,000
Unallocated	\$ 54,836
TOTAL	\$ 132,748

The Mayor declared the public hearing opened and called for public testimony regarding this matter. There was none and the Mayor closed the hearing.

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to approve the allocation of the 2016-2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$132,748 and to approve Resolution No. 16-07, approving participation in the 2016-17 Community Development Block Grant Program with the County of Los Angeles.

Resolution No. 16-07,
Approving Participation in the
Community Development Block
Grant Program and Selecting
Certain Projects for Funding for
Fiscal Year 2016-17

Resolution No. 16-07- A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SELECTING CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2016–2017

Approved.

8. Council Comments and
Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Kendrick addressed the audience regarding the Marshall Canyon/Sierra La Verne Golf Course matter. He stated that regardless of the issue, Council was in favor of keeping Marshall Canyon and all were not in favor of giving up the golf course. A letter was sent to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors opposing the proposed exchange, but if in the future, there is a change residents will be part of any future plans. Since the City was incorporated in 1906, the community has grown and changed. Issues of building new homes and maintaining open space have always been the City's top priority. Through a development application process and public meetings, decisions have been made that benefit the whole community. New homes were built and the City gained good people and the change is wonderful. He stated that the City also gets a golf course for years to come.

Council Member Hepburn stated we should focus on Los Angeles County improving and fixing Marshall Canyon Golf Course. He thanked City Council for stopping the proposed exchange.

Council Member Redman stated she wish to address statements she said at the meeting pertaining to the Marshall Canyon/Sierra La Verne golf course exchange. She stated has been a resident of La Verne for 49 years. She was on the Planning Commission and City Council for 12 years. She loves and cares for La Verne community. She apologized for a comment that residents found offensive, and said that it was just a figure of speech. She stated she was appalled by the behavior of the residents at the meeting, even after the Mayor asked them to stop. She apologized for her use of the words, and never meant to offend anyone, but truly hoped not to ever encounter this type of behavior again.

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.

Jane Riggs expressed concerns regarding the Sage Canyon project.

George May, La Verne Library Manager, reported on the Teen Cardfight Vanguard Tournament to be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016. He stated that each participant will be given a deck of cards courtesy of the Friends of La Verne Library.

Gary Hunter, 4316 Chelsea Drive, La Verne, reported that the street painted stop sign at Chelsea & Essex and Essex and Emerald needs to be looked at for possible repainting. He also inquired on the progress of the construction of the Habitat for Humanity house on First Street. Community Development Director Fredericksen reported that permits have been issued and construction should start within the 30 days.

Gwen Carr, La Verne resident, asked if there were any plans on repaving D Street from Foothill Boulevard to Seventh Street. City Manager Russi informed her it will be addressed in the pavement management plan.

Richard Bowen, 2340 Eagle Drive, La Verne, stated he did not accept Council Member Redman's apology regarding her statements pertaining to the Marshall Canyon matter.

10. Adjournment at 7:17 p.m., in memory of Manuel D. Gaeta, La Verne resident. Mr. Gaeta was a 53 year resident of La Verne and he worked in the citrus industry. He had 8 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Two of his children work for the City of La Verne – Lupe Estrella and John Gaeta. His family was his source of great joy and pride. Mr. Gaeta was a quiet and humble man; he raised a family dedicated to the community. His life and contributions to the community will be fondly remembered.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Deputy City Clerk