

**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, February 16, 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
Public Works Director Dan Keeseey
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Finance Officer Richard Martinez
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Principal Planner Eric Scherer
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Letter from David & Margaret
Commending the La Verne
Police Department Mayor Kendrick read a letter from Executive Director Charles C. Rich, LCSW,
from David & Margaret Youth and Family Services commending two La Verne
Police Officers for their remarkable restraint and professionalism in assisting
David & Margaret with several troubled combative youths.

Recognition and Presentation
of 2016 Pride of La Verne
Award Recipients Mayor Kendrick gave a brief summary of the recognition and presentation of
2016 Pride of La Verne Award Recipients. He stated that annually, the
City Council presents the "**Jack Huntington**" and the "**Jim Scranton**" **Pride
of La Verne Awards** to recognize volunteers who have made outstanding
contributions and performed exemplary service to the City and the
community. Each recipient receives an individual Pride of La Verne plaque
and their names are placed on perpetual plaques displayed in City Hall.

The "Jack Huntington Award"

The "Jack Huntington Award" was named after S. Jack Huntington who moved to La Verne in 1970. Despite heavy professional obligations and time commitments to the U.S. Naval Reserve, Jack became actively involved in the community as a volunteer. He was active in various local organizations including the La Verne Jaycees, Little League and the Youth Basketball program. Jack also served as a City of La Verne Commissioner for more than 15 years, completing two terms on the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as two terms on the Planning Commission. Jack Huntington was a citizen volunteer who exemplified the "Pride of La Verne" through selfless service to the community.

Jack Huntington" Pride of La Verne Award is being presented to **Ron Baur**

This year, Mayor Kendrick presented the "**Jack Huntington" Pride of La Verne Award to Ron Baur**. Ron is a board member and a tireless volunteer for La Verne Heritage Foundation for over ten years. He volunteers five to six days a week managing the premises, so school children and families can enjoy events. Ron is friendly, patient, humble and understanding and his dedication to Heritage Park is truly admirable. He is known for going the extra mile, always giving his best, and being the backbone of Heritage Park. This is evident in his work such as constructing the barn project and displays and maintaining the landscape and surrounding grounds of the park. Ron's passion and sincerity about the Foundation and Heritage Park is evident and makes him truly deserving of this year's presentation of the "**Jack Huntington" Pride of La Verne Award**."

The "Jim Scranton" Pride of La Verne Award

The "Jim Scranton" Pride of La Verne Award was named after long-time resident, Jim Scranton, who was a founding member of the Youth Sports Committee. In 1986, he formed the City's first club soccer team, the La Verne Lazars. Jim also spent five years on the Sports Park Committee which resulted in the development of sports fields in conjunction with Bonita High School. He also participated in the City's women's soccer program as a coach. The Youth Sports Committee recommended that a Pride of La Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award be named in honor of Jim Scranton who was posthumously honored with the inaugural award.

Jim Scranton Pride" of La Verne Award is being presented to **Alice Tolar** and **Geoffrey Bilau**

This year, Mayor Kendrick presented the "**Jim Scranton Pride" of La Verne Award to Alice Tolar and Geoffrey Bilau**."

Alice Tolar has been involved with AYSO Region 112 since 1998 and has served in many of the positions on the Board, including CVPA, Assistant Registrar, Safety Director, and Coach Instructor, but has also volunteered as a coach, assistant coach, and referee. She has been an instrumental leader in the region's annual Great Western Shootout for 10+ years organizing staff and directing the first aid tables. Her 4 children have all played through AYSO Region 112 with her oldest son now being the Regional Commissioner, and her youngest, currently a sophomore at Bonita High School and continuing to play in AYSO's upper division. Alice is well-known for her dedication to youth sports and the community.

Geoffrey Bilau has been involved with La Verne Little League, City Youth Basketball, and AYSO over the years. Geoff has served multiple positions within Little League that include coach, manager, Vice President, and has served as the Information Officer for the past 6+ years which involves managing the website, social media, and League reminders for the parents and coaches. Geoff continues to support all of the kids that he has coached over the years and he believes in positive coaching, teaching the fundamentals of the game, and having fun and being positive about attitude and one's character.

Recognition of Corporal Josh Wells and K9 Partner Maverick in receiving LA IMPACT'S Director's Award

Mayor Kendrick recognized and congratulated Corporal Josh Wells and K9 Partner Maverick in receiving LA IMPACT'S Director's Award. He stated that Corporal Josh Wells was hired in 2001 as a police officer and has worked a variety of assignments in his tenure with La Verne. In 2010, he was selected to be our K9 officer assigned to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Taskforce where he continues to be assigned. On December 17, 2015, Corporal Josh Wells received LA IMPACT's highest honor, the Director's Award. Corporal Wells was selected from a pool of approximately 90 detectives that comprise the taskforce. The Director receives the nominations and selects the one that is most deserving. The following are excerpts from Corporal Wells' nomination: "I have seen Detective Wells coordinate with other law enforcement agencies whenever possible in an outstanding effort to maximize seizures and stop or interrupt the flow of illicit narcotics. He has demonstrated a keen drive to "catch the crook" by using innovative investigative techniques. Detective Wells initiated 72 investigations during the nomination period. He is a credit to his agency, his peers and especially L.A. IMPACT." Corporal Wells and his K9 partner Maverick are exemplary representatives of the La Verne Police Department. Their exceptional work at LA IMPACT brings honor and recognition to the City and Department.

5. At 6:55 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:58 pm.

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

City Council Minutes

City Council Minutes of adjourned meetings of January 21 & 22, 2016, Special Meeting of February 1, 2016, and regular meeting of February 1, 2016, **received and filed.**

Registers of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$824,209.61, dated January 25, 2016, and in the amount of \$816,591.50, dated February 1, 2016. ***Approved as recommended.***

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the Month of January, 2016, received and filed.

Mid-Year Financial Report 12-31-15

Mid-Year Financial Report 12-31-15 - The City Manager's Office is providing a mid-year fiscal status report concerning the financial activities of the City for the period ending December 31, 2015. The report includes budget to actual comparisons for revenues and expenditures along with other financial information. Staff recommended that the City Council approve the budget amendments that adjust revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year 2015/16 budget. The Council should also receive and file the December 31, 2015 mid-year financial report. ***Approved as recommended.***

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

Resolution No. 16-11,
Agreement with Tri-Events,
Inc., for the Los Angeles
Championship & Tri-Express
Triathlon Series

Resolution No. 16-11 - 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 TRI-EVENTS, INC., FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHAMPIONSHIP & TRI EXPRESS TRIATHLON SERIES. The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the Tri Event Triathlon. Tri Events Inc. has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of four (4) cycling races as a part of a triathlon on Sunday, March 6, 2016; Sunday, April 17, 2016; Saturday, May 7, 2016; and Sunday, October 9, 2016. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone from Van Dusen Road to Fairplex Drive between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the day of the event. The races are each expected to draw up to 500 participants. 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 should adopt Resolution No. 16-11, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Tri Events Inc. permitting the race on specified streets on the specified dates. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution No. 16-12,
Agreement with SC VELO, Inc.,
for the 2016 San Dimas Stage
Race

Resolution No. 16-12 - 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 SC VELO, INC., FOR THE 2016 SAN DIMAS STAGE RACE. The Southern California VELO Cycling Club (SC VELO) has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of a cycling race on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone Drive from Wright Avenue to Fairplex Drive and westbound lanes of Puddingstone Drive from Wright Avenue between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (5:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. with set-up and clean-up) the day of the event. The race is expected to draw up to 1,000 participants. 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 recommends the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 16-12 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Southern California VELO Cycling Club permitting the cycling race on specified streets. ***Approved as recommended.***

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

Ordinance No. 1066,
Rescinding Ordinance No.
1021, and Setting Local Speed
Limits

Ordinance No. 1066 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 1021 AND SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS. ***Approved as recommended.***

7. At 6:58 p.m., the City Council recessed to meet as the La Verne Successor Agency; following which the La Verne Successor Agency adjourned at 7:00 p.m., and the City Council reconvened.

8. Council Chamber Dais Wall Insignia
- City Manager Russi reported on the Council Chamber Dais Wall Insignia. He stated that it has been suggested by Mayor Pro Tem Carder that the 1970's wood insignia located on the wall behind the dais is in need of updating.
- Mayor Pro Tem Carder felt that the current insignia is out of date and does not depict La Verne. She suggested forming a committee to come up with something nicer that better represents La Verne.
- Council Member Redman agreed and stated she would like to serve on the committee.
- Council Member Rosales also agreed that it was time to change the insignia.
- It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member Redman to serve on committee to develop options for replacement/update of the Council dais wall insignia.
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.
- Gwen Carr, League of Women Voters invited the Council to a meeting hosted by the League of Women Voters on the topic of "Is California's Higher Education Working?" on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at Hughes Center, Claremont.
- Gary Hunter, Chelsea Drive, La Verne, suggested that the City stop building houses at least for five years to conserve water.
10. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports
- Council Member Rosales reported on a recent police activity in La Verne where five suspects were apprehended thanks to a call from a resident. Police Chief Pickwith briefly described how the suspects were pursued by Police and apprehended in a stolen car. He gave credit to the residents in contributing to the apprehension of the suspects and credited them for helping the Police Department do a better job.
- Mayor Pro Tem Carder reported on a recent gathering of students who rode their bikes from Claremont and met at Pappas' in Downtown La Verne to discuss "Bike Safety" and the importance of cities being bike-friendly, and the need for more bike lanes.
- Public Work Director Keeseey reported that the City has acquired grants for bikeway improvements for the near future in several parts of the City and near the Gold Line project.
- Council Member Hepburn stated there was a need for bike lanes to keep the bike riders out of harm's way. He also commended Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church for hosting a homeless shelter event, where they temporarily housed, fed, and handled out clothes to the homeless. It was a stellar project, well organized. It was a real eye opener to see the plight of the homeless.

10. Adjournment at 7:22 p.m, **in memory of longtime La Verne resident and business owner Betty Kalousek.** Ms. Kalousek died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday February 9, 2016. She is survived by her husband Verne Kalousek and five children, Kay, Christine, Carrie, Frank, and Kathy. Betty and Verne have resided at their historic grove house on Fruit Street for most of their lives, where they have also operated a plant nursery for many years. Betty was also the longtime owner of Generations Antiques in Old Town La Verne. Betty has been an active member of the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District for some 20 years and was recognized several years ago with a "Jack Huntington" Pride of La Verne Award, chiefly for her efforts in Old Town. The Mayor Kendrick displayed wooden salt and pepper shakers his wife Gaynel purchased from Generations Antiques and was personally gift wrapped by Ms. Kalousek, which was of the last times she was in her shop.

and

Adjournment to Monday, March 7, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., in the conference room for a Council Study Session with Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk