

**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, March 7, 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
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker
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
Police Captain Nick Paz
Acting Police Captain Tom Frayeh
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge
Assistant Planner Collin Wahab
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Consent Calendar It was moved by Rosales, 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 Regular and Adjourned meetings of February 16, 2016, were ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$119,842.84, dated 02-08-16; in the amount of \$995,883.32, dated 02-16-16; and in the amount of \$296,959.20, dated 02-23-16. Approved as recommended.

Outstanding Older American Selection

Outstanding Older American Selection - On February 17, 2016, the Senior Advisory Committee nominated one senior citizen for the Outstanding Older American Award. This recognition is part of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults 51st Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program, which honors a senior citizen from each city in the County. The Senior Advisory Committee recommends that Marlou Faustini be nominated as the 2016-2017 Outstanding Older American. Mrs. Faustini resides in La Verne and has dedicated countless hours of service to the La Verne Community. The Senior Advisory Committee and staff recommended that the City Council approve **Marlou Faustini** as the Outstanding Older American representing the City of La Verne for 2016-2017. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Mayor Kendrick recognized and congratulated Marlou Faustini for being nominated Outstanding Older American. He stated that she and her husband Norm Faustini, who serves on the Planning Commission, are true leaders in the Community. Ms. Faustini and her husband are Retired Senior Volunteers Patrol (RSVP) with the La Verne Police Department and have volunteered numerous hours to the City and the City is better because of it.

Development Impact Fees Fund Report

Development Impact Fees Fund Report - Under State law, information on certain fees collected by the City from various development activities is to be made available to the public. The City Manager's Office is providing an informational report regarding Development Impact Fees for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The report is to be reviewed by the City Council and take appropriate action as necessary. Staff recommended that the City Council review the report and make the information available to the public pursuant to Government Code section 66006. ***Report received and filed as recommended by staff.***

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

Resolution No. 16-05, Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the La Verne City Employee Association (LVCEA)

Resolution No. 16-05 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LA VERNE CITY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (LVCEA) FOR A TEN MONTH PERIOD FROM MARCH 7, 2016 – DECEMBER 31, 2016. The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the La Verne City Employee Association (LVCEA) expired on December 31, 2015. Staff and LVCEA representatives have been meeting since September on a successor agreement. At this time, a tentative agreement has been reached and staff is seeking City Council approval. Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 16-05, authorizing the City Manager to execute an MOU between the City of La Verne and the LVCEA effective March 7, 2016. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-13,
Public Works Contract with
DBX, Inc, for the Construction
of Traffic Signal Improvements
at "D" and Evergreen Streets.

Resolution No. 16-13 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH DBX, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS AT D STREET AND EVERGREEN STREET. The 2015/16 General Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget includes the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of D Street and Dover/Durward. The project has been revised to locate the signal at the intersection of D Street and Evergreen Street due to added benefits and pedestrian safety issues. The project was advertised on February 5 and 12 with bid proposals being received on February 29, 2016. Staff recommended City Council approval of Resolution No. 16-13, which awards a public works contract to DBX, Inc., the lowest, responsible bidder in the amount of \$302,669.00 and to authorize an additional 10% for contingencies. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-14,
Authorizing Submittal of
Application for Payment
Programs and Related
Authorizations (CalRecycle)

Resolution No. 16-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT PROGRAMS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS. Staff recommended approval of Resolution 16-14, authorizing the Public Works Director, and his/her designee to submit applications to CalRecycle to obtain grant funding. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-15,
Authorizing an Exclusive
Franchise Agreement with
Greenleaf Events Inc., for the
Promotion of the Cool Cruise
Classic Car Show Events

Resolution No. 16-15 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH GREENLEAF EVENTS INC. FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE COOL CRUISE CLASSIC CAR SHOW EVENTS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS. The City Council is asked to consider approval of an exclusive franchise agreement with GreenLeaf Events, Inc. a corporation, for a three (3) year agreement to conduct the 2016-2018 Cool Cruise classic car show events, with the first one to be held on March 26, 2016 on the streets of Old Town La Verne. ***Approved.***

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

Resolution No. 16-16 - 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. 16-02. The resolution and salary table reflect changes in the salaries for full-time employees as a result of completed negotiations with the La Verne City Employees Association. Staff recommended that the City Council should adopt Resolution No. 16-16, amending the salary table for affected positions. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-17,
Adopting a Salary Chart for all
Part-time Employees

Resolution No. 16-17 - 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. 16-03. *The resolution and salary table reflect changes in the salaries for part-time employees as a result of completed negotiations with the La Verne City Employees Association. Staff recommended that the City Council should adopt Resolution No. 16-17, amending the salary table for affected positions.* ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

5. Annual Weed Abatement/Protest Hearing

City Manager Russi reported that Mayor Pro Tem Carder has a conflict of interest with this matter because she is a member of the Board of Directors for a homeowners association that oversees property appearing on the weed abatement list. Mayor Pro Tem Carder left the Council Chambers.

City Manager Russi reported on the annual Weed Abatement/Protest Hearing. He stated that on February 1, 2016, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 16-06, accepting the list of properties that County inspectors found to have weeds or brush and/or rubbish upon them. Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles, these conditions constitute a public nuisance and must be abated. Notices were mailed to property owners notifying them that the hazard or public nuisance upon their property must be abated. That notice also set March 7, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time for affected property owners to cure the hazard or file a protest. The annual weed abatement notice further required that owners of declared properties must maintain their parcels in a fire-safe condition throughout the year. A representative from the Los Angeles County Weed Abatement Division was present at the meeting to answer any questions from the Council or public.

There were no questions or comments from Council.

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

It was moved by Redman, seconded by Rosales, carried by a vote of 4-0 (Carder Abstained) to direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures, to abate the nuisances by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

Mayor Pro Tem Carder returned to the Council Chambers and took her seat.

6. Presentation by StoneCreek Company to place Pomona Valley Hospital Urgent Care Medical Center at 2333 Foothill Boulevard.

Assistant City Planner Wahab and City Manager Russi reported on the StoneCreek Company project to place a Pomona Valley Hospital Urgent Care Medical Center at 2333 Foothill Boulevard. Assistant City Planner Wahab stated that on February 10, 2016, the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit to enable the operation of a medical facility at 2333 Foothill Boulevard. Although the project does not require any further approvals, Assistant Planner Wahab presented the City Council with highlights of the project and other improvements that will also be associated with the new user.

Chris Aldworth, Vice President of Planning, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, stated he looked forward to planning the new urgent medical care center in La Verne. The Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center will provide the City of La Verne with primary care, urgent care, imaging, physical therapy, and other related health care services. They will be opened seven days a week and employ about 50 employees. Currently, they have similar centers in adjacent communities in Claremont and Chino Hills which provide residents with excellent and convenient medical services.

Council Member Rosales he is very pleased with the new project and thanked him for bringing medical facility to La Verne.

Council Member Hepburn stated he too is very happy to have the medical center in La Verne. He said he's been to the Chino Hills medical center and it was very nice.

Mayor Kendrick stated he sits on the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation Board and praised the recent additions to the Hospital. He stated it is a very significant step for La Verne to have a medical center facility in the community. He thanked Mr. Aldworth and appreciated his efforts in bringing the medical facility to La Verne.

The City Council received and filed Case Nos. 93-15CUP, 94-15PPR, & 95-15VAR, allowing StoneCreek Company to occupy the 28,234 square-foot retail space located at 2333 Foothill Boulevard with a Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center.

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.

Mike Noriega asked to be placed on the March 21, 2016, Council Agenda for Council consideration on holding an invocation at the start of Council meetings.

The Mayor thanked him for his presentation and stated that City Manager Russi will be in contact with him to discuss the matter.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Carder reported on Grand Opening of the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa on Saturday, March 5, 2016. She stated it was truly a historic moment and it was attended by several elected officials and it was a wonderful event.

Council Member Hepburn reported that he also attended the Grand Opening of the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa. He highly recommended that residents ride the Gold Line and he stated the importance of a sales tax measure to complete the Gold Line Project to Montclair.

Mayor Kendrick reported on the University of La Verne Scholarship Gala event held on Saturday, March 5, 2016. He stated that the event raised over \$500,000. He commended one of the speakers on her inspirational speech and the many challenges she faced in life and eventually graduating from the University of La Verne.

9. Closed Session

City Manager Russi stated that closed session was held prior to City Council meeting at 5:00 pm., and there was no need to meet.

Conference with Legal Counsel– Anticipated Litigation. The City Council will meet with its legal counsel to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(1)(3): one potential case.

10. Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Deputy City Clerk