

# AMENDED

## 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, April 4, 2016

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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 Charlie Rosales  
Council Member Donna Redman  
Council Member Robin Carder  
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  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Acting Police Captain Tom Frayeh  
Acting Police Captain Elizabeth Garcia  
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Presentation/Introductions  
& Announcements  
  
Proclamation Declaring Donate Life California Month Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, presented Donate Life Ambassador Ina Brown a proclamation declaring the month of April 2016, as "DMV/Donate Life California Month. The purpose of this proclamation is to bring attention to the importance of and need for organ, marrow, and blood donations.  
  
Ms. Brown thanked the City Council and reported on the importance of becoming a donor. She introduced her daughter who is a kidney recipient. She invited Mayor Kendrick to participate in the Twelfth Annual "Mayor-athon" at the Donate Life Run/Walk on Saturday, April 30, 2016.
5. Consent Calendar  
  
It was moved by Redman, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, except for Item 5a, March 21, 2016, City Council Minutes were pulled by Council Member Redman for correction, as presented, as follows:

**ITEM PULLED FROM  
AGENDA – NO ACTION  
TAKEN.**

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of March 21, 2016, were pulled by Council Member Redman for correction. ***No action taken. The minutes will be returned to the April 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for final approval.***

Registers of Audited Demands

**Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,159,928.11 dated March 14, 2016; and in the amount of \$268,807.98 dated March 21, 2016. ***Approved as recommended.***

YFAC Minutes

**YFAC Minutes** of January, 2016, ***received and filed.***

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

Ordinance No. 1067,  
Development Agreement with  
Gilead Sciences, Inc., for the  
Development of a  
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing  
Facility

**Ordinance No. 1067** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 79-14DA, A REQUEST BY GILEAD SCIENCES, INC. TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LA VERNE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING FACILITY AT 1800 WHEELER AVENUE. The Planning Commission and the Development Review Committee previously approved a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility for Gilead Sciences, Inc. located at 1800 Wheeler Avenue. The first phase of the facility is currently under construction, and the applicant has proposed a development agreement with the City that would allow the second phase to remain entitled for up to 15 years. ***Approved.***

Resident Keith Reeves'  
Request

City Manager Russi explained that Mr. Reeves requested to be placed on the Agenda to present to the City Council his issues regarding the City's current position on the issuance of Concealed Carry Weapons Permits.

Mr. Reeves stated that William (Bill) Skiles, 2625 Pattiglen Avenue, La Verne, will speak on his behalf. Mr. Skiles addressed the City Council stating why he supports issuance of Concealed Carry Weapons permits.

Mayor Kendrick declared this was not a public hearing, but would take comments from the public on this matter.

Mike Noregia, 3751 Helena Circle, La Verne resident addressed the City Council on the right of citizens under the Second Amendment to bear firearms.

Cathie Rojas, La Verne resident reported on a recent break-in at her home and that her first thought was not to grab a gun, even though she owns one.

Mr. Reeves stated he appreciated Ms. Rojas concern. He suggested forming a committee to discuss and research this matter.

Marks Ramos, Second Street, La Verne, stated he has lived in La Verne for 20 years and whole heartily agreed with Council's decision to support the Police Chief's decision to turn our processing of Concealed Weapon Permits applications to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Matthew Russell, Glendora resident did not agree with the City Council's decision to support the Police Chief's decision to contract with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to process the City's Concealed Carry Weapon Permits.

Council Member Redman stated she took offense of the accusation that Council is violating Mr. Reeves' civil rights. She stated this was not a Second Amendment issue, but a denial of a Concealed Carry Weapon Permit. No one was denying Mr. Reeves or anyone their constitutional right to own a gun and keep it at home for protection. She stated that the Police Chief has her complete support and respect. She agreed with his decision to have the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department process the Concealed Carry Weapons Permits applications.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated as a retired police officer he encourages people to keep a gun at home for protection, provided that they take gun safety training and that the gun is kept in a secure place and in a locked box. He stated that the Police Chief has his complete support and he agreed with his decision to contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Council Member Carder stated that after meeting with Mr. Reeves she researched this matter. She reported that when the Second Amendment was written, there was no police force and it was a different time. The Second Amendment gives citizens the right to own a gun. She stated that the quality of life in La Verne is good due to the excellent public safety services. She stated that she stands firmly behind the Police Chief's judgment and the decision to deny Mr. Reeve's application for a Concealed Carry Weapon Permit and to contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department 100 percent. She added that it would unnerve her to know that there are people walking around with a concealed weapon, and she feared for the safety of her family and the public, it was not something she wants.

Council Member Hepburn stated that citizens have the right to own a gun. He reported he also met with Mr. Reeves. He stated he fully supports the Police Chief and trusts his judgment on who should be issued a Concealed Carry Weapon permit and his decision to contract with Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Mayor Kendrick stated that as of January 2014, fourteen Concealed Carry Weapons applications have been processed and five more are currently being evaluated by the La Verne Police Chief. Of the fourteen applications, three were renewals and eleven were first time applicants. Of those, seven were approved. He stated that carrying a concealed weapon doesn't always mean you are safe. He stated that the City of La Verne has a great Police Department and their motto is that "no call is too small", and "when in doubt call police". The Police Department has an excellent response time of 2-3 minutes. He stated he is 100 percent behind the Police Chief and his decision to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Department to process the Concealed Carry Weapon applications. He reported as of April, 4, 2016, twelve cities in the San Gabriel Valley have or will be transferring this process to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. He stated that Police Chief Pickwith does a great job and appreciates his expertise

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.

Gerri Norigea, 3751 Helena Circle, La Verne, supported the suggestion that the City Council set a time before each Council meeting for an invocation.

Michael Noriega, 3751 Helena Circle, La Verne spoke of the rights of citizens under the Second Amendment.

Mr. Noriega asked that his public comment be amended, as follows:

Mr. Noriega read a quote by Daniel Webster and urged all to read the constitution and offered a copy to the Council.

Gary Hunter, Chelsea, La Verne reported that there is vacant lot on Bixby Drive with overgrown weeds. He asked about the status of the Habitat for Humanity House on First Street and about the new Gilead Sciences, Inc., building being built.

City Manager Russi reported that they would check to see if the lot is on the weed abatement list to be cleared by the County of Los Angeles Weed Abatement Division.

Community Development Director Fredericksen reported that progress is being made on the Habitat for Humanity House and that permits have been issued.

Community Development Director Fredericksen informed Mr. Hunter that the Gilead Sciences, Inc. is a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility.

Mark Ramos, Second Street, La Verne, thanked the City Council for doing something regarding the University of La Verne parking problem and the new parking structure being built at the University of La Verne.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reported on the Bonita Unified School District La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation sponsoring the Ed Jones Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, April 29, 2016, and that 100 percent of the proceeds go to helping the students.

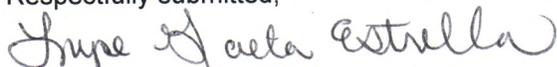
Mayor Pro Tem Rosales reported on the Cool Cruise event held on Saturday, April 4, 2016, in downtown La Verne. It was truly amazing event, which he fully enjoyed.

Council Member Hepburn reported on the Easter egg hunt co-sponsored by City of La Verne and the La Verne Rotary Club and stated it was amazing and a wonderful event. He encouraged residents to go to the Farmer's Market to take advantage of all the fresh produce and tamales.

Mayor Kendrick commended the Meals on Wheel organization and the wonderful job they do in delivering food to shut-ins and the elderly. He invited the public to the Wine Walk event to be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, in downtown La Verne.

9. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m., to **Monday, April 18, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**, for a City Council Study Session on a proposed revenue measure in the Conference Room of La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk