

**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 18, 2016**

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1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Damien High School Student Adam Poli on behalf of 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  
Information Services Manager Bill Eftman  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Public Works Manager Tracey Costello  
Police Captain Nick Paz  
Acting Police Captain Tom Frayeh  
Acting Police Captain Elizabeth Garcia

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Damien High School Student Adam Poli

Introduction of Damien High School Students Participating in Students in Government Day. Mayor Kendrick introduced the Damien High School Students participating in Students in Government Day.

**MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL & STAFF**

**DAMIEN HIGH COUNTERPARTS**

Don Kendrick, Mayor:	Adam Poli
Charlie Rosales, Mayor Pro Tem:	Andrew Cote
Donna Redman, Council Member:	Adam Aurioles
Robin Carder, Council Member:	Patrick Bruce
Tim Hepburn, Council Member:	Conal Dennison
Robert Russi, City Manager:	John Gomez
Robert Kress, City Attorney:	Jaime Romero
Teri Baker, Assistant to the City Manager/City Clerk:	Max Magana
Dan Keeseey, Public Works Director:	Andres Paredes
Hal Fredericksen, Community Development Director:	Jacky Lin
Bill Eftman, Information Services Manager:	Sebastian Hernandez
Bill Aguirre, Community Services Director:	Robert Guzman
Scott Pickwith, Police Chief:	Galen Quiros
Pete Jankowski, Fire Chief:	Sam Sayegh
Dominic Milano, City Engineer:	Dominic Ortiz
Richard Martinez, Finance Officer:	Ram Reddy

Bonita High School Boys' Basketball Team

Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated Bonita High School Boys' Basketball Team. The team finished with an overall record of 28-7, in which they were co-champions of the Palomares League. They went on to the CIF 3AA tournament and advanced to the championship game losing to Oak Park. They then went on to the CIF State Playoffs and advanced to the Regional Championship game where they were defeated by Ayala. The team was coached by Tim Godley and assisted by Bill Moore, Chris Confair, and Mark Miller. The team roster is as follows:

Tyler Poepping	Joe Quintana	Brandon McClaurin	Anthony Curtis
Yoofi Monney	Jamaal Barnes	Russell Hernandez	Anthony Cascarano
David D'Angelo	Karl Berry	Kai Hart	Josh Peifer
Andrew Williams	Isaiah Horne	Drew Szalay	Logan Zylstra

The Mayor presented the coaches with a certificate of recognition and presented each player with an In-n-Out gift card.

At 6:50 p.m., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:52 p.m.

Tri-City Mental Health Services Presentation

Antoinette (Toni) Navarro, Tri-City Mental Health Center Executive Director, gave a report on their services, programs, and projects. She thanked Council and Council Member Robin Carder who is on the Tri-City Board of Directors for her continued support of Tri-City Mental Health Center.

5. Consent Calendar

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

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** - Amended City Council Minutes of March 21, 2016, and Amended Regular and Adjourned City Council Minutes of April 4, 2016, were ***received and filed***.

Registers of Audited Demands

**Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$728,807.03, dated April 29, 2016; and in the amount of \$185,304.61, dated April 4, 2016, ***approved as recommended***.

Treasurer's Report for the Month of March, 2016

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

Declaration of Surplus Property

**Declaration of Surplus Property** - Certain vehicles and equipment have been depreciated through the equipment fund and/or are scheduled for replacement. Each is no longer useful or is ineffective for current operational requirements. Upon replacement, each will become surplus to the city's operational needs and should be disposed per Administrative Regulation No. 606. Staff recommended that the City Council declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Attachment A as surplus to the City's needs and further recommends that staff be directed to sell each in a fair and equitable manner per Administrative Regulation No. 606. This action is not considered a "Project" under the definition of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is therefore not subject to CEQA review. Approved as recommended by staff.

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

Resolution No. 16-22,  
Authorizing a Grant of  
Easement to the Southern  
California Edison Company over  
a Portion of the Zone 3 Booster  
and Reservoir Site, 7311 Calle  
Aragon

**Resolution No. 16-22** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY OVER A PORTION OF THE ZONE 3 BOOSTER AND RESERVOIR SITE, 7311 CALLE ARAGON. Southern California Edison Company requested a utility easement through the City's Zone III Booster Station and Reservoir site. This easement will allow Edison Company to supply power to parcels to the west of this site and eliminate some overhead wiring and above ground transformers. Staff recommended approval of Resolution No. 16-22, authorizing the execution of a grant of easement to Southern California Edison to permit the construction and maintenance of electrical facilities at 7311 Calle Aragon (Zone III Reservoir and Booster site). Staff has determined that this project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15301 and City of La Verne environmental guidelines. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-23,  
Execution of a Public Works  
Contract with Gentry Brothers,  
Inc., for the 2015-16 PMP Street  
Improvement Project

**Resolution No. 16-23** - 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 GENTRY BROTHERS, INC. FOR THE 2015/16 PMP STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. The Public Works Department recently solicited bids for street maintenance in the Lemonwood and Ancona neighborhoods. The planned maintenance will include the removal and replacement of two inches of asphalt with the addition of an asphalt-rubber aggregate membrane (ARAM). There were six bids received for this project and they were opened on April 11, 2016. Staff recommended that the City Council should approve Resolution No. 16-23, awarding a public works contract to Gentry Brothers Construction, Inc. the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$457,832.70. This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, and City of La Verne environmental guidelines. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Resolution No. 16-24,  
Execution of a Public Works  
Contract with Gentry Brothers,  
Inc., for the 2015-16 ADA Curb  
Ramp Improvement Project

**Resolution No. 16-24** - 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 GENTRY BROTHERS, INC., FOR THE 2015-16 ADA CURB RAMP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. The Public Works Department recently solicited bids for the 2015-16 ADA Curb Ramp Improvement Project. There were nine (9) bids received for this project and they were opened on April 5, 2016. Staff recommended that the City Council should approve Resolution No. 16-24, awarding a public works contract to Gentry Brothers, Inc. the lowest bidder in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the ADA Curb Ramp Improvement Project. Due to the favorable unit prices, staff also recommended that City Council should authorize staff to expand the contract quantities of the project and approve change orders not to exceed a total construction cost of \$87,000.00, the amount of available through the Transportation Development Act (TDA) program funds for the project. This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, and City of La Verne environmental guidelines. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

6. 2016-17 Paramedic Service Fee City Manager Russi reported on the Paramedic Service Fee for 2016-17. He stated that the City's voter-approved Paramedic Service Fee requires an annual hearing in order to consider a change in rate. The monthly service fee can be adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Staff recommended that the monthly paramedic service fee be increased from \$4.88 to \$4.93.

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

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$4.88 to \$4.93 by adopting Resolution 16-25.

Resolution No. 16-25,  
Adopting the Paramedic  
Service Fee for Fiscal Year  
2016-17

**Resolution No. 16-25** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-17. **Approved.**

7. Forming Underground Utility District No. 7 on White Avenue between Towne Center Drive and First Street

Public Works Manager Tracy Costello reported on the formation of Underground Utility District No. 7 on White Avenue between Towne Center Drive and First Street. She stated that on March 21, 2016, City Council approved Resolution 16-18, calling a public hearing for April 18, 2016, to determine whether public necessity, health, safety, or welfare required the formation of an Underground Utility District No. 7. Approval of the district will result in the removal of all overhead utility lines within the boundaries. All necessary modifications to affected properties will be completed as part of the project and at no cost to the private property owner/tenant.

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

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 16-26, forming Underground Utility District No. 7 on White Avenue between Towne Center Drive and First Street.

Resolution No. 16-26,  
Forming Underground Utility  
District No. 7 on White Avenue  
Between Towne Center Drive  
and First Street

**Resolution No. 16-26** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FORMING UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 7 ON WHITE AVENUE BETWEEN TOWNE CENTER DRIVE AND FIRST STREET. **Approved.**

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15302 (d) – conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to underground construction.

8. 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.

Gary Colby, 2242 Seventh Street, La Verne, stated he is the Professor of Photography with the University of La Verne. He stated that they have an archive of photographs documenting the City of La Verne for the past 40 years. He stated that his students will be contacting City Officials and City Staff to continue this project.

Bob Pence, Field Representative from Congress Member Napolitano's Office, invited City Council and the public to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Forum on Saturday, June 25, 2016, hosted by Congress Members Grace Napolitano & Judy Chu.

Clive Houston-Brown, Vice President of Facilities and Technology, University of La Verne, read a statement on the University's position of strongly opposing the proliferation of Concealed Carry Weapons permits in the City of La Verne.

Keith Reeves, 2811 Pineland Avenue, La Verne, addressed the City Council as to why he supports issuance of Concealed Carry Weapons permits.

Faye Owens, 2034 Seventh Street, La Verne, spoke in favor of Concealed Carry Weapons and did not agree with the La Verne Police Chief contracting with Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Department for processing applications for Concealed Carry Weapons permits.

William (Bill) Skiles, 2625 Pattiglen Avenue, La Verne, commended the City Council for recognizing the La Verne youth. He spoke in favor of Concealed Carry Weapons.

Brian M. Bufkin, 2831 Pineland, La Verne, stated he's been threatened and violently attacked and he's in favor of Concealed Carry Weapons.

Margaret Davis, 1618 Maplewood Street, La Verne, stated she's lived in La Verne for 30 years and that La Verne is a safe and friendly city and did not support Concealed Carry Weapons. She thanked the University of La Verne for their strong stand against Concealed Carry Weapons.

Janet Ober Lambert, La Verne Church of the Brethren, spoke against Concealed Carry Weapons permits and the statistics on gun violence.

Mike Noriega, 3751 Helena Circle, La Verne, spoke in favor of Concealed Carry Weapons.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder commended the La Verne Fire Department personnel from Station 3 for the quick response to a vehicle accident near her home and rescuing the victim.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales reported on the State mandates on storm water permits and the cost to La Verne residents.

Council Member Redman reported on the recruitment process for a new school superintendent.

Council Member Hepburn commended La Verne Police Officers Alvarado and Hess for their professionalism, protecting the residents and apprehending the suspect when they responded to a burglary near his home.

Mayor Kendrick reported that he and Council Member Hepburn attended an Eagle Scout Ceremony for Chris Marston. He also reported on the recent concert hosted by Hillcrest Cultural Arts Society. He referred to a recent Los Angeles Times article reporting that Los Angeles Police Department was now forming their first citizen volunteers. He was proud that the La Verne Police Department since the early 90's has had such a program, the RSVP. He commended the La Verne Police Department for the great job they do in protecting the citizens of La Verne.

10. Adjournment at 7:56 p.m. , in memory of **John "Joe" Torrez**, a retired La Verne Police Lieutenant who passed away on Wednesday, April 6, 2016. He was born in Rocky Ford, Colorado. Joe was hired in 1964 as a police officer with the La Verne Police Department, and retired in 1981 at the rank of Police Lieutenant. He continued working for the City as a Business License Inspector until 1990. He was well known in the community. He loved camping, fishing, and eating at La Paloma Restaurant, and could be found there almost every day. He was a generous man and helped those in need, and believed his greatest achievement was his family. Joe is survived by four children, Mike, Cynthia, Marie, and Michelle, 8 grandchildren, and 18 great grandchildren.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk