

**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, September 19, 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  
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker  
City Attorney Robert Kress  
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella  
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen  
Police Chief Scott Pickwith  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Police Captain Nick Paz  
Acting Police Captain Tom Frayeh
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
5. Consent Calendar It was moved by Redman, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, as presented, as follows:  
  
City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of September 6, 2016, ***received and filed.***  
  
Register of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$100,241.67 dated August 30, 2016; and in the amount of \$266,207.42 dated September 6, 2016.  
***Approved as recommended.***  
  
Treasurer's Report for the Month of August 2016 **Treasurer's Report for the Month of August 2016**, ***received and filed.***  
  
Resolution No.16-69, Supporting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M on the November 8, 2016 Ballot City Manager Russi reported on the proposed Resolution No. 16-69, supporting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M. He stated that the Resolution supports Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M that will place a ½ cent sales tax increase on the November 8, 2016 ballot that would generate at least \$860 million per year for street repairs, highway improvements, and new rail construction, and more importantly the extension of the Gold Line to Claremont.

Council Member Carder stated that she represents the City of La Verne on the Gold Line Committee and that there have been several discussions by the Board on this matter. She strongly believed that Measure M is very important to City of La Verne. She stated that the University of La Verne is growing and downtown La Verne is expanding and Measure M will provide the needed funds to jump start the Gold Line Extension of the eleven miles stretch to Claremont. She stated that all the cities along the Foothill Corridor are in favor in moving forward with the Gold Line extension. She reported that the Environmental Impact Report has been completed on the Gold Line Extension project and if Measure M is passed, groundbreaking will be in 2019. If Measure M does not pass, the Gold Line Extension Project will still be in the plan, but progress will be a lot slower. She stated it was a great step for La Verne and it will relieve traffic congestion and she strongly recommended that the City Council support Measure M to move forward with the Gold Line Extension to Claremont.

Council Member Hepburn stated he represents the City of La Verne on the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and he agreed with Council Member Carder that Measure M is very important. He stated that the Gold Line extension will create an economic boost and will attract the millennial population and with the density housing. He referred to the Azusa line and the economic boost by the new shops and restaurants being built along the route. He stated it was also extremely important was sustaining funding for street improvements and therefore, strongly supported the Gold Line Extension to Claremont.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 16-69, supporting the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Measure M which will be before the voters in Los Angeles County in November 2016.

Resolution No. 16-69,  
Supporting the Los Angeles  
County Metropolitan  
Transportation Sales Tax  
Measure M on November 8,  
2016 Ballot to Generate  
Additional Revenues for  
Transportation Improvements in  
Los Angeles County

**Resolution No. 16-69** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, OF SUPPORT FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SALES TAX MEASURE M ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2016 BALLOT TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL REVENUES FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. **Approved.**

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.

Coleen Bennett, 2235 Pattiglen Avenue, stated that the new traffic signal being installed at Bonita Avenue and B Street is visibly impaired by a tree branch and that the City needed to look at that.

City Manager Russi referred the matter to the Public Works Department to look into the matter and to ensure there is safe sight distance of the traffic signal.

George May, La Verne Library Manager invited the La Verne Community to meet with County Library Director Sky Patrick via live-streaming to discuss and provide feedback on the future direction of the La Verne Library on Saturday, October 1, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Claremont Library, 208 N. Harvard Avenue, Claremont

Gary Hunter, Chelsea Street, referred to a recent newspaper article regarding a Community meeting on the recruitment of a new Police Chief, stated that the La Verne Police Department did not need to be fixed nor do they have to clean house, the Police Department is just fine and they provide excellent service to the community. Mr. Hunter also inquired about the Oak trees at certain housing projects in the City and why was La Verne allowing more housing projects, if the City is trying to conserve water.

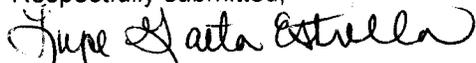
8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Redman reported that she invited Police Chief Pickwith, Captain Paz and Lieutenants Garcia and Frayeh to attend a Social Justice Committee Forum with her on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the University of La Verne. The panel was comprised of Social Justice Activists, University of La Verne faculty and administrators who presented material and information on Social Justice which means fair and proper administration of laws conforming to the natural law that all persons are treated equality without prejudice. She asked them attend to show the University of La Verne Community, especially those certain groups who are caught in protests of what is happening across the nation, that the La Verne Police Department is actively engaged in conversation and are not opposed to addressing this issue. The La Verne Police Department has sponsored Social Justice events and meetings and they do not turn a blind eye. Their attendance sent a positive message throughout the University La Verne community.

9. Mayor Kendrick adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m., in memory of **La Verne resident Kirk Blickenstaff Johnson**. Kirk was a beloved member of the La Verne community. He was born to Frank and Nadine Johnson in September 1963. He had two older brothers, Scott and Steve. Kirk was married to Debbie and this year they celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. He had two children, Cameron and Brock, who he supported in pursuing everything they loved. Kirk attended La Verne schools from elementary to high school. He earned his undergrad degree at Cal Poly Pomona and his law degree at University of La Verne. Kirk ran a real estate business in downtown La Verne for over 20 years where he enjoyed interacting with many La Verne residents and fellow business owners. He had an open door policy and anyone who passed by his orange and green doors were greeted by Kirk's huge smile and his warm and genuine nature. Kirk had a rich history with the City of La Verne; many family members held public office starting with his great-grandfather E R Blickenstaff and followed by his father Frank Johnson, his uncle Jon Blickenstaff, and his brother Steve Johnson. His grandfather Harry Blickenstaff was La Verne Fire Chief. He was active in the La Verne Little League and gave countless hours to improving the experience of our youth to enjoy the sport. Kirk was a devoted son, husband, and father. While he will be terribly missed, the imprint he left for all of us is one of humor, candor, and living life to its fullest.

Council Member Hepburn, on behalf of the Johnson family, thanked the community for their outpouring of support at the service and the La Verne Police Department for providing crowd control. He stated that Kirk was a pillar of the Community and he will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk