

**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, December 5, 2016

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1. At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kendrick kicked off the season with a holiday message at the tree lighting ceremony.

Mayor Kendrick introduced members of the La Verne Chamber of Commerce. In addition, the Chamber singers from Bonita High School sang Christmas Carols and Santa Claus made an appearance.

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  
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella  
Public Works Director Dan Keesey  
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen  
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre  
Finance Director Richard Martinez  
Police Chief Scott Pickwith  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Police Lieutenant Sam Gonzales  
Police Captain Nick Paz  
Principal Planner Eric Scherer  
Assistant Planner Collin Wahab  
Maintenance Supervisor Anthony Ciotti  
Administrative Secretary Adella Reyes

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Consent Calendar It was moved by Redman seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, except for item regarding Amendment to Contract Agreement with Rincon Consultants Inc., for the Preparation of the Environmental Document for the University of La Verne's Master Plan Update, Council Members Redman and Carder abstained from voting, because they are employed by the University of La Verne, as presented, as follows:

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$193,713.98, dated November 16, 2016; and in the amount of \$499,325.91, dated November 22, 2016, **approved as recommended.**

Amendment to Contract Agreement with Rincon Consultants Inc., for the Preparation of the Environmental Document for the University of La Verne's Master Plan Update

**Amendment to Contract Agreement with Rincon Consultants Inc., for the Preparation of the Environmental Document for the University of La Verne's Master Plan Update** – Staff recommended approval of the amendment of the contract agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., to increase the budget from \$209,434 to \$261,734. ***Approved by a vote of 3-0, Council Members Redman and Carder abstained from voting on this agreement amendment because they are employed by the University of La Verne.***

Resolution No. 16-86, Agreement with Run Racing for the Annual Holiday Half Marathon

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

**Resolution No. 16-86** - 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 RUN RACING FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY HALF MARATHON. - Run Racing submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive, Fairplex Drive, and McKinley Drive to conduct a half marathon event on Sunday, December 11, 2016. The event is scheduled to take place between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and is expected to draw up to 9,000 participants and spectators. The La Verne Police Department will be in charge of all traffic control within the City. Recent policy has been to prepare individualized agreements for such large events. Staff developed a standard agreement outlining the traffic control plan requirements, locations, schedule, estimated fees, applicant's responsibilities, and insurance and indemnification requirements.

Staff recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 16-86, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Run Racing for the Holiday Half Marathon on December 11, 2016, and permitting the event to close specified streets. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

Ordinance No. 1069, Adopting Zone Change Case NO. 36-15ZC, Changing the Zoning Designation of A.P.N. 8678-022-015 From PR1/5D to PR2D (Sage Canyon)

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

**Ordinance No. 1069** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ZONE CHANGE CASE NO. 36-15ZC, CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A.P.N. 8678-022-015 FROM PR1/5D TO PR2D. ***Approved.***

Ordinance No. 1070, Request to Modify Section 18.68.030 of the La Verne Municipal Code in Regards to Access and Street Design within the Hillside Development Overlay Zone and the Associated Mitigated Negative Declaration

**Ordinance No. 1070** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 37-15ZA, A REQUEST TO MODIFY SECTION 18.68.030 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE IN REGARDS TO ACCESS AND STREET DESIGN WITHIN THE HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY ZONE AND THE ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. ***Approved.***

5. Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendment relating to Smoking and Vaping Uses

Assistant Planner Wahab reported on Case Nos. 76-16SPA, 77-16SPA, 78-16SPA, and 79-16ZA, Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendment relating to Smoking and Vaping Uses. He stated that Staff is recommending that the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No. 1071, which would modify the Foothill Boulevard Specific Plan, Old Town La Verne Specific Plan, Arrow Corridor Specific Plan, and Title 18 of the La Verne Municipal Code relating to smoking and vaping uses. The proposed ordinance is in response to the City's current moratorium on tobacco related uses which expires January 20, 2017.

Mayor Kendrick opened the public hearing and called for public comment.

The owner of the Smoke Shop stated that their business is in downtown La Verne. In addition, she stated that she and her family have lived in La Verne for sixteen years and they love La Verne. She felt it was unfair that they are the only retail store that will be forced to move and the business is their only source of income.

Mayor Kendrick closed the public hearing.

Council Member Redman stated she is the Chairperson on the City's Youth and Family Action Committee. She reported that tobacco use by youth has been an ongoing concern of the committee and finding ways to prevent them from starting. She stated that the proposed ordinance amendments will regulate tobacco related businesses with regard to purchasing, use, location, and it will help in preventing our youth from smoking.

Council Member Hepburn stated that the proposed ordinance was a good thing and it would make it more difficult for our youth to start smoking.

It was moved by Redman, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to read and place on first reading, Ordinance No.1071, authorizing Municipal Code Amendments and Specific Plan Amendments, relating to the regulation of smoking and vaping uses.

Ordinance No. 1071,  
Amending the Foothill  
Boulevard, Old Town La Verne,  
Arrow Corridor Specific Plans  
Relating to Smoking and  
Vaping Uses

**Ordinance No. 1071** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NOS. 76-16SPA, 77-16SPA, 78-16SPA, and 79-16ZA, AMENDING THE FOOTHILL BOULEVARD SPECIFIC PLAN, OLD TOWN LA VERNE SPECIFIC PLAN, ARROW CORRIDOR SPECIFIC PLAN, AND TITLE 18 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO SMOKING AND VAPING USES.

6. Conflict of Interest/Kendrick  
White Avenue Striping Project

Mayor Kendrick declared a conflict of interest on this matter because he owns property within 500' of this proposed project and left the room.

Public Works Director Keesey reported on the proposed White Avenue Striping project. He stated that traffic volumes and related traffic issues have steadily increased along White Avenue since the opening of the Route 210 Freeway. White Avenue is a major arterial roadway connecting north and south La Verne; however, capacity of the street is limited between First and Sixth Streets with only one travel lane in each direction. In addition, he reported that accident data indicates that traffic accidents on White Avenue, south of Bonita are less than significant, averaging about 1.5 incidents per year per intersection (five accidents per year/location are considered significant). In an effort to improve traffic conditions and safety, staff pursued grant funding to expand traffic signal operations at White and Bonita by adding protected left turn movements. With that work complete, staff proposed basic lane striping revisions to improve the orderly flow of traffic between First and Sixth Streets. Public Works Director Keesey also reported that City staff, in conjunction with the City's Traffic Engineer, reviewed a variety of options to improve traffic flow and safety in the area, including widening of the physical roadway to its ultimate width, minor widening to accommodate added travel lanes, and revised lane striping within the confines of the existing right of way. Staff eventually determined that a two northbound lanes, a single southbound lane, a dual left turn lane, and elimination of parking on White Avenue between First Street and Sixth Street to be the most effective and cost efficient layout (Attachment 1 in staff report). This striping plan will improve the orderly movement of traffic along White Avenue and eliminate the potential for vehicles to pass on the right in unmarked lanes. The staff recommendation also includes enhanced pavement markings and signs to keep the intersections clear of stopped traffic.

In addition, Public Works Director Keesey reported that a neighborhood workshop was also conducted to share the proposed striping changes with local residents and to hear their concerns about traffic on White Avenue. The residents were opposed to the staff proposal and proposed a more restrictive layout to discourage traffic flow through the area. This alternative proposal would mimic the staff proposal, but only have one lane of traffic in each direction, a center turn lane, and include bike lanes. Public Works Director Keesey noted that additional traffic studies and environmental review would be required before bike lanes can be added to this option. Given that the City is also pursuing development of an Alternative Transportation Plan (ATP), it would be wise to incorporate such desires into the ATP before implementing bike lanes. In addition, the residents' preferred option will likely restrict traffic volumes through the area and will negatively impact pending/proposed Gold Line and Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) proposals. Public Works Director Keesey also noted that installing unwarranted traffic control devices opens the City to significant liability. He stated that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) governs the installation of traffic control devices and that an engineering study of traffic conditions, pedestrian characteristics and physical characteristic of the location must be performed to determine whether a traffic control signal is justified.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales called for public comment:

The following residents spoke about the volume of traffic on White Avenue and the numerous traffic accidents at Bonita & White Avenue. They opposed the additional lanes on White Avenue, which they felt will bring more traffic to the area. They favored a one lane in each direction on White Avenue, the addition of bike lanes, traffic signals, lighted pedestrian crossing, stop signs, and speed bumps as means of discouraging traffic.

Kate Shelly, 2513 Third Street  
Marilyn Oliver, 2520 Third Street  
Donna Griffin, 2583 Third Street  
Raymond Halsey-Franke, 2526 Third  
Angela Hayes, 2135 White Avenue  
Brad Frick, 2540 Second Street  
Carlin Castellano, 2533 Third Street  
Tracey Castellano, 2533 Third Street  
Carol Kile, 2481 Bonita Avenue  
Heather Hills, 2729 Third Street  
Mike Riggs, 2468 Third Street  
Panton Clive, 2549 Third Street  
David Stit, 2458 Third Street  
Muir Davis, 2649 Second Street  
Emma Davis, 2649 Second Street  
Tim Morrison, 2252 Third Street  
John Bartelt, 2570 Second Street  
Steve Johnson, 2571 Third Street  
Stella Vasquez, 2434 Second Street  
Claire Fitz, 3403 Sargent Street  
James Roman, White Avenue  
Vera Hoover, Second Street  
Bill Winn Jr., 2381 White Avenue  
Rick Oliver, 2520 Third Street

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales called for Council comments.

Council Member Carder thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and providing their input on this matter. She stated that she works in downtown La Verne and feels their pain because she is always looking for alternative routes to get home. She stated she has met with the bike club regarding bike paths in the City of La Verne. She was pleased to report that the City will be pursuing a grant for alternative transportation which will be used to develop a Bicycle Master Plan. She stated this is a very important issue that needs to be fixed. She supported the one lane in each direction on White Avenue, a center turn lane, and do further studies on this matter.

Council Member Redman stated that as a long-time resident who lives on Second Street east of White Avenue she understands the resident's frustration and pain in looking for alternative routes to and from home. She stated she wants to do what's best for the entire community. She was concerned with the City's liability risk. She stated she is in support of single southbound and northbound lanes on White Avenue, center turn lane and further studies on the proposed bike lanes. She reported that another motorcycle traffic officer would be added soon.

Council Member Hepburn also thanked the residents for coming to the meeting with their concerns. He stated he also understood their frustration and pain and that he has many friends who live in south La Verne. He supported the idea of a lighted pedestrian crossing walk and bike lanes as long as it was warranted. He liked the idea of bike lanes and felt they would serve as buffers. He spoke about the upcoming Gold Line coming to La Verne. He agreed that more police presence was needed and suggested we open up Wheeler Avenue to use as an alternative route.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated that he drove to White Avenue and parked and tried crossing the street and feared for his safety with the speed and volume of the traffic. He stated that he was not sure about the bike lanes on White Avenue, and that further studies must be conducted before he felt comfortable having bike lanes there. He spoke about the Gold Line bringing in more traffic to the area. He stated that in order to preserve the quality of life in La Verne, further study on this matter is needed.

It was moved by Hepburn to approve a single lane in each direction on White Avenue, center turn lane, a smart crosswalk on Third Street and bike lanes on both sides of White. Motion died due to a lack of a second.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Kendrick abstained) to approve a single lane in each direction on White Avenue, and a center turn lane.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Kendrick abstained) to direct staff to do further study on bike lane alternatives and the feasibility or warrant of a smart crosswalk.

Mayor Kendrick returned to the Council Chambers and took his seat.

7. At 9:10 p.m., City Council recessed and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

8. Public Comment This was the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed any other place on the agenda. Mayor Kendrick called for public comment.

There was none.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports Mayor Pro Tem Rosales reported on a recent storm water meeting he attended.

9. Adjournment at 9:20 p.m., to **Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 4 p.m.**, for Review of the Hearing Officer's Proposed Decision on an Employee Disciplinary Action (Personnel Rule 5200 (F) ) Government Code Section 54957 (b).

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk