

**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, February 4, 2013**

1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:35 p.m.

2. Council Members present: Mayor Don Kendrick
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Rodriguez
Council Member Donna Redman
Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Charlie Rosales

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Deputy City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
City Treasurer Jeannette Vagnozzi
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Finance Officer Ron Clark
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Fire Battalion Chief Mike Vetti
Fire Battalion Chief Mark Horine
Senior Administrative Analyst JR Ranells

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Recognition and Presentation of 2012 "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients Mayor Kendrick reported on the 2012 "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients. He stated that annually, the City Council presents the "**Jack Huntington Award**" and the "**Jim Scranton Award**" to recognize volunteers who have made outstanding contributions and performed exemplary service to the City and the community. Each recipient receives an individual **Pride of La Verne plaque** and their names are placed on perpetual plaques displayed in City Hall.

The "Jack Huntington Award" Mayor Kendrick gave a brief summary of the "**Jack Huntington Award**". He stated that the award was named after **S. Jack Huntington** who moved to La Verne in 1970. Despite heavy professional obligations and time commitments to the U.S. Naval Reserve, Jack became actively involved in the community as a volunteer. He was active in various local organizations including the La Verne Jaycees, Little League and the Youth Basketball program. Jack also served as a City of La Verne Commissioner for more than 15 years, completing two terms on the **Parks & Recreation Commission** as well as two terms on the **Planning Commission**. Jack Huntington was a citizen volunteer who exemplified the "**Pride of La Verne**" through selfless service to the community.

"Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award", Salvatore "Chick" Campo

Mayor Kendrick on behalf of the City Council presented the "**Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award**" to **Salvatore "Chick" Campo**. Chick has been a member of the Senior Advisory Committee for 21 years and a volunteer with the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol for 17 years. As a member of the Senior Advisory Committee, Chick is the voice of other seniors in the community and brings his and residents' concerns and comments to our monthly meetings.

Chick is always being proactive in recruiting volunteers for our community events to help with crowd control, communication and safety. Chick is a regular volunteer with our health fair/flu shot clinic and always goes the extra mile to help keep the lines flowing and the smiles bright. Chick truly understands the words "volunteerism" and "service above self" and is most deserving of this award.

The "Jim Scranton Award"

Mayor Kendrick gave a brief summary of the "**Jim Scranton Award**". He stated that the award was named after long time resident **Jim Scranton** who was a member of the **Youth Sports Committee** since its inception. In 1986, he formed the **La Verne Lazars Soccer Club** organization which provides youngsters an opportunity to play soccer at a highly competitive level. Jim also spent five years on the **City Sports Park Committee**, which resulted in the development of 35 acres of sports fields for the community. He also participated in the City women's soccer program as a coach. Jim is survived by his wife Susan and their children. The **Youth Sports Committee** recommended that a **Pride of La Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award be named in honor of Jim Scranton**. **Jim Scranton** was posthumously honored with the inaugural award.

"Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award", Henry "Tom" Castillo

Mayor Kendrick on behalf of the City Council presented the "**Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award**" to **Henry "Tom" Castillo**. Tom began volunteering with AYSO Region 112 in 1992, and coached his children through their AYSO experience. His children are now parents with children playing in region 112. In 1994, Tom joined the board in the position of Under 6 Co-Ed Coordinator. He and his wife, Carol, helped navigate dozens of new coaches through their introductory AYSO years. Upon his youngest son Ryan's 'aging out' of the AYSO program, Tom took on U16 and U19 teams. Tom continued in his education of all things soccer. He took advanced coaching and referee classes and attended continuing education seminars.

Tom continued to serve La Verne/San Dimas youth for the next decade as a coach, referee and running the Equipment and Fields program. He served as a Division Coordinator for the upper divisions (teenagers) and as an assistant Spring Program Coordinator. He has dedicated the last 20+ years to serving the youth of the community and has earned this high achievement of the Jim Scranton award.

Lenore Moreno, a Senior at the University of La Verne (ULV), placed 17th at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championship

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Lenore Moreno, a senior at the University of La Verne (ULV) who placed 17th, at the NCAA Division III Women's Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana. She is the first person from ULV to become All-American in the sport. Lenore also placed first at the NCAA Division III West Region Championships in November and earned the Division III West Region Athlete of the Year award from the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Association.

Badge Pinning of Fire Chief
Pete Jankowski

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Fire Chief Pete Jankowski. Pete was appointed Fire Chief on January 13, 2013. He served as Interim Fire Chief since June 28, 2012. He is a 25 year emergency services veteran and has worked for La Verne since 1999. Pete has held positions as the Fire Department's EMS coordinator, training officer and operations chief. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration from the University of La Verne and is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a Masters in Leadership from the USC Price School of Public Policy. His mother Janet pinned his badge.

Introduction and Badge Pinning
of Fire Captain Danny Montoya

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Fire Captain Danny Montoya. Danny grew up in Rancho Cucamonga where he still resides today with best friend and wife of ten years Shea, and their four children Shaun, Danielle, Ava, and Jake. He started his career as a Fire Explorer in 1996, with the United States Forest Service and was hired as a Seasonal Firefighter with the Forest Service in 1997. In 2002, he was hired as a Firefighter Paramedic with the La Verne Fire Department. He promoted to Engineer Paramedic in 2007. Danny served as an acting captain for six months prior to his promotion on January 13, 2013. Danny is a member of the department's Apparatus and Equipment Committee, and is a new member of the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET) as a tactical paramedic. He is currently assigned to C Shift, Station 2 and works under Battalion Chief Mike Vetti. His grandfather, George Montoya pinned his badge.

Introduction and Badge Pinning
for Newly Appointed Firefighter/
Paramedic Jimmy Wilfong

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated newly appointed Firefighter /Paramedic Jimmy Wilfong. Jimmy grew up in La Verne and moved to Glendora in 2000. He is a 2003 graduate of Glendora High School. He attended the University of La Verne and graduated in 2009 with a Bachelors Degree in Movement and Sports Science. He was a member of the university's baseball team. In 2010, he graduated from Mt. SAC Fire Academy. He was an apprentice firefighter for LVFD and attended paramedic school in 2012. He was interested in a career with the City of La Verne because of its tight knit family atmosphere and focus on community. Firefighter Paramedic Wilfong is assigned to Engine 61 under Captain Robert Russell at Fire Station 1. Jimmy's badge was pinned by Jim Wilfong, his father.

Introduction and Badge Pinning
of Sergeant Dave Mortazavi

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Sergeant Dave Mortazavi. Dave was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 30, 2012. In 1995, Dave earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Cal State Los Angeles and in 1997, he began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Unified School Police. In 2000, Dave was hired as a Police Officer with the City of La Verne and was later promoted to Corporal in 2003. In May of 2003, Dave became a Field Training Officer and in September of 2003, he graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy and was assigned to the Traffic Division. Dave is also one of the Police Department's Traffic Accident Reconstruction Experts. In 2010, Dave was assigned to the Detective Bureau where he was assigned to investigate sex crimes and domestic violence in 2012. His girlfriend, Christine Martinez, pinned his Sergeant badge.

Introduction and Badge Pinning of Police Corporal Mike Martinez

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Police Corporal Mike Martinez. Mike was promoted to Corporal on January 13, 2013. Mike Martinez began his law enforcement career in 1995, as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of La Verne. In 1997, he was hired as a full time Police Officer and graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy. Mike was assigned to the LA IMPACT task force as a K-9 drug detection handler from 2003 to 2009. In 2012, Mike was assigned to the Detective Bureau where he worked the burglary caseload and later changed to the Fraud Investigation caseload which he is currently assigned. Mike has received over 16 commendations for various investigations he was involved in during his time on patrol and with LA IMPACT. In attendance was his wife Angie. His daughters Mia and Kyla pinned his Corporal Badge.

Introduction and Badge Pinning of Police Corporal Martin Weinreb

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Police Corporal Martin Weinreb. Martin was promoted to Corporal on January 13, 2013. Martin began his employment with the City of La Verne in 1995, as an Equipment Mechanic. In 2003, he began his law enforcement career as a Reserve Police Officer with the City of La Verne. In 2004, he was hired as a full time Police Officer and in 2006, became the School Resource Officer. Martin tested and was chosen to be a member of the Foothills Special Enforcement Team in 2007, and completed the Los Angeles County Sheriff's SWAT school and is currently an operator with the team. In 2009, Martin became a Training Officer and in 2010, he completed the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Motor Officer Academy and was assigned to the Motor Traffic Division. Martin's mother, Susan Weinreb, pinned his Corporal Badge.

5. The City Council recessed at 7:15 p.m., and reconvened to regular session at 7:22 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Rodriguez, seconded by Redman, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes of the Adjourned and Regular Meetings of January 22, 2013

City Council Minutes of the adjourned and regular meetings of January 22, 2013, received and filed as submitted.

Registers of Audited Demands

Registers of Audited Demands in the amount of \$121,892.25 for 12-31-12, \$454,756.10 for 01-22-13, and \$491,411.51 for 01-28-13. ***Approved as recommended.***

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2012

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2012 – The City has prepared its annual financial report that has been examined by our outside independent accounting firm – Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP. The audit report reflects the financial position and operating activities of the City for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Staff recommended that the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2012 (Council previously received a copy of report via email on January 17, 2013). ***Received and filed.***

Mid-Year Financial Report –
December 31, 2012

Mid-Year Financial Report – December 31, 2012 – The City Manager's Office provided a mid-year fiscal status report concerning the financial activities of the City for the period ending December 31, 2012. The report included budget to actual comparisons for revenues and expenditures along with other financial information. Staff recommended that the City Council approve the budget amendments that adjust revenues and appropriations for the fiscal year 2012/13 budget and receive and file the December 31, 2012 mid-year financial report. **Approved as recommended and received and filed.**

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

Resolution No. 13-04, Declaring that Weeds, Brush, Rubbish and Refuse Upon or in Front of Specified Property are a Seasonal and Recurrent Public Nuisance, and Declaring its Intention to Provide for the Abatement Thereof and Setting a Public Hearing

Resolution No. 13-04 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, DECLARING THAT WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH AND REFUSE UPON OR IN FRONT OF SPECIFIED PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF. The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner and Weights and Measures have inspected the unimproved properties within the City of La Verne and developed the property list. Said properties contained in the list were found to have conditions where an existing or potential hazard to the health and safety of adjacent property owners and, therefore, constitutes a public nuisance. It was recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 13-04, which accepts the list of properties, authorizes the County to notify property owners, and authorizes a public hearing to be set for Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., as the date and time to hear protests relating to the abatement of weeds. **Approved as recommended.**

Resolution No. 13-05,
Approving the Summary
Vacation of an Easement for
Tree Planting Purposes, Dover
Avenue.

Resolution No. 13-05 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE SUMMARY VACATION OF AN EASEMENT FOR TREE PLANTING PURPOSES GENERALLY FOLLOWING THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF WESTERLY 700 FEET OF DOVER AVENUE AND FINDING THE ACTION CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. The Olson Company requested that the City vacate a tree planting easement the runs along Dover and abutting the theater parking lot. The easement was acquired as part of the Edwards Theater construction. This process formally vacates the existing tree planting easement per Section 8333 of the Streets and Highway Code, as the easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation. Staff recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the summary vacation of the tree planting easement located along the northerly extension of the westerly 700 feet of Dover Avenue. This action is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act and City of La Verne environmental guidelines. **Approved as recommended.**

Resolution No. 13-06,
Designating its Agents for the
Purpose of Applying for
Financial Assistance to
California Emergency
Management Agency (CalEMA)

Resolution No. 13-06 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING ITS AGENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CalEMA). Occasionally, a local emergency may be declared as a result of natural or manmade events, including earthquakes, floods, and fires. Local agencies may qualify for emergency financial assistance through the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) depending upon the scope and financial impact of the event. CalEMA requires that an agency designate authorized agents to act on behalf of the agency. Staff recommended approval of the resolution authorizing the fire chief, director of public works, and finance officer to act as the City's authorized agents regarding emergency financial assistance applications and related documents through the California Emergency Management Agency. **Approved as recommended.**

7. Community Development Block
Grant Program (CDBG) 39th
Funding Year

The City Manager reported on the 39th funding year for the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). According to Los Angeles County CDBG Bulletin Number 12-0026, dated November 13, 2012, the City of La Verne will be allocated approximately \$137,143 in CDBG funds. One application for a public service program has been received for consideration and an application from the Public Works Department for sidewalk repairs. Staff is continuing to work with the Community Development Commission to allocate the remaining portion of the grant to benefit the City of La Verne.

The Community Development Department recommended the following allocation of the 2013- 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$137,143 as follows:

2013-2014 CDBG Allocation	\$137,143
Senior Hot Lunch Program	\$ 20,571
Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 58,000
Unallocated	\$ 58,572
TOTAL	\$ 137,143

This recommendation was made after consideration of the federal allocation requirements and the desire to continue the existing public service program. The Community Development Department further recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 13-07, approving participation in the 2013-14 CDBG with the County of Los Angeles.

The Mayor declared the public hearing opened and called for public testimony. There being none, he declared the public hearing closed.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to approve the allocation of the 2013- 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds of \$137,143, as recommended by staff and to approve Resolution No. 13-07, approving participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program and selecting certain projects for funding for fiscal year 2013-2014, as follows:

Resolution No. 13-07,
Approving Participation in the
Community Development Block
Grant Program and Selecting
Certain Projects for Funding for
Fiscal Year 2013-14

Resolution No. 13-07 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND SELECTING CERTAIN PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 – 2014. **Approved as recommended.**

8. Council Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez stated that the Mayor did an outstanding job presenting the State of City Address.

Council Member Rosales reported on the Independent Cities Association seminar he recently attended. He stated that the topics on labor negotiations and public information during a crisis, and how City officials can better communicate in a crisis say was very informative.

9. 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.

Denny Sharpe, La Verne resident and Jennifer Kesterson stated they were forming a bicyclists club in La Verne to promote bicycle safety and motorist awareness. The club is called La Verne Bicycle Coalition and Ms. Kesterson is the Coordinator.

Council Member Carder stated she went on a tour of the City with Ms. Kesterson and Mr. Sharp and restated their interest in increased opportunities for cyclists and suggested that they contact the Public Works Director.

10. Closed Session

At 7:31 p.m., the City Council met in closed session for the following purpose:

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiator:

City Manager, Senior Management Analyst

Employee Organization:

La Verne Firefighters' Association

There was no announcement.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella. CMC
Deputy City Clerk