

**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE LA VERNE CITY HALL
Monday, June 16, 2014**

1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 4:30 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Assistant to the City Manager City Treasurer/City Clerk Jeannette Vagnozzi
Public Works Director Dan Keesey
Community Development Director Hal G. Fredericksen
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Finance Officer Ron Clark
Police Chief Scott Pickwith
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Senior Administrative Analyst JR Ranells
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
Public Works Manager Nikole Brescriani
Utilities Manager Jerry Mesa
Principal Planner Eric Scherer
Accounting Manager Richard Martinez

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. 2014-15 City Budget **2014-15 City Budget** - The purpose of this adjourned meeting was for the La Verne City Council to meet in a study session to review and conceptually approve the 2014-15 budget.

Overview & Presentation of the
2014-15 Fiscal Year City
Budget

Overview & Presentation of the 2013-14 Fiscal Year City Budget in the amount of \$46,459,322, by City Manager Robert Russi. City Manager Russi also commended Finance Officer Ron Clark for 27 years of dedicated service to the City of La Verne and for his assistance in the development of this last budget prior to his retirement.

Council Member Ingels asked for personnel clarification.

Mayor Kendrick expressed gratitude for City Manager Russi and Finance Officer Clark for their financial and budget skills.

Presentation of City Departmental Budgets: General Administration - includes City Council, Non-Departmental & Legal Services

Budget Pages 40-49 - General Administration - includes City Council, Non-departmental & Legal Services presented by Assistant to the City Manager Jeannette Vagnozzi.

Council Member Carder expressed a desire to increase the budget for Council to go to more conferences in the future.

Council Members Rosales and Ingels agreed that League of California Cities and Independent Cities conferences would be beneficial.

Mayor Kendrick suggested to add in the future, a pooled fund and not increase the per Council allocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Redman concurred with Mayor Kendrick.

City Clerk, City Manager Departments- includes Personnel and Risk Management, Finance, and Information Systems

Budget Pages 50-93 - City Clerk, City Manager - includes Personnel and Risk Management, Finance, and Information Systems presented by Assistant to the City Manager Vagnozzi and Finance Officer Clark.

Budget Pages 94-113 - Community Development presented by Community Development Director Fredericksen.

Council Member Rosales asked about the parking study and Council Member Ingels asked for personnel clarification and expressed appreciation for Community Development Director Fredericksen's leadership. Mayor Kendrick also expressed appreciation.

Fire Department

Budget Pages 114-136 - Fire presented by Fire Chief Jankowski.

Council Member Ingels asked for personnel clarification and Council Member Rosales asked for the clarification of expenditures. Council Member Carder asked for clarification of status of Fire Station 3.

Police Department

Budget Pages 137-169 - Police presented by Police Chief Pickwith. Council Member Rosales asked about part-time jailer staff and requested the Council consider transition to full-time. He was concerned that the loss of part-time jailers equated to additional demands on sworn officers and delays in response times.

Council Member Ingels suggested making three (3) part-time Police Aides to full-time.

Council Member Carder noted the increase in development and that it will increase demand in service.

Mayor Kendrick and Council Member Redman agreed and requested they discuss alternatives in staffing.

After further discussion, it was moved by Rosales, seconded by Ingels and unanimously carried to making three (3) part-time police aides to full-time positions and an additional allocation of \$75,000 for the cost of doing so.

Community Services Department

Budget Pages 170-184 - Community Services presented by Community Services Director Aguirre.

Council Member Ingels asked for personnel clarification

Public Works Department -
Includes Water, Streets, Fleet
Maintenance, Building
Maintenance & Parks

Budget Pages 185-261 - Public Works -- Includes Water, Streets, Fleet Maintenance, Building Maintenance & Parks presented by Public Works Director Keesey.

Council Member Ingels asked for personnel clarification

Capital Equipment Outlay and
Special Programs

Budget Pages 262-274 - Overview of Major Capital Improvements, Capital Equipment Outlay and Special Programs presented by City Manager Russi.

It was moved by Ingels, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to conceptually approve the La Verne City budget is appropriate. A resolution for formal approval of the City budget is on the agenda for the regular meeting following this study session.

Council Member Ingels suggested holding a personnel study session in September.

5. 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.

There was none.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeannette A. Vagnozzi
City Clerk