

**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 01, 2016**

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 Robin Carder
Council Member Donna Redman
Council Member Charlie Rosales
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 Battalion Chief Mike Thompson
Associate Planner Rafferty Wooldridge
Assistant Planner Collin Wahab
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Andrew Cote, Troop 403.
4. 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 January 4, 2016, to be received and filed.

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$459,247.80, dated January 11, 2016, and in the amount of \$797,820.21, dated January 20, 2016, approval recommended.

Youth and Family Action Committee **Youth and Family Action Committee** Minutes of November 24, 2015, to be received and filed.

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

Resolution No. 16-06,
Declaring that Weeds, Brush,
Rubbish, and Refuse upon or in
Front of Specified Property in
the City of La Verne are a
Seasonal and Recurrent Public
Nuisance and Declaring its
Intention to provide for the
Abatement thereof

Resolution No. 16-06 – 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 OF LA VERNE ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT PUBLIC NUISANCE AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF. Each year, the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commission/Weights and Measures conducts inspections for weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse on public and private property that may be considered a seasonal recurrent nuisance on behalf of the City. A list of properties was provided for Council review. The City Council was requested to declare its intention to provide for this abatement and set a public hearing for affected property owners to register objections to said abatement. Staff recommended that Council adopt Resolution No. 16-06, declaring the intention to provide for the abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse and setting a public hearing for March 7, 2016. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 16-09,
Authorizing Renewal of a Five-
Year Weed Abatement Services
Agreement with the County of
Los Angeles, Department of
Agricultural
Commissioner/Weights and
Measures

Resolution No. 16-09 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A FIVE-YEAR WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (Extends Contract to June 30, 2021). The City of La Verne contracts with the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissions/Weights and Measures for weed abatement services. The current five (5) year agreement expires on June 30, 2016. The County is requesting that the agreement be renewed for another five (5) year period through June 30, 2021. Staff recommended that Council adopt Resolution No. 16-09, approving an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for continued weed abatement services for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021. **Approved.**

5. Zoning Code Amendment for the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Urgency Ordinance No. 1065) and Guidelines for Implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Resolution No. 16-08), Case No. – 138-15ZA

City Manager Russi reported on the Zoning Code Amendment for the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Urgency Ordinance No. 1065) and Guidelines for Implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Resolution No. 16-08), Case No. – 138-15ZA. The City Council was requested to consider adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 1065 and Resolution No. 16-08, implementing the proposed Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and associated Guidelines for Implementation. The proposed ordinance is in response to Governor Brown's Executive Order (B-29-15) which requires cities to adopt a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance as effective in preserving water as the State's model ordinance no later than February 1, 2016.

Associate Planner Wahab reported that in order to streamline the State's model ordinance and increase efficiency for the City of La Verne, some alterations were made to the proposed ordinance and La Verne's ordinance is "at least as effective" as the State's model. The proposed ordinance will allow the City to retain its control over water efficiency, and landscape matters to ensure as much simplicity, efficiency, and flexibility, as possible.

Mayor Kendrick stated he was pleased to see this proposed ordinance which residents will be able to follow easily.

Council Member Redman stated that the proposed ordinance is more efficient and the residents will appreciate it.

Mayor Kendrick called for public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Carder and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No.16-08, adopting the Guidelines for Implementation of the Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance;

Resolution No. 16-08,
Adopting the Guidelines for
Implementation of the Water
Efficient Landscape Ordinance
of the City of La Verne

Resolution No. 16-08 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY LA VERNE. **Approved.**

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to approve Urgency Ordinance No.1065 authorizing Municipal Code amendments to Water Efficient Landscapes to become effective immediately upon its introduction.

Urgency Ordinance No. 1065,
Approving Case No. 138,15ZA,
Amending Title 18 of the
La Verne Municipal Code
Relating to Water Efficient
Landscape

Urgency Ordinance No. 1065 – AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 138-15ZA AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE. **Approved.**

6. 2016 Speed Zone Study

Public Works Director Keeseey reported on the 2016 Speed Zone Study. He stated that local speed limits are established based upon the findings of an engineering and traffic study. Such studies are typically required every five years if radar or other electronic enforcement is used by the local police department. Data was collected and evaluated on 59 street segments. The report indicates that speeds on nine street segments should be increased five miles per hour to facilitate the orderly and safe movement of traffic as well as permit the use of radar enforcement. The speed limit increases are most likely due to changes in state law regarding "rounding" of collected, prevailing speeds. A reduced speed is also recommended for one additional street segment.

Mayor Kendrick questioned the increase of the speed limit on a portion of B Street and the close proximity to Hillcrest Seniors Homes.

Public Works Director Keeseey stated the Vehicle Code allows the City to designate a street as a Senior Zone dropping the speed limit to 25 mph when a senior center abuts the roadway.

It was the consensus of the Council that the portion of B Street abutting Hillcrest Homes should be designated a Senior Zone.

Mayor Kendrick called for public comment. There was none.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Carder and unanimously carried to approve the proposed resolution accepting the findings of the 2016 engineering and traffic study, which validates use of radar enforcement, as follows:

Resolution No. 16-10,
Adopting an Engineering and
Traffic Survey Justifying the
Speed Limits

Resolution No. 16-10 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA ADOPTING AN ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY JUSTIFYING THE SPEED LIMITS ON CITY STREETS. **Approved.**

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to approve ordinance for first reading by title only and waive further reading of the ordinance, which establishes local speed limits in accordance with the La Verne Municipal Code. All such speed limits will be effective 30 days following final adoption of the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1066,
Rescinding Ordinance No.
1021, and Setting Local Speed
Limits

Ordinance No. 1066 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 1021 AND SETTING LOCAL SPEED LIMITS. **Approved and placed on first reading.**

Approval of the proposed resolution and ordinance establishing speed limits is categorically exempt from the California Environment Quality Act, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities and City of La Verne environmental guidelines

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.

There was none.

8. Council Comments and
Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Carder reported on the Nancy's Pizza Ribbon Cutting held on. She stated that the food was wonderful and highly recommended the restaurant.

Council Member Hepburn commended the La Verne Police and Fire Departments for the fantastic job on hosting an "Active Shooter" training drill. He stated that the training was amazing and very informative. He also reported on the attending Foothill Terrace Security Team Emergency drill and he was very impressed on how well prepared they are for an emergency.

Mayor Kendrick thanked Boy Scout Andrew Cote for attending the Council meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

9. Adjournment at 7:03 p.m., to Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 5 pm., for a Council Study to receive an update on the study of a possible Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk