

**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, April 17, 2017

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 Tim Hepburn
Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Muir Davis

Absent: Council Member Rosales

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 Nick Paz
Sam Gonzalez, Police Lieutenant
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Eric Scherer, Principal Planner
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder seconded by Hepburn, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Rosales absent) to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of the adjourned meeting of March 14, 2017, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$577,389.73, dated March 28, 2017, and in the amount of \$216,159.71, dated April 3, 2017. **Approved as recommended.**

Treasurer's Report **Treasurer's Report** for the Month of March 2017, ***received and filed.***

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

Resolution No. 17-21,
Authorizing the Execution of a
Memorandum of Understanding
between the City of La Verne
and the La Verne City
Employee Association (LVCEA)

Resolution No. 17-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA VERNE AND THE LA VERNE CITY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (LVCEA) THRU DECEMBER 31, 2017 - The current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the La Verne City Employee Association (LVCEA) expired on December 31, 2016. Staff and LVCEA representatives have been meeting since November on a successor agreement. At this time, a tentative agreement has been reached and staff is seeking City Council approval.

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution 17-21, authorizing the City Manager to execute an MOU between the City of La Verne and the LVCEA as well as amend the salary chart for full time employees effective April 2, 2017. ***Approved as recommended.***

2017-18 Paramedic Service Fee

2017-18 Paramedic Service Fee - The City's voter approved Paramedic Service Fee requires an annual hearing in order to consider a change in rate. The monthly service fee can be adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Mayor Kendrick opened the public hearing and called for comments on this matter.

Rick Bowen, Eagle Drive, La Verne, asked how much will be generated from the 11cents increase. Finance Director Martinez replied about \$20,000.

Mr. Bowen also asked what was the actual number of fire calls by the Fire Department.

Mayor Kendrick explained to Mr. Bowen that the paramedic service fee was approved by voters the in 80's and per voter approved ordinance, adjustments to the service are limited to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Carder, and carried by a voter of 4-0 (Rosales absent) to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$4.93 to \$ 5.04 by adopting Resolution No. 17-20, as follows:

Resolution No. 17-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18. ***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.

George May, La Verne Library Manager, reported on upcoming library events as follows:

Red Bean Pastry, Saturday, Saturday, April 29, 2017, 2-3 pm.
How to Handle Bullying, Monday, May 1, 2017, 3-4pm.

Rick Bowen, Eagle Drive, requested that public comment be placed at the beginning of the Agenda to give the residents opportunity to comment on the consent calendar items. He stated that two new employee Memorandum of Understanding have been approved by Council and still no change. He was concerned with the amount of sick leave, vacation, and retirement benefits for employees.

John Jones, La Verne resident, stated that something has to be done and it was just not right to give away perks with taxpayer's money.

Janell Swenson Grey, La Verne resident and La Verne employee, thanked the City Council for approving their Memorandum of Understanding and for their support. She stated that the City Employees work a 36-hour workweek and make 10% below the median salary. She also stated that the City employees provide excellent service to the community and when a resident calls, they don't get an answering machine but a live person.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reported on the Ed Jones Memorial Golf Tournament held by the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation on Friday, April 28, 2017, to raise funds for teacher mini-grants, and student scholarships.

Council Member Davis reported that he and Mayor Pro Tem Hepburn attended the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the La Verne Rotary Club and it was a great deal of fun.

Mayor Pro Tem Hepburn reported on the Cool Cruise event and that it was a great event. He commended City staff, the Police Department and RSVPs for the excellent job they did.

9. At 7:00 p.m., City Council recessed to closed session.

Closed Session

The City Council met in closed session for the following purpose:

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiators: City Manager, Personnel Officer, Director of Finance, and City Attorney

Employee Organization(s) La Verne City Employees and La Verne Police Middle Management Association

9. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m. No announcement of any reportable action

Respectfully submitted,

Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk