

**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, November 16, 2015

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
Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Deputy City Clerk
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
Police Captain Nick Paz
Acting Police Captain Betty Garcia
Public Works Manager Tracy Costello
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Council Member Rosales requested a moment of silence in honor and in memory of the victims of the recent terrorist attacks in Paris.

5. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Badge Pinning of Corporal Jay Alvarado Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly promoted Corporal Jay Alvarado. Jay graduated from Big Bear High School in 1999. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of La Verne in 2003. He graduated from San Bernardino Sheriff's Academy and joined the La Verne Police Department in 2005. In 2009, he graduated from R.K. Miller S.W.A.T School and became a member of the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET). He has three children, 6 year old Cruz, 3 year old Chase and 3 month old Arianny. His wife Ali pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning of Corporal Matthew Hadan Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly promoted Corporal Matthew Hadan. Matthew was hired as a Deputy by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in 2004 and in 2007 he left San Bernardino and joined the La Verne Police Department. He was assigned to the Detective Bureau in 2015. He has four children, 28 year old Caitlyn, 18 year old Jackson, 14 year old Ava, and 6 year old Ellie. His wife Tracey pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning of Sergeant Jason Prows Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly promoted Sergeant Jason Prows. Jason was hired by the City of La Verne Recreation Department in 1990. In 1994, he was hired as a Police Aide by La Verne Police Department and became a sworn Police Officer in 2005. In 2009, he was assigned to the Detective Bureau and in 2012, he was promoted to Corporal. His mother Mischell pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning of Lieutenant Chris Fenner Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly promoted Lieutenant Chris Fenner. Chris graduated from Rancho Cucamonga High School. He was hired in 1995, as a Police Aide with the City of Claremont Police Department. In 1996, he was hired as a Reserve Officer with the Montclair Police Department. In 1998, he became a full-time Police Officer with Claremont Police Department. In 2005, he was hired with the La Verne Police Department. He is the 2009 recipient of the Pride of La Verne Award. Chris has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Management and has worked details including patrol, LA IMPACT Taskforce, training officer, Reserve Coordinator and is part of the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET). He has two daughters, 9 year old Alyssa and 7 year old Alayna. His wife Melissa pinned his badge.

Introduction of Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and welcomed newly hired Assistant to the City Manager Teri Baker. Teri began her career with the City of San Bernardino where she was hired as an intern in 1995. During her career, she has held many positions in the City Manager's Office as well as a director position with the City of San Bernardino's Economic Development Agency. In 2013, she relocated to the City of Huntington Beach where she was the Assistant to the City Manager. Teri will oversee City Clerk's Office operations including being the designated election official, be responsible for the City's risk management programs, be the City liaison with major contractors, and facilitate the City's communication and marketing efforts.

6. The City Council recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

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

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of November 2, 2015, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$766,270.79, dated 10-26-15, and in the amount of \$302,628.57, dated 11-3-15, ***approved as recommended***

Treasurer's Report for the Month of October 2015, ***received and filed.***

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

Resolution No. 15-86,
Authorizing Execution of a
Public Works Contract with
TSR Construction and
Inspection for the 2015-16
CDBG Sidewalk Project

Resolution No. 15-86 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH TSR CONSTRUCTION AND INSPECTION FOR THE 2015-2016 CDBG SIDEWALK PROJECT. Bids were received and opened for the 2015-2016 CDBG Sidewalk Project on November 3, 2015. There were five (5) bids received for this project. Staff recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 15-86 awarding a public works contract to TSR Construction, the lowest bidder in the amount of \$33,300.00 for the 2015-2016 CDBG Sidewalk Project, including additive bid items A- 1 in the amount of \$4,060.00 and authorize staff to increase the project scope to include additional sidewalk repair not to exceed the available CDBG budget of \$58,000.00. This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15301 – Existing Facilities, and City of La Verne environmental guidelines. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution No. 15-87,
Authorizing the Execution of an
Agreement with Renegade
Racing for the Turkey Triathlon

Resolution No. 15-87 - 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 RENEGADE RACING FOR THE TURKEY TRIATHLON. The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the Turkey Triathlon. Renegade Racing has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of a cycling race as part of a triathlon on Sunday, November 22, 2015. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone Dr. from Fairplex Dr. to Van Dusen Rd. between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. the day of the event. The race is expected to draw up to 600 participants. Recent policy has been to prepare individualized agreements for such large events. Staff has therefore developed a standard agreement outlining the traffic control plan requirements, locations, schedule, estimated fees, applicant's responsibilities, and insurance and indemnification requirements. Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 15-87 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Renegade Racing permitting the cycling race on specified streets. ***Approved as recommended.***

Agreement between the Cities of La Verne and Covina for the Transfer of a Portion of Covina's Rule 20A Allocation to the City of La Verne; and Authorizing an Appropriation from the Underground Utility Fund

Public Works Director Keesey reported on the agreement between the Cities of La Verne and Covina for the Transfer of a portion of Covina's Rule 20A Allocation to the City of La Verne, and authorizing an appropriation from the Underground Utility Fund. He stated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Rule 20A establishes program funding for the undergrounding of overhead utilities by municipalities. The CPUC requires that cities maintain active projects or the money may be reallocated to other jurisdictions. On June 16, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution 08-52, declaring its intention to establish Underground Utility District No. 7 along White Avenue generally bounded by Towne Center Drive and First Street. Adoption of the resolution provided staff the opportunity to pursue potential projects with Southern California Edison (SCE) and retain the City of La Verne (City) funds accrued under Rule 20A. The City is actively planning an undergrounding project that qualifies for CPUC Rule 20A funds. The City desires to obtain additional Rule 20A Funds to finance such project. The City of Covina has unallocated Rule 20A Funds and has agreed to sell a portion to the City at \$0.50 on the dollar for \$1.55M. If approved, this will result in a \$3.1M credit to the City's SCE Rule 20A Allocation. Funding for the purchase of Covina's Rule 20A funds comes from the City's underground utilities fund (410).

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15302 (C) - replacement of existing facility, and City of La Verne environmental guidelines.

Mayor Kendrick stated that he was pleased to see this project being undertaken and it will improve the appearance of White Avenue. He asked if general funds will be used for the project. Public Works Director Keesey stated that general funds will not be used. Also, the Mayor and Council were concerned with residents having to pay for the reconnection of utilities. Public Works Director Keesey explained that residents will not be charged and that cost will be included in the budget estimate.

Council Member Carder asked when the project will start. Public Works Director Keesey stated further action is required by the City prior to establishing an underground utility district and that it will be brought back to Council at a future date.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 15-85, authorizing an appropriation from the underground utility fund and further authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement between the Cities of La Verne and Covina for the Transfer of a portion of Covina's Rule 20A Allocation to the City of La Verne, in the amount of \$1.55M.

Resolution No. 15-85 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF LA VERNE AND COVINA FOR THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF COVINA'S RULE 20A ALLOCATION TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE. *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.

Ed Venegas, 7152 Via Dicha, spoke about the proposed exchange of Marshall Canyon Golf Course and Sierra La Verne Golf Course between Lewis Homes and the County of Los Angeles. He strongly opposed any future development in Marshall Canyon and asked the Council to take a stand against this exchange. He asked for a public motion. City Manager Russi stated this was public comment and Council cannot act on this matter, but the City is closely monitoring and following this matter.

Richard Bowen, 2340 Eagle Drive, La Verne, stated he opposed the proposed exchange of Marshall Canyon Golf Course and Sierra La Verne Golf Course between the Lewis Homes and the County of Los Angeles and did not see the benefit to the City. He asked if a traffic survey at Wheeler & Esperanza will be done.

Lynn del Toro, 7143, Via Dicha, La Verne, stated that she met with Brian Mejia from Supervisor Antonovich's Office at Marshall Canyon. She conveyed to him the residents' concerns on the proposed exchange between the County of Los Angeles and Lewis Homes and the importance of preserving open space and its natural resources. She stated that there needs to be an open forum on this matter and the City needs to educate and communicate with the residents.

Kathy Windsor, 7151 Monterey Street, La Verne, stated that there is a group of residents who are concerned over the proposed land exchange between Los Angeles County and Lewis Homes and against any development in Marshall Canyon. She urged the City Council to take a strong stand against this exchange.

Ben Lang, 2226 Tricking Creek Drive, La Verne, stated that La Verne is a beautiful community and thanked the City Council for listening. He stated he is a member of the Sierra La Verne Golf Course and was told that the golf course would be maintained and now the owner wants to sell. He stated there are a lot of residents upset and they do not want this project to go through. He asked for Council's help and to get this matter on the Agenda for future discussion.

Debbie Popvich, 1943 Clear Falls Avenue, La Verne, also opposed the exchange and any development in Marshall Canyon. She questioned what the implications will be if Sierra La Verne Golf Course turned public.

Tim Larkin, La Verne, stated he has been a resident since 1996, and he was concerned with losing a private golf course. He opposed the development of any homes in the Marshall Canyon and the increase in congestion any development will bring.

Jim Murphy, 4940 Raymond Drive, La Verne, stated he bikes rides in Marshall Canyon and can't believe he is still in La Verne. He stated that the City needs to preserve open space and to let Lewis Company come in for profit is wrong.

Gary Hunter thanked the Parks Department for the great landscaping job at Emerald Park. He asked about the construction of the Habitat for Humanity house on First Street. Mayor Kendrick stated that the house still being built but construction is going slower than anticipated.

Terri Muse, Waste Management, reported on the recycling activities and on organic food recycling and the importance of properly disposing of items. She stated the La Verne is doing a great job in recycling.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Kendrick reported that the Veterans Day Event was a success and thanked the community for attending. He also thanked the Veterans for their service to our Country.

He thanked the residents in attendance for coming to the Council meeting and getting involved and wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mayor Kendrick invited the community to attend the City's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at the next City Council meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:30 pm. Carolers & Santa Claus are expected to attend.

Closed Session

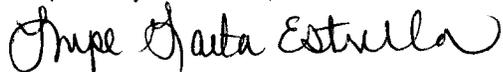
City Manager Russi reported there was no need for a closed session, since they already met at the adjourned City Council Meeting at 5pm.

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

City Negotiators: City Manager, Personnel Officer, and City Attorney
Employee Organization: La Verne City Employees' Association.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Deputy City Clerk