

**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, December 21, 2015**

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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 Richard Martinez  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Police Captain Nick Paz  
Police Captain Betty Garcia  
Police Sergeant Chris Dransfeldt  
Senior Police Officer Jason Barrios  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Senior Planner Candice Bowcock  
Recreation Coordinator Chad Peterson

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Presentation/Introductions  
& Announcements

2015 Police Explorers  
Graduates

Sergeant Dransfeldt introduced the 2015 Police Explorers Graduates. He reported that on August 9, 2015, six La Verne Police Explorers graduated from the Orange County Law Enforcement Explorer Association Academy. The five-day academy is held at the Boy Scout Ranch in the City of Orange. During their stay, explorers received instructions in various fields of law enforcement including domestic violence, property crimes and crimes against persons, physical training, live demonstrations from the Aero Bureau, K-9 and the bomb squad, as well as, drill instruction on marching and proper movement. He also showed a slide presentation of the class activities.

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, congratulated the 2015 Police Explorers Graduates and wished them success in their future endeavors in Law enforcement and hoped to see them working for La Verne in the near future.

The graduates are:

Daryl-Lyn Bolton	Bonita High School
Ryan Lehotsky	Bonita High School
Robert Jaramillo	Bonita High School
Eduardo Escobar	Bonita High School
Anthony Kingan	Mt. SAC
Breeana Delgadillo	Chaffey College

5. 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:
- Register of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$169,560.24 dated 11-3-15 and in the amount of \$702,908.05 dated 12-7-15. ***Approved as recommended.***
- Treasurer's Report for the Month of November **Treasurer's Report for the Month of November**, 2015, ***received and filed.***
6. Public Hearing on Baseline Road – "Emerald Collection" 19 Single Family Condominium Homes at Baseline Road and Emerald Avenue, Case Nos. 127-14PPR, 145-15TTM, 148-15TR, 146-15SP, and 147-15GPA 2006
- Senior Planner Candice Bowcock reported on the Baseline Road "Emerald Collection" 19 Single Family Condominium Homes at Baseline Road and Emerald Avenue Development, **Case** Nos. 127-14PPR, 145-15TTM, 148-15TR, 146-15SP, and 147-15GPA 2006. She stated that the applicant, City Ventures Home Building, LLC, is proposing to develop 19 single family homes at 2006 Baseline Road. The property is currently zoned Institutional and is designated Community Facility in the General Plan. The applicant has proposed that the site be zoned for a new specific plan, the "Emerald Collection Specific Plan", which would permit medium density residential. Development of the site will also require removal of one significant oak tree and the relocation of three significant oak trees. The Planning Commission, Development Review Committee, and staff recommended the City Council approve the Specific Plan (146-15SP), and General Plan Amendment (147-15GPA) based on the agenda report and the proposed conditions of approval.
- Eric Everhart from City Ventures Home Building introduced his staff and reported on the proposed development. He stated that City Ventures Home Building is excited about this new project. He stated that the new homes come standard with the most efficient and green technology, inside and out and the homes are solar-powered. He also reported that noise attenuation material will be installed to minimize the impacts of freeway vehicle noise.
- Mayor Kendrick opened the public hearing and called for public comment on this project.
- There was none.
- Mayor Pro Tem Carder stated it was a great development and it will be a nice addition to La Verne, especially driving down Emerald. She asked that the rodents scurrying from the open field during construction be contained.
- Council Member Redman thanked City Ventures for all the back-up material on the proposed project which was very well prepared. She stated she was excited to have them in La Verne.

Mayor Kendrick also thanked City Ventures for the well prepared material and it was nice see solar panels being installed in the homes. He thanked Senior Planner Bowcock for all her work on the Emerald Collection Project.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to approve and place on first reading Ordinance No. 1062, approving the Emerald Collection Specific Plan and approve Resolution No. 15-92, amending the General Plan designation of the site at 2006 Baseline Road from Community Facility to medium-density residential.

Ordinance No. 1062,  
Approving the Emerald  
Collection Specific Plan

**Ordinance No. 1062** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE EMERALD COLLECTION SPECIFIC PLAN. ***Approved and placed on first reading.***

Resolution No. 15-92,  
Amending the General Plan  
Designation of the Site at 2006  
Baseline Road from Community  
Facility to Medium-Density  
Residential

**Resolution No. 15-92** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION OF THE SITE AT 2006 BASELINE ROAD FROM COMMUNITY FACILITY TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL. ***Approved.***

7. Agreement for Temporary  
Employment, Michael Vetti

Personnel Officer Ranells reported on the agreement for temporary employment. He stated that Battalion Chief Michael Vetti has submitted paperwork to retire at the end of this month after being employed by the City for more than 25 years. In order to minimize disruption to the Fire Department resulting from this loss of institutional and operational knowledge, the City is interested in retaining his services until the end of the fiscal year. In order to be compliant with the 2013 Pension Reform Act, it is necessary for the City Council to take an action affirming the execution of such employment arrangements. The resolution and agreement satisfies those requirements.

It was moved by Rosales, seconded by Hepburn and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No.15-89, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Michael Vetti to provide temporary, part-time employment.

Resolution No. 15-89,  
Authorizing an Agreement with  
"Retired Annuitant" Michael  
Vetti as Interim Battalion Chief

**Resolution No. 15-89** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH "RETIRED ANNUITANT" MICHAEL VETTI AS INTERIM BATTALION CHIEF. ***Approved.***

8. **Conflict of Interest/Rule of Necessity/** Purchase of Parking Spaces for Public Carpooling Agreement with the University of La Verne

City Manager Russi stated that three members of Council have conflicts on the University of La Verne and City of La Verne Agreement for purchase of parking spaces for public carpooling which constitutes a majority of the Council (Mayor Kendrick because he owns a business within close proximity of the University main campus and Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member Redman because they are employed by the University). State law provides that when the Council cannot act because it does not have a quorum to take a valid vote, the Rule of Necessity can be invoked to permit the participation of a disqualified member. In order for the item to be considered, a quorum may be obtained by selecting a Council Member by lot that has a conflict. The Council Member selected may fully participate in discussion and voting on the item. The names of the members with a conflict (Mayor Kendrick and Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member) were placed in a container and City Attorney Kress drew the name of Mayor Kendrick. Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member Redman left the Council Chambers.

City Manager Russi reported on the purchase of parking spaces for public carpooling. The University of La Verne is building a new parking structure on their campus that will have approximately 940 spaces for students and faculty. The City feels this would be an opportunity to purchase spaces dedicated for carpooling purposes due to its proximity to the downtown area and the future Gold Line Station. Based on the cost to build the parking structure, the cost per space is estimated at \$16,932. Since they will be dedicated for carpool, these spaces will be paid through Proposition C Transportation Funds. Note: Mayor Kendrick will declare a conflict of interest and abstain from voting on this item because and Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member Redman will also declare a conflict of interest and abstain from voting on this item because they are employed by the University of La Verne.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Rosales, and carried by a vote of 3-0 (Carder and Redman abstained) to approve an agreement to purchase 15 parking spaces dedicated for carpooling in University of La Verne's parking structure for community use using Proposition C Transportation funds at a total cost of \$253,980.

Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Council Member Redman returned to the Council Chambers and took their seats.

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.

Ed Vengas, Via Dicha, thanked the City Council for following through and sending the letter to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. opposing the Marshall/Sierra La Verne golf course exchange

10. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Carder wished everyone happy holidays and thanked City staff for all their hard work. She also commended the Community Services Department staff for all their hard work on the Winter Wonderland Event. She stated it was a wonderful event on a great day and everyone had fun and loved it

Council Member Rosales wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Council Member Redman reported on the La Verne Police Officers' and Firefighters' Associations Charity softball game held on Friday, December 18, 2015. She stated it was a great event and raised enough money and toys to help 75 La Verne families this Christmas.

Council Member Hepburn stated as his first year on Council he felt blessed to represent a wonderful city and thanked the staff for making him feel at home and for doing a wonderful job.

Mayor Kendrick reported on the fire department candy packing to be held on Tuesday, December 22, 2016, in preparation for their annual Christmas morning run. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11. Closed Session

City Manager Russi reported there was no need for a closed session, since it was held at special meeting at 5:30 pm., prior to the regular meeting.

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.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m., in memory of former La Verne Police Captain Dee Griggs, who passed away on November 9, 2015. Dee started his career in law enforcement with the Peace Officers Basic Training with the City of Pomona in 1965 and joined the La Verne Police Department as a Police Officer on March 10, 1965. Throughout his career with the La Verne Police Department, he was promoted to Detective, Sergeant, and Lieutenant and retiring in 1992 as a Police Captain. Dee was born June 12, 1933. He enlisted in the Army on June 17, 1950 and was honorably discharged in June of 1953. He was married to Dana Griggs for forty-two years before her passing in October of 2015. He is survived by his two children, Josh and Jessica Griggs.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk