



CITY OF LA VERNE

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Wendy Lau, Council Member
Steven Frank Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem

Rick Crosby, Council Member
Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, Council Member

Monday, May 20, 2024
Closed Session at 5:30 PM
Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM
La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

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- Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.

Council Meeting Decorum: Per the City's Rules for Decorum, all Speakers and Members of the Audience are to conduct themselves with decorum and not engage in willful conduct which interrupts the meeting or with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM**CALL TO ORDER****ROLL CALL**

Council Member Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, Mayor Pro Tem Steven Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

CLOSED SESSION TOPICS

1. **Closed Session Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2 cases):**
City of Whittier, et al. vs. Los Angeles Superior Court, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 23STCP03579.

Victor Asemota, et al. v. City of Claremont, et al., Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. 24STCV08598.

Conference with Labor Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Attorney.

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Firefighters Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association; and all Unrepresented Employees.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 P.M.**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-BOY SCOUT FIRST CLASS DOMINIC TREJO, TROOP 411****ROLL CALL**

Council Member Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, Mayor Pro Tem Steven Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

PRESENTATIONS - RAMONA MIDDLE SCHOOL, CIF SWIM TEAM CHAMPS, SCE GRANT AWARD-BUSD JENNY ZHANG, PROCLAMATION-PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, PROCLAMATION-ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER

2. **Ramona Middle School Distinguished School for Academic Excellence** - Ramona Middle School has been honored as a 2024 Distinguished School by the California Department of Education, celebrating its exceptional academic performance and efforts to foster a supportive and welcoming learning environment. Ramona Middle School achieved remarkable academic growth on state assessments in 2023, earning a 10.5-point increase from its 2022 indicators in English language arts (ELA) and a 9.1-point increase in math, placing above the fifteenth percentile of all middle/intermediate schools in the state for both subjects. This evening we will honor administrators and teachers from Ramona Middle School along with representatives from the Bonita Unified School District.

Bonita High School Boys' Swim and Dive 2024 - The Bonita High School Boy's Swim and Dive team finished the season having qualified 6 swimmers and 2 Divers for CIF. Both Divers, Logan Atkinson and Mavryck Mathes placed first and second at CIF Finals. Four swimmers (Max Distaso, Jake Carlson, Trevor Ngo, Jackson Dincin) qualified for individual events at the CIF Southern Section D3 Prelims along with qualifying in all 3 Relays. Three Swimmers made it back to the Finals for their individual events (Jake Carlson, Max Distaso, Trevor Ngo) and 1 swimmer (Jackson Dincin) made it back as an alternate. All 3 relays also made it back to finals. With the accumulative points scored at Finals for both swim and dive, the Boy's Program won its first CIF Swim and Dive Title in school history. During the Prelims and Finals sessions the boys team also broke 2 individual school records (Max Distaso 50 Free & Trevor Ngo 100 Butterfly) and all 3 Relay school records.

The team was coached by Dillon Unsoeld and assisted by Cody Lehotsky and Gage Unsoeld.

Max Distaso
Dylan Vegas

Trevor Ngo
Logan Atkinson

Jake Carlson
Mavryck Mathis

Jackson Dincin
Parker Montgomery

Southern California Edison Scholars Award - Every year, Southern California Edison provides 30 scholarship opportunities to students pursuing higher education in STEM-related fields. Bonita High School senior Junze "Jenny" Zhang becomes the second-ever student from Bonita High School to receive this prestigious award. Jenny will be attending Cal Tech to study aerospace engineering.

Public Works Week Proclamation - The third week of May is distinguished as Public Works Week, honoring the value and necessity of the Public Works Department. This year's theme is "Advancing Quality of Life for All", illustrating how public works professionals contribute to and enhance the quality of life in all the communities they proudly serve, including La Verne.

Asian American Pacific Islander Proclamation - Every May, we honor the role that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders play in developing this nation and the benefits that they add to the La Verne Community. The proclamation will be presented to representatives from the University of La Verne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the public may do so at this time.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items on the Consent Calendar are routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)

3. City Council Minutes of the regular meeting on May 6, 2024.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

4. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$254,458.26, dated May 1, 2024.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the audited demands.

5. City of La Verne Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2024

The Treasurer's Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 2024, is submitted to the City Council to receive and file per City of La Verne Administrative Regulation Number 215, the Statement of Investment Policy, and the State of California's Government Code (GC) Section 53646.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024.

6. **Maintenance District No. 84-1M, Esperanza Road Slopes, Engineer's Report** Attached for City Council's review is the Engineer's Report for Maintenance District No. 84-1M. The report contains a reference to the existing plans and specifications for the area to be maintained, the estimated cost to maintain for the Fiscal Year (FY) July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025, and the assessment diagram. It is proposed that there will be no change in the levy from the previous thirty-two years (\$8.00 per parcel). Staff is recommending that City Council approve the Engineer's Report on a preliminary basis and set the Public Hearing for June 17, 2024.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving the Engineer's Report and setting the Public Hearing for June 17, 2024.

7. **Removal of Existing Crosswalk Located at Arrow Highway and B Street** The existing crosswalk at the intersection of Arrow Highway and "B" Street is limited to pavement markings and warning signage with no other elements to enhance warning to drivers of potential pedestrian crossings. With the activation of a new signalized intersection at Arrow Highway and A Street, an alternative crossing location within approximately 600 feet of this existing crosswalk is now available for pedestrian users. In order to proceed with removal of the existing crosswalk, California Vehicle Code (CVC) §21950.5 requires that a public hearing and notice of the proposal be completed.

Recommendation: That City Council initiate proceedings for the removal of the existing crosswalk located on the east leg of the intersection of Arrow Highway at "B" Street, setting the public hearing for July 1, 2024, and directing the Deputy City Clerk to complete the required notice.

8. **Resolution Approving Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program** The City of La Verne, through the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program, has been allocated funding to participate in eligible affordable housing programs. The eligible programs the City will be participating in are Operating Costs for Emergency Shelters and Supportive Case Management for the unhoused.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM."

9. **Authorizing City Staff Involvement in a Re-Constituted Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee** On May 6, 2024, a presentation to the City Council announced a planned addition of three (3) bronze statues to the Veterans' Memorial. The City Council gave direction to authorize the City Manager to designate two Staff members to participate with a re-constituted Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee.

Recommendation: That the City Council Authorize the City Manager to Designate Two (2) Staff Members to Participate in the Veterans' Memorial Ad Hoc Committee.

10. **Adoption of Ordinance 24-1127, "An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of La Verne and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System."** This action is to adopt an ordinance amending the contract between the City and the Board of Administration for the California Public

Employees' Retirement System related to employee cost share percentage of the employer's portion.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance 24-1127, "An Ordinance Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the City Council of La Verne and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System."

OTHER MATTERS

- 11. Annual Partnership Agreement with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce** Annually, the City and the La Verne Chamber of Commerce enter into a Partnership Agreement for a 12-month term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to include a financial subsidy of \$45,000 for various services received benefiting the business community.

Recommendation: As recommended by the City Council Chamber Liaison Committee, that the City Council approve a Partnership Agreement with the La Verne Chamber of Commerce for July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

- 12. Police Department Utilization and Staffing Study** Matrix Consulting Group Utilization and staffing study for the Police Department.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Police Department Utilization and Staffing Study completed by the Matrix Consulting Group.

- 13. Approval of the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Annual Report and Intention to Levy an Annual Assessment** The 2023-2024 annual report for the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District has been prepared for review by the City Council. Per state law, the City Council is required to declare its intention to hold a public hearing to levy annual assessments for the businesses located within the district area.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the 2023-2024 Annual Report for the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District (BID); and,

2. Adopt the attached Resolution declaring the City's intention to levy an annual assessment for Fiscal Year 2024-25 for the BID at their meeting on June 3, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion later. Please email your public comment to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org. Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended per Assembly Bill 1234.

ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 3, at 5:30 P.M.**

RESIDENT INFORMATION**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Monday, June 3 - Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Meeting, Cafe Wang, 2316 D Street, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Monday, June 3 - City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 17 - City Council Meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19 - Senior Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 25 - Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:00 p.m.

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