



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, February 3, 2025
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, Council Member Wendy Lau,

Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Steven F. Johnson, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

CLOSED SESSION TOPIC

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.

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). (1 case).

California Rifle & Pistol Association, Incorporated, et al., v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al., Case No. 2:23-cv-10169-SPG-ADS.

The City Council will recess and reconvene at 6:30 for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - LIFE SCOUT EVERADO PADILLA

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATIONS

LV Fire Arson Investigation Program. The La Verne Fire Department will introduce its first Fire and Arson Investigation Program, another significant milestone in enhancing our community's safety and resilience. The new program enables our department to conduct specialized investigations into the causes of fires, identify potential criminal activity, and prevent future incidents through targeted education and enforcement efforts. By bringing this capability in-house, we aim to strengthen public trust, improve response efficiency, and foster collaboration with law enforcement to protect our city.

Introduction to the New Tri City Mental Health Executive Director - Ontson Placide. Tri-City Mental Health Authority welcomes a new Executive Director Ontson Placide. With over 30 years of experience in community behavioral health and social services, Mr. Placide brings expertise in innovative care for vulnerable populations.

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.)

1. City Council Minutes of the Closed Session and Regular Meeting of January 21, 2025.

Recommendation: That City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$3,723,881.92 dated 01/08/25 and in the amount of \$2,124,810.57 dated 01/16/25.

Recommendation: That the City Council approved the registers of audited demands.

3. Resolution Approving Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program. The Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program funds are State funds received by the City through the County of Los Angeles Community Development Authority. PLHA funds were originally intended to be used as replacement funding due to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies and the loss of Low and Moderate Income Housing Funds; however, State law allows for local agencies to expend the funding to assist in their efforts to prevent or reduce homelessness. The City proposes to use its full allocation of \$68,677 to assist with outreach and engagement services provided through the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for homeless prevention.

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 BY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A REIMBURSABLE CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LACDA) ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY."

4. Declaration of Intention to Provide Weed Abatement on Specific Properties. Each year, the County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures conducts inspection for weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse on public and private property that may be considered a seasonal and recurrent nuisance. A list of properties is provided the City for review. City Council is then required to declare its intention to provide for this abatement and set a public hearing for affected property owners to register objections to said abatement.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution, declaring the intention to provide for the abatement of weeds, brush, rubbish and refuse and setting a public hearing for Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

5. Designation of the City's Voting Delegate and Alternate at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Conference and General Assembly Meeting. The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) requests the selection of one delegate to vote on behalf of the City for the General Assembly Meeting to be held May 1-2, 2025. It is recommended that the City Council designate Mayor Tim Hepburn as the voting member and Mayor Pro Tem Steve F. Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, and Council Member Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita as alternates.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPOINTING A VOTING DELEGATE TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS' GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUSINESS MEETING ON MAY 1, 2025."

6. **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for June 30, 2024.** The City has completed its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. This report has undergone a thorough audit by the independent firm Badawi & Associates (B&A). The ACFR, detailing the City's financial position and operating activities, is accessible on the City's website: <https://www.cityoflaverne.org/468/Annual-Budget-Comprehensive-Report>.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report which includes a Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters, along with the Auditor Letter to the City Council for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Determination of CEQA Exemption and Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Implement Housing Element Policies, General Plan Updates, and Other Changes.** Staff and the Planning Commission seek the City Council's approval of an ordinance amending the Old Town La Verne Specific Plan (OTLVSP) and Title 18 of the La Verne Municipal Code. These updates were previously implemented through emergency ordinances on October 21, 2024, and November 18, 2024, regarding providing adequate sites for lower income households on sites previously identified and minimum densities in the Old Town La Verne Specific Plan area, respectively.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Find the adoption of the proposed Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act per Section 15061(b)(3); and,
2. Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance titled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE OLD TOWN LA VERNE SPECIFIC PLAN AND AMENDING TITLE 18 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF HOUSING ELEMENT POLICIES AND OTHER UPDATES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW AND TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES OF THE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE."

OTHER MATTERS

8. **Resolution Opposing South Coast Air Quality Management District Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 Related to Regulation of Air Emissions from Residential and Business Natural Gas Furnaces and Water Heaters.** The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will consider two Proposed Amended Rules (PARs), Rule 1111 and Rule 1121, regulating the emissions from residential and commercial furnaces and emissions from residential water heaters. The proposed amendments to the rules seek to transition to zero-emission space and water heating appliances, based on future effective dates, when existing appliances need to be replaced. The proposed Resolution seeks to oppose the two rules based on costs to transition and seeks additional time and assistance to affected residents and businesses.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING PROPOSED AMENDED RULES 1111 AND 1121 OF THE SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RELATED TO REGULATION OF NATURAL GAS EMISSIONS DUE TO COSTS TO

AFFECTED BUSINESS AND RESIDENTS."

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

DUE TO THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, at 5:30 P.M.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on January 28, 2025, on the bulletin board at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, and on the City's website at www.cityoflaverne.org.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 4 - Development Review Committee, City Hall, 9:00 am

Monday, February 10 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Friday, February 14 - Dance for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Community Center, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 18 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 19 - Recycling & Organics Public Workshop - Commercial and Multi-Family Residential, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 25 - Ad Hoc Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee, City Hall, 5:30 pm