



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, April 21, 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 Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Gonzalez v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV34625.

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 – Potential exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(2): One (1) case.

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

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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.

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

1. **City Council Reorganization.** Under the provisions of Ordinance No. 1107, the City Council shall reorganize annually by selecting a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Recommendation: That the City Council follow the established procedure for the selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem by:

1. Selecting a Mayor; and,
2. Selecting a Mayor Pro Tem.

PRESENTATIONS

Egg-cellent Adventure Coloring Contest - Winners of the Egg-cellent Adventure Coloring Contest sponsored by the La Verne Historical Society, will be announced and prizes will be awarded.

La Verne Walk of Fame - Presentation outlining a proposed Walk of Fame in Old Town La Verne to honor those who have made lasting contributions to the City and the community from its founding to

the present.

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.)

2. **City Council Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting-Study Session with the Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee and the Regular Meeting of April 7, 2025.**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

3. **Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$1,925,547.88, dated 03/27/25, and \$372,656.65, dated 04/03/25.**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the demands.

4. **Approval of a Resolution Placing 3-Hour Timed Parking Restrictions for Portions of White Avenue from Sixth Street to Eighth Street.** Timed parking restrictions for on-street parking located on White Avenue between Sixth Street and Eighth Street are proposed to preserve parking for the local community. The parking time restriction will allow a maximum duration of three-hour parking in this area. Pursuant to the municipal code section 10.40.140, the City Traffic Engineer shall be authorized to place and maintain such signs where directed by resolution of the City Council.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON WHITE AVENUE BETWEEN SIXTH STREET AND EIGHTH STREET," and directing City Staff to install signage along the east curb of said roadway segment, creating a restricted 3- hour time parking zone for on-street parking in the area.

5. **Authorizing the Execution of Side Letter Agreements Amending the Memorandum of Understandings Between the City of La Verne and the La Verne City Employees' Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association and La Verne Firefighters' Association Regarding Education Incentives** In February, the City Council approved Side Letter Agreements to the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the La Verne City Employees' Association (CEA), La Verne Police Officers' Association, and La Verne Firefighters' Association that formalized tentative agreements on language changes needed for compliance with California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) requirements. After further discussion with CalPERS, each of the side letters needs a minor amendment related to the effective date.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Side Letter Agreement amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Verne and the La Verne City Employees' Association; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Side Letter Agreement amending the

Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Verne and the La Verne Police Officers' Association; and

3. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Side Letter Agreement amending the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Verne and the La Verne Firefighters' Association.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. **Public Hearing to Determine Necessity of Utility User's Tax.** In accordance with the City of La Verne's Municipal Code (Sec. 3.10.170), an annual public hearing is required to assess the need for the continuation of the City's Utility User's Tax (UUT). UUT is the third-largest tax revenue for the General Fund, supporting essential City services such as police, fire, recreation, and public works services. UUT is vital to fund and maintain essential City services.

Recommendation: That the City Council maintain the City's Utility User's Tax at the current voter-approved rates for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

7. **Public Hearing to Consider an Increase in the Paramedic Fee for Fiscal Year 2025-26 from \$6.50 to \$6.70.** The annual review of the Paramedic Service Fee is necessary to maintain financial sustainability and ensure high-quality emergency medical services. The City Council will determine whether an adjustment to the current fee is required based on financial projections, operational needs, and public input during the hearing.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the resolution titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE," to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$6.50 to \$6.70.

8. **Public Hearing to Approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Comprehensive Fee Schedule.** The City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule is reviewed each year as part of the annual budget process. Adjustments are made to reflect changes in the cost of services in accordance with State and local law. The proposed Resolution provides for adjustment to the 2025-26 Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 24-48 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FEES AND POLICIES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LA VERNE."

DISCUSSION CALENDAR (FORMERLY KNOWN AS OTHER MATTERS)

9. **First Reading of an Ordinance Reorganizing the City's Public Advisory Committees, Commissions, and Boards and Setting General Provisions for Membership and Operations.** City Council is asked to conduct a First Reading of an Ordinance restructuring the City's advisory Commissions, Committees, and Boards and setting general provisions for committee membership and operations. The proposed changes provide more advisory opportunities for residents as well as create advisory committees across the major policy issues of the City Council.

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance 25-XX, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE,

CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 2.46 AND AMENDING CHAPTERS 2.48 AND 2.54 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING FORTH GENERAL PROVISIONS GOVERNING BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND OFFICE."

- 10. Architectural Enhancements for the Metro A-Line (formerly Gold Line) Transit Oriented Development Pedestrian Bridge Project.** This discussion is to review decorative design options for architectural enhancements for the Metro A-Line (formerly Gold Line) Transit Oriented Development Pedestrian Bridge Project. These architectural features are not required for the bridge function and use, but if selected to be included in the final design documents, they will integrate common architectural treatment strategies to create a more cohesive and visually pleasing connection to the Metro A-Line La Verne/Fairplex Station.

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction and feedback for the architectural features presented in the staff report, including "Decorative Concrete Slip Forms", "Architectural Lighting" and "Bridge Signage."

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 and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. 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, MAY 5, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on April 15, 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, April 22 - Youth & Family Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, April 22 - Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee meeting - Cancelled

Saturday, April 26 - Community Yard Sale, Bonita High School Parking Lot, 3012 D Street,
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, April 26 - Sip of La Verne Wine Walk, Old Town La Verne, 5:00 pm- 8:30 pm

Tuesday, April 29 - Measure LV Oversight Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Sunday, May 4 - Senior Dinner Dance, La Verne Community Center, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 5 - Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District meeting, Café Wang,
8:30 am - 9:30 am

Monday, May 5 - City Council meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 6 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9 :00 am - 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 7 - Youth Sports Committee meeting, City Hall, 6:00 pm

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