



CITY OF LA VERNE

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Wendy Lau, Council Member
Steven Frank Johnson, Council Member

Rick Crosby, Council Member
Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, Mayor Pro Tem

Monday, May 5, 2025
Study Session at 5:00 PM & Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM
La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

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- Attend the City Council Meeting in person and fill out a comment card or raise your hand to request to comment on the current agenda item(s).
- Participate via Zoom, by visiting cityoflaverne.org/zoom where you will be automatically redirected to the meeting or call into the meeting via phone **1-669-900-6833** and enter **ID 857 1670 1845** when prompted. Public comments via Zoom may be accepted for the agenda items listed within the **Consent Calendar, Public Hearing** and **Discussion Calendar** sections of the agenda. Zoom participants who violate decorum protocols will be called to order by the presiding officer and if a violation continues, will be muted by direction of the presiding officer.
- 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.

STUDY SESSION AGENDA - 5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

STUDY SESSION TOPIC - BUDGET

City Staff will present a preliminary overview of the proposed operating budget and capital improvement plan for fiscal year 2025/26.

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 - MARIA ESTRADA, AIR FORCE AND ARMY VETERAN****ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Older Americans Month Proclamation. Every year in May, the City recognizes older Americans who contribute their strength and wisdom to developing a better nation. This proclamation is presented to the City's Senior Advisory Committee, who continue to provide essential input on the needs of older Americans in La Verne.

Military Appreciation Month Proclamation. May is recognized nationally to honor and recognize the contributions of current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces. This month-long observance aims to raise awareness and encourage appreciation for those who serve or have served in the military.

Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Recognition. The "Jack Huntington Award" was named after S. Jack Huntington, who moved to La Verne in 1970. Despite heavy professional obligations and time commitments to the U.S. Naval Reserve, Jack became actively involved in the community as a volunteer. He was active in various local organizations, including the La Verne Jaycees, Little League and the Youth Basketball program. Jack also served as a City of La Verne Commissioner for more than 15 years, completing two terms on the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as two terms on the Planning Commission. Jack Huntington was a citizen volunteer who exemplified the "Pride of La Verne" through selfless service to the community.

This year the "Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award" is being presented to Harvey Good. Harvey is a former ULV Professor of Biology and biology department chair for 20 years, is also a 42- year board member for the Inland Valley Humane Society. The Good Mobile was named in his honor, allowing the Humane Society to bring their services directly to the communities they serve. Outside of his volunteer efforts with the Humane Society, Harvey Good previously worked for more than 30 years as a volunteer firefighter and member of the Mountain Search and Rescue team of the Mt. Baldy Village. Harvey Good is now a resident of the Hillcrest Community. Congratulations Harvey!

Introduction of Firefighter Jared Tietgen. The Fire Department is proud to welcome back Firefighter Jared Tietgen, who originally served as an Ambulance Operator with La Verne Fire before

accepting a firefighter position with another agency.

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 & Regular Meeting of April 21, 2025.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of:

\$1,984,074.58 dated 04/09/2025

\$397,978.61 dated 04/16/2025

\$1,698,760.86 dated 04/23/2025

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the demands.

3. Oak Mesa Playground Replacement. The existing playground on the City owned property at Oak Mesa, now over 28 years old, no longer meets safety or accessibility standards and must be replaced. Staff recommends awarding a contract to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company through the SourceWell cooperative purchasing program for the installation of a new, ADA-compliant play structure with rubberized surfacing and integrated shade.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company in the amount of \$284,408.57 for the removal, site preparation, and installation of playground equipment at Oak Mesa Park; and
2. Re-appropriate \$299,409 for the Oak Mesa Playground Capital Improvement Project, PK2402 from the Park Development Fund to the Measure A Fund, which includes \$15,000 for construction engineering and inspection of the project.

4. 1941 White Avenue, Offer of Dedication for Sidewalk and Parkway Easement. Novipax Buyer LLC, the applicant for a mixed-use development project located at 1941 White Avenue, is presenting an offer of dedication for an irrevocable sidewalk and parkway easement. The offer of dedication is a condition of approval for the approved project and the easement will facilitate public improvements along the north curb line of Arrow Highway reflective of the features in the adopted Old Town La Verne Specific Plan.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Clerk to accept the dedication of a sidewalk and parkway easement for areas identified in the conceptual plans for public use.

5. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Reorganizing the City's Public Advisory Committees, Commissions, and Boards and Setting General Provisions for Membership and Operations. The City Council approved the First Reading of an Ordinance restructuring the City's advisory Commissions, Committees, and Boards and setting general provisions for

committee membership and operations on April 21, 2025. This action conducts a Second Reading and requests Adoption of the Ordinance, which if approved, would become effective 30 days thereafter.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance 25-1130, 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."

6. **Quarterly Treasurer's Report Ending March 31, 2025.** The Quarterly Treasurer's Report provides an overview of the City's cash and investment holdings as of March 31, 2025. The report confirms compliance with the City's investment policy as set forth in 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 Quarterly Treasurer's Report for the period ending March 31, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Annual AB 2561 Staffing Vacancies Report.** Signed by Governor Newsome in 2024, AB 2561 requires a public agency to present the status of vacancies and recruitment and retention efforts at a public hearing at least once per year prior to budget adoption, allowing recognized employee organizations to present at the hearing. This report outlines the City's compliance with this new obligation.

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the Public Hearing for compliance with new legal obligations related to AB 2561.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8. **Adoption of an Ordinance Updating the Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) Pursuant to Government Code Section 51178 and the California Fire Code.** First Reading of an Ordinance updating the CAL FIRE Fire Hazard Severity Zone (FHSZ) maps for Local Responsibility Areas (LRAs) to reflect current fire risk conditions. The ordinance supports implementation of building standards, defensible space, real estate disclosures, and emergency planning in designated zones.

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce and waive further reading of Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES," accepting and implementing the updated California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) Local Responsibility Area (LRA) maps for La Verne.

9. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update - City Council Stakeholder Presentation and Discussion.** Stakeholder presentation to the City Council on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

Recommendation: That the City Council provide input and appropriate direction to Staff regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update.

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.

CLOSED SESSION**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.

ADJOURNMENT - IN MEMORY OF DON POLLOCK.

Donald was a longtime University of La Verne professor and Claremont resident, who passed away on March 24. He was 71. Born on December 18, 1953, in New York City, Pollock moved to the West Coast after graduating from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He worked at the University of La Verne for 28 years, where he advanced to full professor and was named Professor Emeritus upon retirement. He led the broadcast journalism program and played a central role in developing its film curriculum.

Pollock brought deep industry experience, producing over 300 films across genres including documentaries, promotional pieces, and performances. His students went on to win more than a dozen Emmy Awards. He also helped establish La Verne Community Television (LVTV), serving as station manager for over 20 years, and helped secure contracts for the University to operate PEG Access TV stations in La Verne and San Dimas.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Michelle Gonzales Pollock; daughter, Ariella Flora Gonzales Pollock Lustig (Jonah) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; son, McKinley Morganfield Gonzales Pollock; and brother, Blair Pollock (Rebekkah) of Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

**ADJOURNING TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN SPECIAL MEETING ON SATURDAY, MAY 17,
2025 @ 9:00 AM**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.**

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on April 29, 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, May 6 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Wednesday, May 7 - Youth Sports Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

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

Wednesday, May 14 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, May 19 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 21 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Observed, City Hall, and Community Center Closed

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Hall, 11:00 am

Tuesday, May 27 - Youth & Family Action Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, May 27 - Ad Hoc Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee meeting, City Hall, Large Conference Room, 5:30 pm