



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 19, 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 Steven F. Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, 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 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1):

Gonzalez v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV34625.

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 - ARMY VETERAN JOSEPH MAGALLANES

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

PRESENTATIONS

University of La Verne Baseball Team - For the first time since 2015, the University of La Verne (ULV) baseball team has been crowned the 2025 SCIAC Tournament Champions, securing an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament. In a thrilling championship finale, the Leopards rallied past Pomona-Pitzer for a dramatic 9-7 victory. ULV has enjoyed an outstanding season, boasting a 34-9 record and an impressive 79% winning percentage, which they look to carry into their postseason run. The team is led by head coach Scott Winterburn, with support from assistant coaches Keith Prager, Ralph Grajeda, Justin Duarte, Gabe Miranda, Matt Durant, and Luke Garcia.

University of La Verne Volleyball Team - The incredible 2024 University of La Verne volleyball season ended in the NCAA Division III Volleyball Championship Quarterfinals, when the Leopards fell in four sets to No.1 seed and two-time defending National Champions Juniata College. The Leopards advanced a round further than last year and finished with their best season since 2009 when they ended as the national runner-up. La Verne completed the season 26-6 with an NCAA Regional Championship, the program's first SCIAC Tournament Championship, two All-Americans, three All-Region selections, and four All-SCIAC awards.

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. During this time we recognize how public works professionals contribute to and enhance the quality of life in La Verne.

Asian American & Pacific Islander Month 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.

Police Department Introductions - The Police Department is formally introducing the following to the community: Officer Zachary Fidler, and Community Services Officer Daisy Pulido.

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 Study, Regular and Closed Session of May 5, 2025.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$203,876.17, dated 04/30/25, and in the amount of \$2,255,307.63, dated 05/07/25.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the demands.

3. Adoption of Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) Pursuant to Government Code Section 51178 and the California Fire Code. Second 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 adopt an 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.

4. Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 6 and Special Zones, Engineer's Report. Pursuant to the requirements of the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, part of Division 15 of the Streets and Highway Code of the State of California, an Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 6, including special zones (those areas receiving specific benefits in addition to the special citywide benefit) has been prepared for City Council approval. Said approval sets the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and schedules the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving on a preliminary basis the Engineer's Report, and setting the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

5. **Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 7, Engineer's Report.** Pursuant to the provisions of Division 15, Part 2, of the Streets and Highway Code, an Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 7 (La Verne Heights III) has been prepared for City Council preliminary approval. Said approval sets the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and schedules the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving on a preliminary basis the Engineer's Report, and setting the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

6. **Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 8, Engineer's Report.** Pursuant to the provisions of Division 15, Part 2, of the Streets and Highways Code, an Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 8 (Marshall Canyon Estates Specific Plan development) has been prepared for City Council preliminary approval. Said approval sets the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and schedules the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving on a preliminary basis the Engineer's Report, and setting the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

7. **Maintenance District No. 84-1M, Esperanza Road Slopes, Engineer's Report.** Attached for City Council 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, 2025 to June 30, 2026, and the assessment diagram.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving on a preliminary basis the Engineer's Report, and setting the public hearing for June 16, 2025.

8. **Update to the Rules for the Conduct of City Council Meetings.** The Rules for the Conduct of City Council Meetings is contained within Administrative Regulation 121, originally adopted in 2019, to ensure respectful and professional conduct among all meeting participants. The Administration Regulation is being updated to reflect current practices for virtual public participation via Zoom or other virtual platform.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the update to Administrative Regulation 121: The Rules for the Conduct of City Council meetings.

9. **Approval of the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District Annual Report and Intention to Levy an Annual Assessment.** The 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2025-26 for the BID at their meeting on June 2, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

DISCUSSION CALENDAR**10. First Reading of an Ordinance Changing the Date of the City's Municipal General Election.**

First Reading of an Ordinance changing the date of the City's Municipal General Election from alternating dates in March and June in even years to be consolidated with the November Statewide General Election.

Recommendation: Introduce by title only and waive further reading of an Ordinance titled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY IN ELECTION YEARS TO THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION (FIRST TUESDAY AFTER FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER) IN ELECTION YEARS."

11. Authorization to Hire a Retired Annuitant as Range Master for Oversight of Firing Range Use by Outside Agency.

The Los Angeles County Probation Department has requested to utilize the City's firing range for an agreed upon fee. The City does not have staff capacity to ensure safe operations during the requested use but has identified retired Sergeant Martin Weinreb who possesses the training and experience to provide this service. The recommended action is requested to comply with the California Public Employee's Retirement System regulations related to such retired annuitant appointments.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to appoint a retired annuitant pursuant to Government Code section 21224 under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to temporarily serve as a Range Master for oversight of the City's firing range during use by an external law enforcement agency.

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, JUNE 2, 2025 at 4:30 P.M. FOR THE BUDGET STUDY SESSION.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on May 13, 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**

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

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday, City Hall & Community Center, CLOSED

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Veterans Hall, 1550 Bonita Avenue, La Verne, 11:00 am

Tuesday, May 27 - Youth & Family Action Committee meeting, CANCELLED

Tuesday, May 27 - Ad Hoc Water & Sewer Rate Study Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Monday, June 2 - Old Town LV Business Improvement District meeting, Café Wang, 8:30 am

Monday, June 2 - City Council meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, June 3 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

Friday, June 6 - Senior Seminar Series, Community Center, 9:30 am

Monday, June 9 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm

Wednesday, June 11 - Public Financing Authority (EIFD) meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

Wednesday, June 11 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, June 16 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, June 18 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am

Friday, June 20 - Senior Seminar Series, Community Center, 9:30 am

Tuesday, June 24 - Youth & Family Action Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 28 - Family Night Swim, LV Aquatics Center, 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 29 - Concerts in the Park, Heritage Park, 6:30 pm