



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, June 2, 2025
Study Session at 4:30 PM
Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM
La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

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- 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 **896 4513 7072** 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 - 4:30 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.

STUDY SESSION TOPIC - BUDGET

Budget - Study Session #2. An 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 - ARMY VETERAN PHIL RAMIREZ****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

Pride Month Proclamation - Pride Month is a time to celebrate the identity, rights, and inclusion of LGBTQ+ people, and to advocate for inclusivity.

Introduction of new VFW Post Commander - Maria McKinney, Commander of VFW Post 12034, will introduce herself to the Council. She is the first female commander in the post's history, an Air Force veteran, and a proud ULV alumna who remains deeply engaged in the La Verne community.

Recognition to Veteran's Memorial Committee - Committee members of the 2025 Memorial Day Statue Dedication Ceremony will be recognized.

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 May 19, 2025.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$350,672.49, dated 05/14/25, and in the amount of \$2,878,835.46 dated 05/21/25.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the demands.

3. **2025 Legislative Session Advocacy Update.** Throughout the 2025 Legislative Session, the California Legislature has proposed over 2,000 bills. Utilizing the City's Legislative Platform, City staff have taken a proactive stance, monitoring dozens of bills and submitting position letters for proposed legislation that will have the most impact on City functionality.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the attached 2025 Legislative Session Advocacy Update.

4. **Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT) Financial Support and Asset Forfeiture Agreements.** Amended agreements with L.A. IMPACT for financial support services and federal asset forfeiture administration. The updates increase funding to reflect added staffing demands and formalize a mechanism allowing the City to receive \$1.05 in forfeiture funds for every \$1.00 in General Fund support. The amendment includes a \$750,000 transfer, resulting in a \$787,500 appropriation for eligible law enforcement uses.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND FEDERAL ASSET FORFEITURE SUPPORT AGREEMENT WITH THE LOS ANGELES INTERAGENCY METROPOLITAN APPREHENSION CRIME TASK FORCE (L.A. IMPACT)."

5. **Adoption of Ordinance Changing the Date of the City's Municipal General Election.** Adoption of the 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: That the City Council adopt the 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."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. **Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District - Affirming Annual Report and Levying Assessments.** The City Council adopted the Annual Report for the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District and declared its intention to hold a public hearing declaring its intention to levy an annual assessment for fiscal year 2025-2026 at their May 19, 2025 meeting. This public hearing will be held to accept any protests of the levying of the annual assessments.

Recommendation: That the City Council conduct the public hearing, accept any protests, override any such protests, and adopt the attached Resolution affirming the Annual Report and levy the annual assessments.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

7. **Request to Initiate a Pilot Project Adding Three Firefighter Positions to Improve Staffing Efficiency, Support Strategic Operational Readiness, and Address Overtime Requirements.** The La Verne Fire Department (LVFD), after consultation with City

Administration, requests approval to hire three additional full-time Firefighters/EMTs as part of a pilot program to assist in overtime reduction and continued achievement of standards of coverage staffing recommendations.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the terms of a Pilot Project and authorize the addition of three Firefighter/EMT positions to the La Verne Fire Department and corresponding reduction in overtime budgeting in the Fiscal Year 2025–26 Budget.

- 8. Request for Recognition of a New Employee Association – La Verne Fire Middle Management Association.** A group of fire management employees submitted a petition under the provisions of the City's Employer-Employee Relations Resolution requesting the formation and recognition of a new employee association called the La Verne Fire Middle Management Association. This group seeks to represent management-level fire personnel in classifications including Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, and Fire Marshal, who are currently unrepresented. Formal recognition by the City Council is recommended prior to moving forward with the next steps.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this report and direct staff to proceed with formal recognition of the proposed La Verne Fire Middle Management Association as a new employee association representing Deputy Fire Chiefs, Battalion Chiefs, and the Fire Marshal.

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.

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

Workers' Compensation Appeals Case: Dransfeldt, Christopher v City of La Verne (CJPIA). Case Number: WCAB No. ADJ19755035.

ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.**

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on May 27, 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, June 3 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

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

Wednesday, June 11 - Public Financing Authority (EIFD), 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

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

Saturday, June 28 - Family Night Swim, La Verne Aquatic Center, 4:00 pm

Sunday, June 29 - Concert in the Park, Heritage Park, 6:30 pm (The Silverados-Eagles Tribute)

Tuesday, July 1 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

Wednesday, July 2 - Youth Sports Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 3 - Holiday Closure, City Hall and Community Center

Friday, July 4 - Fourth of July Celebrations-All Day

Monday, July 7 - Old Town LV Business Improvement District meeting, Cafe Wang, 8:30 am

Monday, July 7 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 9 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, July 14 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm

Monday, July 21 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, July 22 - Youth & Family Action Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm