



CITY OF LA VERNE

COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION & 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, August 18, 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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Individuals who wish to share their comments with Council during the meeting may do so in a variety of ways:

- 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 laverneca.gov/zoom where you will be automatically redirected to the meeting or call into the meeting via phone **1-669-900-6833** and enter **ID 853-6695-6391** 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.

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(S)**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 Fire Middle Management, 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****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.

PRESENTATION

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - Community Risk Reduction Specialist Lonnie Shipman will be providing a brief overview on the current status of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update and encouraging residents and those who work in La Verne to participate in the survey and provide feedback and thoughts on hazards and risks in our City.

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 & Joint Public Financing Authority Meeting of August 4, 2025.**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. **Register(s) of Audited Demands in the following amounts:**

Fiscal Year 2024-25

\$859,790.61 dated 07-24-25

\$824,838.64 dated 07-30-25

Fiscal Year 2025-26

\$1,998,724.09 dated 07-24-25

\$1,782,306.82 dated 07-30-25

Recommendation: That the City Council approved the audited demands.

3. **Quarterly Treasurer's Report Ending June 30, 2025.** The Quarterly Treasurer's Report provides an overview of the City's cash and investment holdings as of June 30, 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 June 30, 2025.

4. **Body-Worn Camera & Digital Evidence Service Renewal.** The Police Department is requesting approval to renew its agreement with Axon Enterprise Inc. for body-worn cameras, in-car video systems, and digital evidence management, as continued service is needed.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to renew the agreement with Axon Inc. for a new five-year term, ensuring continued use of these essential tools for accountability, transparency, evidence integrity, officer safety, and community trust. The 5-year agreement total is \$922,373.25 with a year one cost of \$183,335.70.

5. **Resolution Canceling the September 2, 2025 City Council Meeting.** The first meeting in September 2025 is requested to be canceled due the Labor Day holiday and lack of business.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the attached Resolution titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, CANCELING THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING."

6. **Finding the Wheeler Avenue Park Project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act, California Code of Regulations Section 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction of Existing Structures and Facilities.** The City of La Verne is eligible to apply for a competitive grant through the State Land and Water Conservation Fund. Funding will be used to replace and upgrade the basketball court surfaces, field lighting, and play netting at Wheeler Avenue Park. Formal CEQA determination and submittal is required as part of the grant program.

Recommendation: That the City Council Adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THE WHEELER AVENUE PARK IMPROVEMENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PER CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 15302 (REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION OF EXISTING FACILITIES)."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Make Findings of Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act and conduct a First Reading of Ordinances Regarding Zoning Amendments Related to Accessory Dwelling Units, Reasonable Accommodation, Two-Unit Housing Projects and Urban Lot Splits, and adding a new section on Historic Structures and an Amendment to Chapter 8.20 Relating to**

Noise (Case Numbers 54-25ZA, 55-25ZA, 56-25ZA, 57-25ZA) as Recommended by the Planning Commission. State regulations require the City to bring the La Verne Municipal Code into compliance with State law and finalize implementing the General Plan. The proposed updates address accessory dwelling units (ADUs), historic structures and noise regulations, reasonable accommodations, and two-unit housing projects and urban lot splits as addressed in the General Plan Update and recommended by the Planning Commission at its June 11, 2025, meeting.

Recommendation: That the City Council, based on recommendation of the Planning Commission, introduce by title only and waive further reading of the following ordinances:

1. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE ZONING PROVISIONS OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080.17 (Case Number 54-25ZA);
2. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.56.090 RELATING TO HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND DELETING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO NOISE TO IMPLEMENT THE ACTION ITEMS SET FORTH IN THE LA VERNE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (Case Number 55-25ZA);
3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 18.116 AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 18.116 TO TITLE 18, ZONING, OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS SECTION 15061(b)(3) (Case Number 56-25ZA); and,
4. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 18.22 AND SECTION 16.12.060 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT STATE LAWS CHANGES RELATING TO TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65852.21 AND 66411.7 (Case Number 57-25ZA)

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8. **Los Angeles Metro Lone Hill Avenue to White Avenue Double-Track Project Update and Traffic Signal Concept Discussion.** Los Angeles Metro is nearing completion of the design phase for the Lone Hill Avenue to White Avenue Double-Track Project, which aims to improve track reliability and safety along the Metrolink rail corridor through City of La Verne.

Recommendation: That the City Council provide concurrence with the proposed design updates presented, including signalization of a U-Turn pocket on Arrow Highway that will be constructed as part of the regional transportation improvements.

9. **City Council Committee and Liaison Assignments for 2025-2026.** The City Council designates members to serve on City Council committees, regional boards and committees, and as liaisons to various City Committees, Commissions, and Boards, among other Community groups in order to continue to be informed and partake in local and regional issues. This action will designate current members to serve until the process is redone after the November 2026

election, unless performed earlier.

Recommendation: That the City Council review the list of assignments and select members to represent the City Council on the designated committees.

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@laverneca.gov. 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 CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2025, IS BEING CANCELED.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, AT 5:30 P.M.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on August 12, 2025, on the bulletin board at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, and on the City's website at www.laverneca.gov.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

APPLY FOR A CITY COMMITTEE

The City has numerous vacancies for City committees across all districts and residents are encouraged to apply. The committees include:

- Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (5 vacancies)
- Finance Commission (5 vacancies)
- Parks & Recreation Commission (5 vacancies)
- Planning Commission (5 vacancies)
- Senior Advisory Committee (6 vacancies)

To learn more about these committees and to apply, visit laverneca.gov/apply. Applications are due by **Thursday, August 28 at 5:00 PM**.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 20 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am

Monday, August 25 - Community Forum, Hillcrest Meeting House, 2705 Mountain View Drive, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday, August 26 - Youth & Family Action Committee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, September 2 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

Tuesday, September 2 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm - CANCELED

Monday, September 8 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm

Wednesday, September 10 - Public Financing Authority (EIFD) meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

Wednesday, September 10 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, September 15 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

Wednesday, September 17 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am