



CITY OF LA VERNE

AMENDED 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, April 20, 2026
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 Fire Middle Management Association, La Verne Police Officers Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, and all Unrepresented Employees.

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 - ERIC RODRIQUEZ, ARMY SERGEANT E-5

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

Damien High School Ice Hockey Team Recognition - The Varsity Ice Hockey Team competed in the Anaheim Ducks High School Hockey League during the 2025–2026 season in the Division III Ridge Conference, which consisted of 11 teams. Throughout the regular season, the team demonstrated exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship, finishing in first place in their conference with an outstanding record of 15 wins and 3 losses. Advancing into the playoffs, the Team continued their impressive performance and secured the Division III Ridge Conference Championship. Following their conference victory, Damien advanced to the Anaheim Ducks High School Hockey League Commissioners Cup Final, where they faced the Division III Valley Conference champions.

With a decisive victory, the Damien High School Ice Hockey Team captured the Commissioners Cup Championship. This historic achievement marks the first time in Damien High School history that the hockey program has earned the title of Commissioners Cup Champions, representing an extraordinary accomplishment for the players, coaches, school, and community during the 2025–2026 season.

The Team was coached by Scott Shand, Randy Scott, Samantha Pahia, and Addiel Julian. Team Manager is Amber Conway.

Varsity Players:	Carter Barlow	Benjamin Berry	Mason Conway	Ryan De La Fuente
Joshua Del Rio	Jack Donaldson	Matthew Floum	Joseph Forcheskie	Evan Grana
Deegan Gutierrez	Connor Reger	Kane Houfek	Michael Ingram	Mateo Julian
Zissou Landeros	Katherine Odell	Ashton Pahia	Aiden Saulibio	Aydin Martinez
Renner Thompson	Ryan Yamamoto	Boston Heston-Rojas	Robert Scharbach	III

Damien High School Wrestling Achievement - Damien High School Freshman Nathaniel Solorio, had the most successful season in school history. He finished the season with an outstanding overall record of 49 wins and 4 losses, showcasing his dominance on the mat. Throughout the season, Nathaniel recorded 22 pins, 19 technical falls, 88 take-downs, and 142 near falls. His achievements include becoming the 113 lb Baseline League Champion, earning the title of 113 lb CIFSS Champion, and securing a 3rd place finish at the Masters tournament in the 113 lb weight class. Congratulations Nathaniel!

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 6, 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$770,195.87, dated 04/01/26.

3. Updates to the Rules for the Conduct of City Council Meetings for Senate Bill 707

Compliance. Administrative Regulation 121 is being updated to comply with Senate Bill 707 and reflect current practices, including disruption response procedures.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve updates to Administrative Regulation 121: Rules for the Conduct of City Council Meetings.

4. Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 6 and Zones 2, 3, 4-I, 4-II, 5 and 6, Engineer's Report. Approve the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 6, set FY 2026–27 assessments, and schedule a public hearing for May 18, 2026.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt the attached Resolution, approving the Engineer's Report, and setting the public hearing for May 18, 2026.

5. Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 7, Engineer's Report.

Approve the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 6, including special zones, establish FY 2026–27 assessments, and set a public hearing for May 18, 2026.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt a resolution, approving the Engineer's Report, and setting the Public Hearing for May 18, 2026.

6. Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance District No. 8, Engineer's Report.

Preliminarily approve the Engineer's Report for Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District No. 8 (Marshall Canyon Estates Specific Plan), set FY 2026–27 assessments, and schedule a Public Hearing for May 18, 2026.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt a resolution, approving the Engineer's Report, and setting the Public Hearing for May 18, 2026.

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 period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, and the assessment diagram.

Recommendation: That City Council adopt a resolution approving, on a preliminary basis, the Engineer's Report and setting the Public Hearing for May 18, 2026.

8. **Award of Contract for the 2025-26 City of La Verne CDBG Curb Ramp Improvement Project.** This action will award a public works construction contract to Estate Design and Construction in the amount of \$88,495.00 for the City of La Verne 2025-26 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Curb Ramp Improvement Project. The project will be funded by CDBG and Gas Tax funds for the construction of missing or substandard curb ramps with accessible curb ramps and sidewalk panel repairs.

Recommendation: That City Council:

1. Award a public works construction contract to Estate Design and Construction the lowest, most responsible bidder, in the amount of \$88,495.00 for the 2025-26 CDBG Curb Ramp Improvement Project;
 2. Authorize the City Manager to issue change orders not exceeding 25% of the construction budget for a total possible cost of \$110,619; and
 3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order for design and construction management support to RKA Consulting Group for
a not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00 from available project funds from the Annual Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project (CIP
No. SI2301)
9. **Adoption of the Ordinance Updates to the La Verne Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units, Senate Bill 9 Two-Unit Developments, Urban Lot Splits, and the Definition of Emergency Shelter (Case Numbers 13-26ZA & 14-26ZA) and making California Environmental Quality Act Determinations.** Adoption of ordinance updates to the La Verne Municipal Code to ensure compliance with State law related to ADUs, JADUs, and SB 9 provisions and finding that the ordinances are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the following Ordinances:

1. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "EMERGENCY SHELTER" TO IMPLEMENT STATE LAW AND 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 AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3)," and
2. "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.”

10. Master License Agreement for Small Cell Wireless Facilities In the Public Right-of-Way.

Approval of a City Attorney approved template Master License Agreement for small cell wireless facilities within the public right-of-way and authorizing the City Manager to issue individual pole license agreements subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Master License Agreement.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Master License Agreement for small cell wireless facilities within the public right-of-way and delegate authority to the City Manager to execute Master License Agreements and individual pole license agreements subject to the terms and conditions of the City Council approved Master License Agreement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Public Hearing to Consider an Increase in the Paramedic Fee for Fiscal Year 2026-27 from \$6.70 to \$6.90. Public Hearing to consider an adjustment to the Paramedic Service Fee for FY 2026–27 to support ongoing service delivery, ambulance transport, and insurance billing.

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 2026-27 PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE," to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$6.70 to \$6.90.

12. Public Hearing, Making CEQA Exemption Determinations, and Approving, Setting, and providing for Annual Cost Increases to Affordable Housing Development Impact Fees.

Consider approval of the Development Impact Fee (DIF) Nexus Study for affordable housing linkage and in-lieu fees, establishment of maximum legally defensible fee levels, setting initial fees, and direction to the City Manager to negotiate applicable fees through development agreements on a project-by-project basis as applicable.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Development Impact Fee update; and
2. Find that the actions proposed herein are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378 (b) (4), 15061 (b) (3), and 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges); and
3. Adopt a resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING LINKAGE & IN-LIEU DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE JUSTIFICATION STUDY AND SETTING INITIAL FEES"; and
4. Approve a justifiable per square foot fee and provide authority to the City Manager to negotiate and determine an applicable fee amount on a project-by-project basis; and
5. Approve annual adjustments tied to the California Construction Cost Index (CCCI) to account for inflation in construction and acquisition costs.

13. Public Hearing to Determine Necessity of Utility User's Tax. Public Hearing to consider continuation of the Utility User's Tax (UUT) in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.10.170, supporting General Fund services including police, fire, recreation, and public works.

Recommendation: That the City Council maintain the City's Utility User's Tax at the current voter-approved rates for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

- 14. Public Hearing to Approve the Fiscal Year 2026-27 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 2026-27 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, REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 25-68 RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FEES AND POLICIES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF LA VERNE."

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 15. 2026 Strategic Plan & Program Review.** Overview of the February 7, 2026, Strategic Planning Session, including City Council direction on Program Review and consideration of revenue and expenditure strategies.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file this report summarizing the February 7, 2026, Strategic Planning Session; and
2. Provide continued direction to Staff regarding expenditure reductions and revenue strategies necessary to achieve a balanced budget.

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

In Memory of Karl Bauer - Karl was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving honorably from 1966 to 1968. Although his official assignment was in bridge construction, his aptitude and interest led him to take on responsibilities as a radio operator. From 1980 to 1985, he further demonstrated his commitment to public service as a volunteer deputy. In 1976, he settled in San Dimas, California, where he raised his family and became an active member of the community.

In 2012, Mr. Bauer joined Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 12034, where he devoted himself to supporting fellow veterans. He was especially known for ensuring that new members received guidance and assistance, a commitment he upheld until the final month of his life. Outside his service and community involvement, his personal interests included golfing, woodworking, and working on automobiles.

The City Council extends its deepest condolences to the Bauer family and honors Karl Bauer's life of service, dedication, and lasting impact on his community.

In Memory of Deputy Levi Vargas - Deputy Levi Vargas of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department tragically passed away on March 28, 2026, after suffering a medical emergency while participating in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. He was 30 years old and an 11-year veteran of the Department, most recently assigned to the San Dimas Station. Deputy Vargas was widely respected for his professionalism, compassion, and unwavering commitment to serving his community.

The City Council extends its deepest condolences to the Vargas family, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and all who knew and served alongside him. His service, character, and sacrifice will be remembered with honor and gratitude.

In Memory of Mark Putnam - Mark Ronald Putnam (Bonita High School Class of 1969) passed away peacefully at home on March 24, 2026, surrounded by his loved ones, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 74 years old. Known to many as Ronnie, he grew up in San Dimas and later made his home in La Verne. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, with a posting in Germany. Mark is survived by his beloved wife, Shirlene Davis Putnam (BHS Class of 1969); his daughter and son-in-law; two granddaughters and a grandson-in-law; and one great-granddaughter.

The community mourns the loss of a fellow Bearcat and extends heartfelt condolences to the Putnam family during this difficult time. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026. CLOSED/STUDY SESSION AT 5:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Amended Agenda was posted on April 15, 2026, 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**UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

Wednesday, April 22 - Transportation & Infrastructure Commission meeting, City Hall, 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 3 - Senior Dinner Dance, Community Center, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday, May 4 - Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District meeting, Café Wang, 8:30 am

Monday, May 4 - City Council meeting, City Hall, Closed/Study Session 5:30 pm, Regular meeting 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 5 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9 :00 am

Monday, May 11 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, May 13 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, May 18 - City Council meeting, City Hall, Closed/Study Session 5:30 pm, Regular meeting 6:30 pm

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

Wednesday, May 20 - Finance Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 21 - Public Works Open House, City Yard, 2620 1st Street, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm