



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, July 20, 2026

Closed Session at 5:30 PM

Regular and Joint Public Financing Authority Meeting at 6:30 PM

**La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750**

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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 General Unit, La Verne Firefighters Association, La Verne Fire Middle Management Association, and all Unrepresented Employees.

Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1):

Guerrero v. City of La Verne, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 2:23-cv-00644.

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 - U.S. ARMY CAPTAIN ERSKINE LEVI****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

Fire Safe Foothills (FSF) Introduction - Funded by the Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE) and through the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), FSF is a wildfire preparedness and community resilience program serving communities throughout the San Gabriel Valley foothills, Antelope Valley, and Angeles National Forest, empowering residents with knowledge and resources to prepare themselves against wildfires.

National Parks and Recreation Month - Parks and Recreation departments strengthen communities by offering inclusive programs, maintaining safe and welcoming public spaces, and offers events for resident’s engagement.

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 June 15, 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. 2027 - 2030 Cooperative Agreement with the Los Angeles County Development Authority for Community Development Block Grant Participation. Resolution Approving Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal Years 2027-2030.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LOS ANGELES URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM" and authorize the City Manager to execute the Participating City Cooperation Agreement with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, and any related documents necessary to implement the Agreement.

3. Film Permit - Danielle Bruncati Productions. The City has been contacted by Danielle Bruncati Productions requesting permission to shoot a short film at a private residence located at 1459 3rd Street. Per the City's Municipal Code Chapter 5.57, film permits must be approved by the La Verne City Council.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Danielle Bruncati, and issue a permit for filming if all required steps are completed.

4. Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.40 to Title 10 of the La Verne Municipal Code Regarding Trailer Parking on Public Streets, Parking Limitations, Permit Exemptions, and Enforcement Provisions. Consideration of an ordinance amending Chapter 10.40 of Title 10 of the La Verne Municipal Code to revise regulations governing trailer parking on public streets, including parking limitations, permit exemptions, and enforcement provisions.

Recommendation: That the City Council Adopt an Ordinance titled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.40 TO TITLE 10 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING TRAILER PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS, PARKING LIMITATIONS, PERMIT EXEMPTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS."

5. Fiscal Year 2027 Office of Traffic Safety Grant Award. The La Verne Police Department was awarded \$66,500 in grant funding through the 2027 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement grant program. The grant requires City Council authorizing the acceptance of grant funding.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a resolution entitled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING FUNDS AND AGREEING TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE 2027 OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM."

6. Resolutions Calling, Consolidating, and Adopting Candidate Regulations for the La Verne General Municipal Election for November 3, 2026. The City's General Municipal Election will

be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The election will be consolidated with the County of Los Angeles who will be conducting the Statewide General Election. Pursuant to laws of the State of California relating to General Law cities, the Council is to adopt certain resolutions to include: Calling the election for the certain officers; requesting the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for consolidation and specific services for the City's General Municipal Election; and setting forth regulations for candidates' statements.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the following Resolutions for conducting the City of La Verne's General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026:

1. **Resolution No. 26-XX** - "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, **CALLING** FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES;"
2. **Resolution No. 26-XX** - "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE **CONSOLIDATION** OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE SAME DAY; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE RELATING TO THE CONDUCTING OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403;" and,
3. **Resolution No. 26-XX** - " A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO **CANDIDATES STATEMENTS** SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026."

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Confirmation of Weed Abatement Clearance Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-26.** The Los Angeles County Department of Agriculture has prepared a report for City Council consideration for weed clearance costs for appropriate parcels within the City. Pursuant to law, a copy of the 2025-26 Weed Clearance Charges was posted on the City's website.

Recommendation: That the City Council confirm the list of charges and direct the County Auditor to enter the assessment against the parcels of land on the current assessment roll.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8. **Public Financing Authority - Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Board Appointment.** Due to a vacancy on the PFA - EIFD Board, the City Council is asked to consider appointing a new public member to the Board.

Recommendation: That the City Council consider a public member appointment to serve on the Public Financing Authority - EIFD Board, to serve until a successor is selected.

9. **Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of CalPERS Retired Annuitant Robert Russell to Temporarily Fill a Critically Needed Position Pursuant to the Government Code.** Resolution authorizing the temporary appointment of Battalion Chief Robert Russell as a CalPERS retired annuitant following retirement. This appointment will ensure uninterrupted duties necessary to maintain effective Fire Department operations, support emergency response readiness, and provide continuity in fire suppression, emergency medical services, prevention, training, and administrative functions.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT AND 180-DAY WAIT PERIOD EXCEPTION FOR RETIRED ANNUITANT ROBERT RUSSELL," pursuant to Government Code Sections 21221(g), and CalPERS regulations.

10. **Resolutions Establishing Benefits for Executive Management, Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employees and Repealing Resolution No. 25-51 and No. 25-52.** In accordance with the City's compensation and benefit practices, and consistent with the allocations outlined in the approved budget process, the City Council is requested to approve an update to the benefit resolutions for Executive and Middle Management employees. These updates ensure alignment with established standards and supports the City's ongoing commitment to competitive and fiscally responsible employee compensation.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the attached Resolutions, titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES (DEPARTMENT HEADS) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 25-51 and a "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 25-52."

11. **Resolution Adopting a Salary Chart for Full-Time Employees.** The attached resolution and salary table reflect adjustments in compensation that have occurred since the last update in January 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A SALARY CHART FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 26-04."

12. **Consideration of Utilizing the Proposition 218 Process to Increase the Paramedic Service Fee (Measure GG) to Support Continued Paramedic and Ambulance Transport Services without further cost to residents.** The City Council is asked to consider proceeding with a Proposition 218 affirmative vote process to increase the assessment for Measure GG, the Paramedic Service Fee, for the purpose of providing waiver of all out-of-pocket expenses to residents for emergency paramedic and ambulance service in the City.

Recommendation: That the City Council direct staff to proceed with a Proposition 218 assessment process to increase the Paramedic Service Fee, for the purpose of providing a waiver of out-of-pocket costs to residents for emergency paramedic and ambulance service in the city, to \$14.00 per month, with an annual adjustment formula of a ratio of 80% Fire Personnel Cost Index and 20% Medical Care Services CPI.

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FINANCING AUTHORITY; FOLLOWING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL IMMEDIATELY RECONVENE.

LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

- 13. Resolutions Adopting Budgets for La Verne Mobile Country Club Mobile Home Park and Valley Rancho Mobile Home Park.** Annually, the La Verne Public Financing Authority (LVPFA) reviews and approves the operating budgets for the two City owned mobile home parks. The budgets do not reflect significant changes from previous years and are attached for the La Verne Public Financing Authority's consideration and adoption.

Recommendation: That the La Verne Public Financing Authority:

1. Adopt the attached Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR LA VERNE MOBILE COUNTRY CLUB MOBILE HOME PARK;" and,
2. Adopt the attached Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR VALLEY RANCHO MOBILE HOME PARK."

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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

Adjournment in memory of John Malarkey - John was a devoted husband, father, friend, City employee, and longtime contributor to the La Verne community. John served as a Recreation Leader with the City of La Verne for more than two and a half years. In this role, he assisted with opening park facilities, preparing athletic fields, and ensuring that City parks and recreation programs were ready to serve residents and families. His dedication, kindness, and commitment to public service made him a valued member of the City organization and a positive presence within the community.

John's service extended beyond his employment with the City. He volunteered extensively with

the La Verne Girls Softball Association and supported local youth sports and community activities. He also participated in the annual Christmas Morning program, bringing holiday cheer to families throughout La Verne while serving as Santa.

Through his generosity, dependability, and willingness to assist others, John made a lasting impact on the residents, families, volunteers, and colleagues who had the opportunity to know him. John is survived by his wife, Kelly, his daughter, Kaitlyn. Condolences to his Family.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED
FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.**

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on July 14, 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, July 22 - Senior Seminar Series, Community Center, 10:00 am

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

Sunday, July 26 - Concert in the Park, Heritage Park, 5001 Via de Mansion, LV, 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 1 - Family Night Swim, La Verne Aquatics Center, 3175 Bolling Ave, LV, 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 2 - Movie Night at the Park, Heritage Park, 5001 Via de Mansion, LV, 8:15 pm

Monday, August 3 - Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District meeting, Café Wang, 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Monday, August 3 - City Council meeting, City Hall Council Chamber, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, August 4 - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Wednesday, August 5 - Senior Seminar Series, Community Center, 10:30 am

Friday, August 7 - Dance for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Community Center, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday, August 9 - Concert in the Park, Heritage Park, 5001 Via de Mansion, LV, 6:30 pm

Monday, August 10 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm