

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE LA VERNE CITY HALL
Monday, September 18, 2017**

1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:35 p.m.

2. Council Members present: Mayor Don Kendrick
Mayor Pro Tem Tim Hepburn
Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Charlie Rosales
Council Member Muir Davis

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Assistant to the City Manager Teri Ledoux
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Public Works Director Dan Keeseey
Acting Community Development Director Eric Scherer
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre
Police Chief Nick Paz
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
Police Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez
Fire Battalion Chief Mike Thompson

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Little League Player Clayton Roland.

4. Presentation/Introductions
& Announcements

Incident at Las Flores Park Mayor Kendrick reported on an incident at Las Flores Pool. He stated that at a Bonita High School Water Polo Tournament, a player collapsed having difficulty breathing. City Employee Dillion Unsoeld immediately rendered help by administering an electric shock by using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), saving the player's life. The player is doing well and the La Verne Fire Department stated that Dillon's quick response and using the defibrillator saved the player's life. Mayor Kendrick commended and thanked City employee Dillion Unsoeld for his brave actions,

La Verne Little League 10-Year Old All-Star Team Presentation Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated La Verne Little League 10-Year Old All-Star Team. The Little League 10-Year Old All-Star Team advanced to the championship game in the District 20 where they lost to Claremont going 2-1 overall in the tournament. The team advanced, and won, the Section 3 Tournament going 3-0. They then moved on to the California State Tournament going 0-2. The team was coached by Mark Garcia assisted by Aaron Garica and Valeria Terrazas.

Dominic Garcia	Jacob Gill	Cody White	Nick Ramirez
Samuel Duenas	Parker Birdseye	Patrick Mollett	Ayden Garcia
Marc Lopez	Sean Kassounian	Noah Jimenez	Anthony Terrazas
Hayden Fisher	Greyson Jones-Fernandez		

La Verne Little League 12-Year-Old All-Star Team Presentation

Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated La Verne Little League 12-Year-Old All-Star Team. The Little League 12-Year Old All-Star Team won the District 20 Championship going 4-0 and outscoring their opponents by 40 runs as they moved on to the Section 3 Tournament and won the championship by going 3-0. They then moved on to the California State Tournament and finished 3rd out of 400 teams. The team was coached by Mark Smith assisted by Matt Kearns and Nate Smith.

Nolan Smith	Morgan Smith	Justin Kearns	Matthew Bustos
Justin Santiago	Tristan Rambaud	Clayton Roland	Seth Wrightstone
Travis Owen	Mikah Smith	Gabe Hubbard	Tyler Holley

University of La Verne Women's Softball Presentation

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated University of La Verne Women's Softball. The University of La Verne's Women's Softball program played a season to remember in 2017. The Leopards finished the season 31-14 overall and 20-8 in conference play. The Leo's won both the SCIAC regular season championship and the SCIAC Tournament championship, earning them a trip to play in the NCAA Regional Tournament in Tyler, TX. Not only did the Leo's do well on the field, the team also achieved an overall 3.46 GPA. The team was coached by Julie Smith assisted by Yvon Minogue and Henry Moranchel.

Hayley Jacquess	Alexis Schiff	Ashley Caro	Angelica DeAngelo
Haley Gomez	Elisa Ponce	Krystal Smith	Carly Condon
Michelle Deguzman	Melissa Garcia	Sienna Kendricks	Rachel Ogata
Justice Borden	Samantha Morales	Katheryn Navarro	Shelby Tevis
Ashley Villavicencio			

Badge Pinning Ceremony for Police Officer Dallas Solgat

Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated newly hired Police Officer Dallas Solgat. Dallas was born in West Covina, California on August 8, 1989 and graduated from Charter Oak High School in 2008. After high school he attended Citrus Community College for 2 years before transferring to the University of La Verne where he graduated in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Dallas' first job was at Durston Manufacturing Company in the City of La Verne as a warehouse employee where he worked for 2 years before being hired by the La Verne Police Department. Dallas graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy Class #423. His hobbies include driving old cars with his dad, playing with his dogs, watching football, watching drag racing and spending time with his family. His sister, Amber Solgat, pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning Ceremony for Police Officer Bradley Roy Bailey

Mayor Don Kendrick, on behalf of City Council, introduced and congratulated newly hired Police Officer Bradley Roy Bailey. Bradley was born May 28, 1987, in Corona, California. He grew up in the Ontario and Chino area. Bradley attended Don Antonio Lugo High School where he played football as a wide receiver and tight end and he graduated in 2005. Bradley continued his education at Mount San Antonio College and graduated in 2010 with an Associate of Science in Law Enforcement. Before being hired by La Verne Police, Bradley was an asset protection specialist with Saks Fifth Ave. and a product specialist with Hyundai Motors of America. Bradley graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy Class #423. He enjoys spending time with his family. His Mother Kathy pinned his badge.

Introduction of Bonita Unified School Cabinet Members and new La Verne School Principals

School Superintendent Dr. Christy Goennier introduced Bonita Unified School Cabinet Members and the new La Verne School Principals from Bonita High, Ramona Middle, Grace Miller, and Roynon Elementary Schools.

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, thanked School Superintendent Dr. Christy Goennier, school principals, and school board members for the great job they do for the students.

5. The City Council recessed at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:40 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, except for Items Nos F1, and F 2, Resolution Nos. 17-63 and 17-64, approving benefits for Executive Management and Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employee groups and Item No. G1, Ordinance No. 1077, relating to the use of Cannabis, was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion, as follows:

2016-17 Register of Audited Demands

2016-2017 Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$176,842.16, dated August 29, 2017. **Approved as recommended.**

2017-18 Register of Audited Demands

2017-18 Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$1,376,701.45, dated August 29, 2017. **Approved as recommended.**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the Month of August, 2017, **received and filed.**

Metrolink Double Tract Project - Support

Metrolink Double Track Project – Support - Metro completed 30% of the project design portion of the proposed Metro Double Track Project in July of this year. In order to move forward with the next phase of the project, Metro is asking for a letter of support from the City of La Verne to present to the Metro Board stating that this project is important to our City and they have City support to receive funding and move to the next phase of the project.

Staff recommended that the City Council should review and approve the letter of support for the Double Track Project. **Approved.**

Canterwood Odor Update

Canterwood Odor Update - This is the fourth update in regards to the petition that was received from homeowners/residents at Canterwood Road experiencing a bad odor coming from inside and outside of their homes which they believe is a product from the sewer lift station that is part of the Creekside residential project (22 new homes) under construction off of San Dimas Canyon Road. Staff continues to work with the developer of Creekside, Meritage Homes, to try and identify where the odor is originating from so it can be stopped.

Staff requested further deferral until the next council meeting to have ample time to get the pumps up and working again. The City will continue not issuing any new building permits, until at least the next Council meeting.

Pulled from the Consent Calendar for Further Discussion – Resolution No. 17-63, Establishing Benefits for Executive Management Employees (Department Heads)

Resolution No. 17-63 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES (DEPARTMENT HEADS) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-60. - The Resolution reflects changes in benefits for the Executive Management.

Pulled from the Consent Calendar for Further Discussion – Resolution No. 17-64, Establishing Benefits for Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employees

Resolution No. 17-64 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-61 - The Resolution reflects changes in benefits for the Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employee groups.

Resolution (s) passed & adopted, as recommended, as follows:

Resolution No. 17-65, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Renegade Racing for the Turkey Triathlon

Resolution No. 17-65 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH RENEGADE RACING FOR THE TURKEY TRIATHLON - The City Council is requested to consider a street closure for the 2017 Turkey Triathlon. Renegade Racing has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of a cycling race as part of a triathlon on Sunday, November 19, 2017. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone Dr. from Fairplex Dr. to Van Dusen Rd. between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. the day of the event. The race is expected to draw up to 400 participants. Recent policy has been to prepare individualized agreements for such large events. Staff has therefore developed a standard agreement outlining the traffic control plan requirements, locations, schedule, estimated fees, applicant's responsibilities, and insurance and indemnification requirements.

Staff recommended the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 17-65, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Renegade Racing permitting the cycling race on specified streets. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 17-66,
Authorizing Investment of the
City of La Verne Monies in Local
Agency Fund

Resolution No. 17-66 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE MONIES IN LOCAL AGENCY FUND AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 13-13. The California State Treasurer's Office Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) requires that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing City of La Verne officers to deposit or withdrawal monies in the Local Agency Investment Fund.

Staff recommended that the City Council approve the Resolution No. 17-66, authorizing investment of the City of La Verne monies in LAIF and approving new City personnel to make any deposits or withdrawals to LAIF and rescinding Resolution No. 13-13. **Approved.**

Pulled from Consent Calendar
for Further Discussion –
Ordinance No. 1077, Relating to
Medical Cannabis, Personal
Cultivation of Marijuana and All
Commercial Marijuana Activities

Ordinance No. 1077 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DELETING AND READOPTING CHAPTER 18.82 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MEDICAL CANNABIS, PERSONAL CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA, AND ALL COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA ACTIVITIES. Staff prepared an ordinance that would delete and replace Chapter 18.82 of the La Verne Municipal Code which currently regulates uses relating to medical marijuana. The Ordinance is in response to the State of California's Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) which allows the sale, cultivation, and use of recreational marijuana. It also reestablishes regulations relating to medical marijuana as authorized by the Medical Marijuana Regulations and Safety Act (MMRSA) and adds restrictions regarding recreational marijuana in accordance with the AUMA. Ordinance No. 1077, was approved and placed on first reading at the September 5, 2017 Council Meeting.

Ordinance(s) Second Reading, passage and adoption recommended, as follows:

Ordinance No. 1078,
Amending the Zoning Provisions
of the La Verne Municipal Code
Relating to Accessory Dwelling
Units in Accordance with State
Law

Ordinance No. 1078 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ZONING PROVISIONS OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW. Staff prepared an ordinance that would modify Title 18 of the La Verne Municipal Code relating to accessory dwelling units, also known as second units, in-law units and granny flats. The ordinance was in response to changes in State Law regulating accessory dwelling units and it was approved and placed on first reading at the September 5, 2017 Council Meeting.

Staff recommended passage and final approval of Ordinance No. 1078, amending the zoning provisions of the La Verne Municipal Code relating to Accessory Dwelling Units in accordance with State law. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 17-63,
Establishing Benefits for
Executive Management
Employees (Department Heads)
and Resolution No. 17-64,
Establishing Benefits for Middle
Management, Professional and
Confidential Employees

Personnel Officer JR Ranells reported on the Resolutions establishing benefits for Executive Management (Department Heads), Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employees. He gave an overview on the changes made in the benefits.

Mayor Kendrick called for public comment on this matter.

Rick Bowen, Eagle Drive, La Verne, thanked the City Council for addressing the issue of benefits, but he felt more needed to be done. He urged the City Council to vote No and to do a further study.

City Manager Russi stated that City Council has studied and discussed this matter in closed session and Council agreed to the changes.

Council Member Carder stated that the changes made were made at the direction of City Council. They met with staff and discussed this matter and it was the consensus of the City Council.

Council Member Davis stated this is a great first step in addressing the matter and it was a good decision by Council.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Davis, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No.17-63, establishing benefits for Executive Management and repeal Resolution No. 15-60 and Resolution No. 17-64, Establishing Benefits for Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employees.

Resolution No. 17-63,
Establishing Benefits for
Executive Management
Employees (Department Heads)

Resolution No. 17-63 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES (DEPARTMENT HEADS) AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-60. The Resolution reflects changes in benefits for the Executive Management. **Approved.**

Resolution No. 17-64,
Establishing Benefits for Middle
Management, Professional and
Confidential Employees

Resolution No. 17-64 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING BENEFITS FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 15-61. The Resolution reflects changes in benefits for the Middle Management, Professional and Confidential Employee groups. **Approved.**

Ordinance No. 1077, Relating to
Medical Cannabis, Personal
Cultivation of Marijuana and All
Commercial Marijuana Activities

City Attorney Kress reported on Ordinance No. 1077, relating to medical cannabis, personal cultivation of Marijuana and all commercial Marijuana activities. He stated that due to recent changes to State Law and changes to the Ordinance, it was necessary to pull from the Consent Calendar and bring back to City Council for first reading on Monday, October 2, 2017 and for final adoption on October 16, 2017.

7. Public Comment

This was the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Mayor Kendrick called for public comment. There was none.

8. Council Comments

Council Member Davis reported on La Verne Day at the Fair and said that it was amazing day,

Mayor Kendrick also reported on the La Verne Day at the Fair and the La Verne heroes who were recognized and honored on that day. In addition, he reported on the University of La Verne upcoming golf tournament to be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017. He thanked the Public Works Staff for doing an awesome job repaving Esperanza Drive.

9. Closed Session

At 7:49 p.m., the City Council met in closed session for the following purpose.

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator:	City Manager, City Attorney, and Personnel Officer
Employee Organization(s)	La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, Police Lieutenants Association and La Verne Firefighters' Association

Conference with its Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8 regarding:

Property:	2079 Bonita Avenue
City Negotiators:	City Manager, City Attorney, Deputy City Attorney, and Acting Community Development Director
Negotiating Parties:	The City of La Verne and Leonard Family Trust
Under negotiation:	Price and terms for an interest in real property

9. Adjournment at 9:05 p.m. with no announcement of any reportable action from the Closed Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk