

**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, November 6, 2017**

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1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:30 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 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  
Senior Planner Candice Bowcock  
Fire Battalion Chief Mike Thompson  
Police Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Welcome Back Senior Police Officer Laura Toscano Mayor Kendrick on behalf of the City Council, recognized and welcomed back Senior Officer Laura Toscano. Senior Officer Toscano recently returned to duty after she was seriously injured when she responded to a domestic call.
5. Military Recognition Program Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, presented two families a mini banner honoring their family members for serving in the military. La Verne has a total of 68 community members who are currently serving in our military. Two La Verne residents serving in the Military were recognized at the meeting, as follows:  

Nicholas J. Amen	Army
Marcus Fino	Army

There was a small reception after the presentation in the large conference room of La Verne City Hall.
6. Consent Calendar  
  
City Council Minutes It was moved by Davis, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, as presented, as follows:  
  
City Council Minutes of September 18, 2017, were **received and filed**.

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,077,269.63, dated October 10, 2017, and in the amount of \$498,391.44, dated October 17, 2017; and in the amount of \$1,529,298.01, dated October 24, 2017. **Approved as recommended.**

Employee Computer Purchasing Program - **Employee Computer Purchasing Program** - In 1994, the City Council initiated the Employee Computer Purchasing Program. The program allowed employees to purchase personal computers, software, and peripherals that are paid back through payroll deductions. Staff is requesting that a new purchase program be approved with a maximum purchase amount of \$1200 per employee. Part-time employees are eligible after review of their work schedule and with the approval of the City Manager.

Staff recommended that the City Council approve the 2017 Employee Computer Purchasing Program as outlined in the City of La Verne Administrative Regulation Number 603. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes **Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes** of September 26, 2017, were **received and filed.**

Canterwood Update **Canterwood Update** - This is an 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 determine the next steps.

Staff recommended that the City Council allow more time for staff to work with Meritage Homes to get the third party report from the engineer with his review of the newly installed pump and the overall systems performance. The City will continue not issuing any final permits or building permits, until at least the next Council meeting. **Received and filed.**

7. Complete Streets Policy Assistant Planner McCurley reported on the Complete Streets Policy. She reported that staff has prepared a Citywide Complete Streets policy. Complete Streets seeks to make the street network better and safer for drivers, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists, regardless of age, ability, or mode of transportation. A Complete Streets policy will provide overarching guidance for the City's transportation related planning efforts, including the Circulation Element of the General Plan and Active Transportation Plan, and will guide the direction of future developments and improvements made to the City's transportation network.

Council Member Carder stated this was a good first step and looked forward to its implementation.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 17-71, adopting a Complete Streets Policy. Resolution No. 17-71, approved as follows:

**Resolution No. 17-71** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAVERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY. **Approved.**

8. 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.

Andy Glaze, President of the La Verne Firefighters' Association, stated the Fire Chief's failure to send fire personnel and a fire engine to assist other cities during the recent fires in California is a disgrace to their profession and a continued retaliation against the Firefighters Association by the Fire Chief. He urged the City Council to terminate the Fire Chief as other cities that have addressed the same issue with their fire chief.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder reported on a Business Walk event in downtown La Verne. She stated the event was hosted by the Senator Portantino, La Verne Chamber of Commerce and the University of La Verne Small Business Development Center. Senator Portantino met with the business owners to hear their concerns and to find out how best he can support small local businesses.

Council Member Rosales reported on the dedication of the Ramona Middle School gymnasium and that it is a beautiful facility.

Council Member Davis reported on an educational Marijuana Forum about Marijuana edibles targeting teens. The forum was hosted by the La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee, La Verne Police Department and the Bonita Unified School District.

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Mayor Pro Tem Hepburn reported that he and Council Member Rosales attended the Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity Gala and that it was an amazing event. He reported on the Rotary Club of La Verne 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and the wonderful work they do in the United States and in other countries.

Mayor Kendrick reported on the following:

Old Town La Verne annual Halloween event and that it was a great turnout. He stated he had over 500 trick-or-treaters visiting his home.

A new outreach program called YANA (You are Not Alone) designed for community seniors by the La Verne Police Department. The Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP), visit once a week isolated senior citizens. He commended the La Verne Police Department and RSVPs for making La Verne a better place to live.

Commended Corporal Michael Martinez for his public safety presentation at the Hillcrest Homes.

Veterans Day Event on November 11, 2017, and the two Marines Corp soldiers, Corporal Austin Cox and Sargent Michael Vura will be honored and recognized at the City's annual Veterans Event for saving La Verne resident Katrina Hannah during the Las Vegas active shooting incident.

Council Member Hepburn commended the La Verne Police and RSVP for their awesome efforts in the school supplies drive. They collected enough school supplies that they will be able to send some to Puerto Rico.

10. Closed Session

At 6:59 p.m., the City Council recessed to a closed session for the following: pursuant

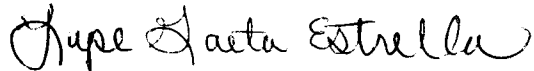
**Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Government Code §54956.9 (d) (2)(e) (3).** to discuss Claim of La Verne Firefighters v. City of La Verne, et al.

**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, La Verne Police Middle Management and La Verne Firefighters' Association
Unrepresented employee groups:	Management, Confidential and Middle Management

11. Adjournment at 8:30 pm, with no announcement of any reportable action from the closed session and City Council adjourned **to Monday, November 20, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.**, for a closed session regarding pending litigation.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk