

**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 20, 2017**

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
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Badge Pinning Ceremony for Firefighter Paramedic Chris Palmer
Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly hired Firefighter Paramedic Chris Palmer. Chris was born in Upland and raised in Claremont, California. He graduated from Claremont High in 2003 and became an EMT in 2004. He attended the fire academy at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria in 2005 and began working for the National Park Service in Yosemite, California. He returned to Southern California in 2006 and worked for Cole-Schaefer Ambulance for the next 3 years. In 2009, Chris was hired as a reserve firefighter with the 29 Palms Fire Department. After spending 4 years there, he was hired with Morongo Valley Fire Department in 2013. In 2015, he took a leave of absence and put himself through paramedic school at Paramedic Training Institute. Chris is assigned to "B" shift working at Fire Station 1. His badge was pinned by his wife Brittany.

Andy Glaze, President of the La Verne Firefighters' Association also recognized Firefighter Paramedic Chris Palmer and presented him with a pen.

Badge Pinning Ceremony for Corporal Mark Gutierrez

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly promoted Corporal Mark Gutierrez. Mark was born and raised in the City of La Verne and graduated from Bonita High School in 1994. In 1993, Mark joined the La Verne Police Explorer Program where his Explorer Advisor, at the time, was our very own Chief of Police Nick Paz. Mark began his career as a Police Officer with the City of La Verne when he graduated from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy in 2004 and has been employed with the City for the past 14 years. During his career, Mark has been a part of a number of assignments that include patrol, field training officer, firearms instructor, tactical operator and sniper for our regional SWAT team. Mark was also assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) where he was a sworn federal agent and investigated large scale narcotic traffickers through the use of wiretap investigations. Mark is currently assigned as a Detective with the La Verne Police Department's Detective Bureau. His daughter Reese Gutierrez and son Blake Gutierrez pinned his badge.

Badge Pinning Ceremony for Police Officer Addiel Julian

Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and congratulated newly hired Police Officer Addiel Julian. Addiel was born in the City of Bellflower and raised in the Cities of Huntington Park and Lakewood. He graduated from Artesia High School and graduated from the Long Beach Police Academy in 2004. Addiel joins the La Verne Police Department with 14 years of experience as a police officer with the Long Beach Police Department. He is married to Amy who was once a La Verne Reserve Police Officer and now is a Deputy Sheriff with the County of Los Angeles. His wife Amy pinned his badge.

5. At 6:42 pm, City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:52 pm.

6. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar, as presented, as follows:

City Council Minutes

City Council Minutes of October 2, 2017, **received and filed.**

Registers of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$616,180.01, dated October 31, 2017; and in the amount of \$1,485,202.78, dated November 7, 2017. **Approved as recommended.**

Treasurer's Report

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

Tract Map No. 72987; Gilead Science, Inc.; Bond Reduction

Tract Map No. 72987: Gilead Science, Inc.: Bond Reduction - Gilead Science, Inc. the developer for a single lot subdivision (Tract No. 72987), a manufacturing project on Wheeler Avenue at Puddingstone Drive has requested a reduction of their performance sureties. Staff has inspected and approved the required public improvements as complete and in conformance with the approved plans.

Staff recommended that the City Council should authorize the reduction to the surety requirements for Tract No. 72987 from \$620,252.50 to \$62,025.25 for the Performance Bond and release the Labor and Materials Bond. **City Council authorized the reduction of the surety requirements for Tract No. 72987.**

Appropriation for Aquatic Center Restroom Refurbishment

Appropriation for Aquatic Center Restroom Refurbishment - A budget amendment was requested to increase the amount in the Parks Development Capital Fund to complete the refurbishment of the restrooms at the Aquatic Center. The current amount budgeted for the project is \$42,000. After receiving bids for the project the amount came in higher than was budgeted. The total cost of the project is \$51,000. An additional \$9,000 will be needed to complete the project.

Staff recommended that the City Council authorize an appropriation from the Parks Development Reserve Fund to the Parks Development Capital Fund in the amount of \$9,000 for a total of \$51,000 for refurbishment of the restrooms at the Aquatic Center. ***Appropriation for Aquatic Center Restroom Refurbishment approved by City Council.***

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

Resolution No. 17-76, Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Greenleaf Events, Inc., for the Cruzin' La Verne Car Show

Resolution No. 17-76 - 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 GREENLEAF EVENTS, INC., FOR THE CRUZIN' LA VERNE CAR SHOW. The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the Cruzin' La Verne car show on November 25, 2017. Greenleaf Events, Inc. has submitted a request to close Third Street from B to E Streets and D Street from Second Street to Bonita Avenue. The street closure will be between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. the day of the event. There are expected to be 250-350 cars parked on the closed sections of the street.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-76, approving the temporary street closure of portions of D and Third Streets in Old Town La Verne. ***Agreement and street closure approved by City Council.***

7. At 6:53 pm, the City Council recessed to meet as the La Verne Successor Agency and reconvened to regular Council session at 6:56 pm.
8. Canterwood Odor UPDATE
Creekside Development
City Manager Russi gave an update on the Canterwood Odor-Creekside Development issue. He stated that this was an update in regard to the sewer lift station operation that is part of the Creekside residential project (22 new homes) under construction off of San Dimas Canyon Road. Meritage hired a third party Engineer, Dexter Wilson Engineering, to analyze and prepare a report to on the operation and design of the Creekside Sewer Lift Station. The preliminary engineer's report provides explanation why the sewer lift station is not working as it should; however it does not suggest how it can be corrected. Staff will continue to work with the developer of Creekside, Meritage Homes to determine the next steps to be taken.

The City Council expressed disappointment with the third party engineer's report. They stated they wanted this problem solved. The sewer lift station is ineffective and Meritage Homes should connect with the San Dimas Canyon sewer line if it cannot be fixed to function as designed. Council thanked the residents for their patience and agreed that this issue has been going on too long, and it needs to be resolved.

It was the consensus of the City Council to allow staff to continue to work with Meritage homes for a final resolution and the City will continue not to issue any final permits or new building permits until the issue has been resolved.

9. 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.
- William Calicchia, 4345 Emerald Avenue, La Verne, stated he has lived in La Verne for nine years and he appreciated the high level of service provided by the La Verne Police and Fire Departments. He urged the City Council to negotiate with these departments in good faith.
- Gary Hunter; Chelsea, asked about bicycle lanes in La Verne. The Public Works Director Keeseey stated he would contact Mr. Hunter regarding the bicycle lanes.
- Kelly Wolf-Arias, resident, stated she was very disappointed and hurt that the Community Emergency Team graduates were not recognized at tonight's Council meeting.
10. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports
- Council Member Carder reported on a very informative forum sponsored by the Youth and Family Action Committee, La Verne Police Department and the Bonita Unified School District for parents regarding the dangers of Marijuana edibles. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Council Member Rosales wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Council Member Davis wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reported on a recent bicycle coalition meeting. He reported there were good discussions on the importance of providing good bicycle roads and bicycle safety.
- Mayor Pro Tem Hepburn also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and strongly encouraged the public to shop La Verne. He also reported on the bicycle coalition meeting. He said the meeting was amazing.
- Mayor Kendrick reported on the Claremont of Music event at Hillcrest Homes and the very talented musicians. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reported on the City's upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held at the next City Council meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 6:30 pm. There will be carolers and a visit from Santa Claus.
11. Mayor Kendrick closed the City Council meeting in memory of **Ronald Lynn Sillo, 72, retired La Verne Fire Battalion Chief** passed away September 6, 2017. He was born on February 10, 1945 in Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Ron was hired by the City of La Verne on September 1, 1973 and was a member of the fire department for 32 years. Battalion Chief Sillo was also the City's Fire Marshal. Ron had been battling cancer for the past five years but his positive outlook and friendly personality never diminished with his illness. Ron said he was "blessed with a great life, a great career, and an amazing wife" whom he adored and loved deeply. He did not want a funeral service but instead choose a gathering of friends to celebrate his life at a park near his Arcadia home which was held on October 28, 2017. Ron is survived by his wife Joyce.

12. At 7:17 pm, the City Council recessed to closed session.

Closed Session

The City Council met in closed session for the following purpose

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (a) (d) (1) to discuss Petersen v. City of La Verne WCASB Case No. CJPO30240LV.

City Negotiators: City Manager, Personnel Officer, and City Attorney

Employee Organization(s): La Verne Police Officers' Association

13. Adjournment at 8:30 pm, with no announcement of any reportable action from the closed session and the City Council adjourned meeting to Monday, December 4, 2017, at 5 pm., to meet in the conference room of La Verne City Hall for a City Council Study Session for an Overview of the Retirement System.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Clerk