

**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
Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

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 Keesey
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 of Police Captain Colleen Flores
Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and welcomed newly hired Police Captain Colleen Flores to the City of La Verne. Colleen was born in Leesburg Virginia before her family moved to California. She graduated from Upland High School and continued her education at Mt. San Antonio College, while volunteering as an explorer with the Upland Police Department. In 1994, Colleen was hired by the Chino Police Department as a Police Cadet. During her employment she attended the Rio Hondo Police Academy and was hired by the Arcadia Police Department where she has been for the past twenty-three years. Colleen worked a variety of assignments in Arcadia including: burglary and narcotics detective, SWAT operator and tactical flight observer for LA IMPACT, as well as implemented programs that benefit the community. In 2005, Colleen was promoted to Sergeant and in 2009 she was promoted to Lieutenant. She has a Master of Arts in Organization Leadership from Woodbury University, a Bachelor of Science in Business Management from Phoenix University and is currently attending the POST Command College. Her husband, Stan Flores is a Sergeant with the Arcadia Police Department. She has 2 stepsons Brandon and Travis and her daughter Kelly. Her stepson Brandon is currently in the U.S. Army and is deployed in Afghanistan. Her daughter Kelly pinned her badge.
5. At 6:41 pm the City Council recessed and reconvened at 6:59 pm.

6. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder, seconded by Davis, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, except for Item No. 4d, Canterwood Odor Update – Creekside Development was pulled for further discussion.

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of November 20, 2017, were ***received and filed***.

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$279,557.26, dated December 12, 2017, in the amount of \$1,520,756.13, dated December 19, 2017, in the amount of \$554,240.04, dated December 26, 2017; and in the amount of \$166,070.10, dated January 2, 2018. ***Approved as recommended.***

Declaration of Surplus Equipment **Declaration of Surplus Equipment** - Certain vehicles and equipment have been depreciated through the equipment fund and/or are scheduled for replacement. Each is no longer useful or is ineffective for current operational requirements. Upon replacement, each will become surplus to the City's operational needs and should be disposed of per Administrative Regulation No. 606.

Staff recommends that the City Council should declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Attachment A as surplus to the City's needs and further recommends that the staff be directed to sell each in a fair and equitable manner per Administrative Regulation No 606.

This action is not considered a "Project" under the definition of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is therefore not subject to CEQA review.

**PULLED FROM CONSENT
CALENDAR FOR FURTHER
DISCUSSION/**

Canterwood Odor Update –
Creekside Development

Canterwood Odor UPDATE – Creekside Development

Ordinances 2nd reading, approving recommended, as follows:

Ordinance No. 1082.
Amending Chapter 9.16 of Title
9 of the La Verne Municipal
Code Relating to Permitted
Rent Increases in Mobile home
Parks

Ordinance No. 1082 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 9.16 OF TITLE 9 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PERMITTED RENT INCREASES IN MOBILEHOME PARKS. Proposed Ordinance No. 1082 reflects amendments to the City's existing Mobile home Rent Review Ordinance to better protect residents who live in mobile home parks.
APPROVED..

7. Canterwood Odor Update
Creekside Development

Senior Planner Bowcock gave an update on the sewer lift station operation that is part of the Creekside residential project (22 new homes) under construction off of San Dimas Canyon Road. In her update, she reported that the new certified pumps have been installed and have been in operation since Monday, January 9, 2018. For a time, there were no complaints of odor, but since then; staff has received several resident complaints of foul odor.

City Engineer Milano was asked to report on this matter. He stated that he was not sure what is going on with the sewer lift station. He recommended that the City Council give Meritage 30 days to resolve the problem and after the 30 days, if not resolved, the developer will have to find other ways to pump the sewage.

The City Council expressed how disappointed they were that the problem has not been cured. They spoke of ways that the City can ensure and assist the developer to fix the problem. They discussed the possibility of connecting to the San Dimas Canyon Sewer line and the logistics of the project.

City Manager Russi recommended giving Meritage a final 30 days to resolve problems with pumps and the matter will be returned to Council by the deadline on how it will be resolved and to discuss other alternatives.

Mayor Kendrick called for public comment on this matter.

Frank Ramos, 6413 Canterwood Road, complained of the lack of progress. He was frustrated with lack of clarity of what steps are being taken to cure the problem. He asked what determines the final resolution after the 30 days trial period. He also asked that the pumping schedule of the honey wagon be changed from the weekends to a time better when most residents are not home.

Bryon Morales, 1605 Victoria Place, La Verne, stated that he has heard rumors of the Creekside Home Owners Association involvement in this matter. Staff replied that rumors were not true, the Meritage was solely responsible.

Mr. Shan, 6529 Canterwood, La Verne, stated that the odor smelled worse than the sewers/slums in Kenya, where he recently visited. He stated that the pumping system is not working and developer should connect with San Dimas Canyon sewer line.

Cindy Hurtado, 6515 Canterwood stated she is angry at the lack of progress and that she and her family have to live this way. She stated it was ridiculous that she and her neighbors have to put up with the smell and how much longer will it take to cure this problem. She stated she was seriously thinking of moving. She reported on behalf of a neighbor of hearing thumping noises and requested that staff look into the cause of the noise.

George Stofila, 6601 Canterwood, La Verne, stated he has many years of experience working with the City of Los Angeles building sewers. He is very frustrated with the odor and urged the City Council to find another cure.

Angie Ramos, 6413 Canterwood, suggested putting in a Christmas Tree Farm at the site.

Nora Stofila, 6601 Canterwood, La Verne, stated she was concerned about the 30-day period and residents not being home to monitor the odor. In addition, she was concerned with the scheduling of the Honey Wagon.

Gary Hunter, Chelsea, La Verne, stated that residents really have a problem and something has to be done.

After City Council discussion on the source of the odor and alternatives to cure the problem, it was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Carder and unanimously carried to give Meritage 30 days to cure the problem with pumps. If not resolved after 30 days, a plan of action and an outline to cure the problem will be presented to City Council at the February 20, 2018, meeting.

The City will continue not issuing any final permits or new building permits until the problem has been resolved.

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.

Gary Hunter, Chelsea Drive, La Verne, commended the La Verne Fire Paramedics for the amazing, professional job they do in saving lives.

George May, La Verne Library, Manager, reported on the Library's upcoming events in January, 2018.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked the Canterwood residents for coming and she asked them to please be patient while they try to resolve the problem. She assured them that they had the full support of the City Council.

Council Members Rosales and Davis both apologized to the residents for what they are going through.

Mayor Pro Tem Hepburn stated that the problem will be resolved and asked the residents to continue monitoring and contacting staff.

Mayor Kendrick reported on the Corner Butcher Shop Ribbon Cutting held in January and he proudly announced that the new "Bearcats Way" street sign has been installed. In addition, he reported on the new Pomona Valley Hospital Urgent Care Facility in La Verne and the upcoming ribbon cutting and open house which will be held in February, 2018.

10. Mayor Kendrick closed the Council Meeting in **memory of retired La Verne Fire Battalion Chief Edward Robert "Ed" Fenneman** who passed away on Thursday; December 21, 2017. Ed was born in Chicago Illinois on October 5, 1947. He served in the US Navy from 1964-1971. He joined the La Verne Fire Department in 1976 and retired in 2006. Ed was well known for his work on the City's 4th of July Fireworks show. He attended Charter Oak High School, Chaffey College, and the University of La Verne. He and his wife Barbara enjoyed traveling throughout the United States in their RV. He loved woodworking. He was a wonderful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife Barbara, daughters Kimberly Randall (Scott) and Melaine Abrams (James); two grandchildren; and sisters Rica Kemp and Dana Tartaglia.

11. Closed Session

At 8:19 pm., the City Council met in Closed Session for the following:

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6).

There will be no announcement.

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

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, La Verne Firefighters' Association, La Verne Police Middle and all unrepresented employees.

12. Adjournment at 8:19 pm, with no announcement of any reportable action from the Closed Session

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk