

**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, April 2, 2018

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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 Muir Davis  
Council Member Robin Carder  
Council Member Charlie Rosales  
Council Member Tim Hepburn  
  
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  
Community Development Director Eric Scherer  
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre  
Police Chief Nick Paz  
Police Captain Coleen Flores  
Police Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez  
Fire Chief Pete Jankowski  
Fire Battalion Chief Robert Russell  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Consultant Mark Alvarado  
Maintenance Manager Anthony Ciotti
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Fallen Pomona Police Officer Tribute and Funeral Mayor Kendrick reported attending the funeral of Pomona Police Officer Gregory Casillas who was shot in the line of duty. He stated it was an amazing tribute to the fallen officer by other police agencies. He thanked and commended the La Verne Police Department for their part in the tribute.
5. Badge Pinning Ceremony for Police Corporal George Quinn Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated Police Corporal George Quinn on his promotion. George was born and raised in Long Beach, California. He graduated from Long Beach Jordan High School in 1994 and attended California State University Los Angeles. George began his law enforcement career in 1999 as a Police Aide with the City of La Verne. In 2002, George attended the Los Angeles Police Academy and became an officer at LAPD where he worked for three years. He lateraled to La Habra Police Department and worked there as an officer for three years. In 2008, George lateraled back to the La Verne Police Department. The highlight of George's career was being assigned to a multi-agency AB109 Task force for 3 ½ years where he monitored probationers and parolees. George's wife Elise of 15 years pinned his Corporal badge.

Badge Pinning Ceremony for Newly Hired Police Officer Gabriel Salas

Mayor Don Kendrick on behalf of City Council introduced and congratulated newly hired Police Officer Gabriel Salas. Gabriel was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and migrated to the United States at a young age. He graduated from Sierra Vista High School in Baldwin Park. In 2006, Gabriel earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and in 2010, earned a Master's Degree in Psychology. Gabriel has over 16 years of experience in Mental Health and is currently the Assistant Director of Mental Health at Haynes Family Programs in the City of La Verne. In 2015, Gabriel was hired as a Level II Reserve Police Officer with La Verne. In 2016, Gabriel received the John Crook Memorial Reserve Officer of the year award for his volunteer service. On February 1, 2018, Gabriel graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Level I Academy. His wife Debbie pinned his badge.

Presentation of Proclamation declaring the Month of April, 2018, DMV/Donate Life California Month

Mayor Kendrick presented a proclamation declaring April 2018 as "DMV/Donate Life California Month" to Donate Life to Ambassador Ina Brown. The purpose of the proclamation is to bring attention to the importance of and the need for organ, marrow, and blood donations. He thanked Ms. Brown for her continued service to this valuable organization and commended the organization for their annual Rose Parade Float.

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items.

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of January 11, 2018, special meeting and of February 5, 2018. ***Received and filed as submitted.***

Registers of Audited Demands

**Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$959,329.43, dated March 20, 2018; and in the amount of \$397,018.18, dated March 27, 2018. ***Approved as recommended.***

Outstanding Older American Selection

**Outstanding Older American Selection** - On March 21, 2018, the Senior Advisory Committee nominated one senior citizen for the Outstanding Older American Award. This recognition is part of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program, which honors a senior citizen from each city in the County. The Senior Advisory Committee recommends that Yolanda Valadez be nominated as the 2017-2018 Outstanding Older American. Ms. Valadez resides in La Verne and has dedicated countless hours of service to the La Verne Community.

The Senior Advisory Committee and staff recommended that the City Council approve Yolanda Valadez as the Outstanding Older American representing the City of La Verne for 2017-2018. ***Approved as recommended.***

Mayor Kendrick commended and presented Yolanda Valdez with a Pride of La Verne certificate of recognition for her service to the community and for being selected **Outstanding Older American.**

7. The City Council recessed at 6:57 pm and reconvened at 7:03 pm.

8. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds, Approving Related Financing Documents and Authorizing Judicial Validation Proceedings

City Manager Russi briefly reported on the proposed Resolution authorizing the issuance of pension obligation bonds, approving related financing documents and authorizing judicial validation proceedings. He stated that on February 5, 2018, the City Council gave direction to City staff to proceed with the steps necessary to issue pension obligation bonds. He introduced Consultant Mark Alvarado who later also reported on the issuance of the pension bonds and to answer any questions from Council and residents.

Consultant Alvarado reported on the issuance of pension obligation bonds. He stated that the bond issuance could generate funds necessary to pay off up to 100% of the unfunded accrued liability ("UAL") that is owed to CalPERS, and to reimburse the City for amounts previously advanced to prepay the 2006 pension bonds. The first step in this bond issuance process is to approve certain bond documents and file a judicial validation action with the court. The validation action seeks to determine that the payments to CalPERS, including the UAL to be funded with the bonds, are an obligation imposed by law and not subject to the debt limitations of the California Constitution. He stated that many other cities have followed this same process for the issuance of pension obligation bonds, including the City of La Verne when they issued the 2006 pension bonds. The resolution also approves the Trust Agreement and the draft Bond Purchase Agreement. These documents identify the duties and responsibilities of the trustee (the bank), as they are responsible to make sure the bonds are authenticated and delivered, and to secure the payment of the principal and interest. He stated that the validation will be stated as "not to exceed" \$55 million. The amount will be determined once a fiscal analysis has been completed by the financial advisor and presented to Council for approval. After the financial analysis determining the size of the bond issue, the City Council will be presented with a resolution for final approval of the official statement. He recommended approval of the resolution approving the bond documents and issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$55 million, along with authorization to commence the validation action. Subsequent action will be requested of the City Council at a future meeting to determine the exact amount of the bonds to be issued, but in no event exceeding \$55 million.

Mayor called for public comments on this matter. There was none.

Council Member Hepburn stated that Council studied this matter for a long time and he noted the lower interest rate in financing the pension obligation bonds now. He stated it was extremely important to protect the City employees' pension.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis stated that it was prudent to go to the next step in issuing the pension bonds.

Council Member Rosales stated there was no choice; the City has to issue the pension bonds.

Council Member Carder also agreed there was not a choice and they need to issue the pension bonds.

Mayor Kendrick stated that City Staff studied this matter for months and the ways to control cost. It is a sound business decision.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 18-14, which approves the Trust Agreement and the form of Bond Purchase Agreement, authorizes issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$55 million, and authorizes City Staff to submit the necessary documents to the court in order to start the validation action.

Resolution No. 18-14,  
Issuance and Sale of Bonds in  
a Principal Amount not to  
Exceed \$55,000,000 to Refund  
Certain Pension Obligations  
and Authorizing Execution  
Certain Agreements

**Resolution No. 18-14** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000,000 TO REFUND CERTAIN PENSION OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRUST AGREEMENT AND A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AUTHORIZING JUDICIAL VALIDATION PROCEEDINGS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING ACTIONS RELATED THERETO.  
**Approved.**

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.

Gary Hunter, Chelsea Drive, La Verne, reported on potholes on Foothill Boulevard and he suggested building a training tower for the Fire Department at Cal Poly.

10. Council Comments and  
Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Carder invited everyone to the CicLAvia event on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

Council Member Rosales invited everyone to Grace Church's "Better Man" conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Council Member Davis reported on the Cool Cruise Event and the first Council Corner booth where residents could meet with a Council Member.

Council Member Hepburn reported on the Easter Egg Hunt Event and attending the fallen Pomona Police Officer funeral.

Mayor Kendrick reported again on the tribute to the fallen Pomona Police Officer, the rolling Vietnam wall, the groundbreaking of new apartments "The Landing", an Eagle Scout ceremony and the La Verne Heights' third graders tour of City Hall as part of a Student Government Program. He thanked Personnel Officer JR Ranells, Community Development Director Eric Scherer and Senior Planner Luke Seibert for being tour guides.

11 At 7:25 pm, the City Council recessed to Closed Session.

12. Closed Session

The City Council met in a closed session for the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)).

La Verne Firefighters Association v. City of La Verne, Civil Action No. 2:17-cv-08743- GW (AFMx)

Andrew Glaze v. City of La Verne, USDC No. 5:18-cv-00352-PA-SHK

Meritage Homes of California, Inc., v City of La Verne, LASC No. B5172622

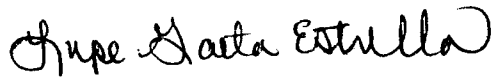
Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6).

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 Management Association and all unrepresented employees.

13. Adjournment at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant City Clerk