

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Robin Carder, Mayor Pro Tem
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Monday, March 15, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Tonight's Council meeting will again be closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. However, the City encourages public participation and as such want to make residents aware of the following opportunities on how to participate:

1. Individuals can email their comments to the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org up to noon on the day of the meeting. Those comments will be shared with City Council in advance of the City Council meeting and included as part of the permanent record. **Please be advised that public comments submitted by email or any other format to the City Clerk and City Council are public records and are available for public viewing.**
2. Individuals who wish to share their comments directly during the meeting may do so by emailing the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org with their phone number and the item(s) they wish to speak on. Requests will be accepted before and throughout the meeting and staff will call you back at the appropriate time. Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should contact the City Clerk's Office at (909) 596-8726 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Regular Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Davis, Council Member Crosby, Council Member Lau, Mayor Pro Tem Carder and Mayor Hepburn.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** (Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the general public may do so at this time)

5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)
 - a. **City Council Minutes of March 1, 2021, to be received and filed.**

 - b. **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$410,402.93 dated February 24, 2021; and in the amount of \$1,695,382.78 dated March 4, 2021, **approval recommended by Interim Finance Director Alvarado.**

 - c. **Treasurer's Report for the Month of September, 2020, to be received and filed.**

 - d. **2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR)** - The City is required to prepare an Annual Progress Report on the status and progress in implementing the Housing Element of the General Plan. This report is required to be presented to the City Council prior to submitting the report to the State.

Community Development Director Scherer recommends that the City Council authorize the Community Development Department to submit the Annual Progress Report for 2020.

- e. ***Staff recommends approval and passage of the following Resolutions:***
 1. **Resolution No. 21-13** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A FIVE-YEAR WEED ABATEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES (Extends Contract to June 30, 2026).

The services agreement between the City of La Verne and County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department for Weed Abatement expires on June 30, 2021. The County of Los Angeles is requesting approval of a renewal agreement now to allow sufficient time for approval by the Board of Supervisors prior to expiration of the current agreement.

City Manager Russi recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-13, approving an agreement with the County of Los Angeles for continued weed abatement services for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

2. **Resolution No. 21-14** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS URBAN GREENING PROGRAM.

The City Council approved Resolution No. 21-10 at its February 15th meeting approving the City's submission of a grant application for the Urban Greening Program. Unfortunately, the grant administrator with the California Natural Resources Administration did not accept the resolution as it did not meet the state's required format. Staff is therefore submitting a revised resolution for Council approval.

Interim Public Works Director Keesey recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 21-14, authorizing the submission of an Urban Greening Grant application to the California Natural Resources Administration and further designating the Director of Public Works as the person authorized to act on the City's behalf with respect to this grant application.

3. **Resolution No. 21-15** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' WHITE PAPER ON LAHSA REFORM.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in collaboration with its member cities, has developed and adopted a white paper addressing the shortcomings of the current homelessness services system within Los Angeles County, and providing recommendations for reforms, specifically in relation to the operations of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), to improve the delivery of services to reduce homelessness. To demonstrate the City's support for the implementation of the proposed recommendations identified within the white paper, staff has prepared Resolution No. 21-15 for the City Council's consideration.

Community Development Director Scherer recommends that the City Council approve Resolution No. 21-15 authorizing the adoption of the SGVCOG White Paper on LAHSA Reform (Attachment A).

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Second Weed Abatement Protest Hearing for Two (2) Properties left off the Weed Abatement List at the Protest Hearing held on February 16, 2021 - At the February 16, 2021, City Council Meeting, a protest hearing was held for protests to be heard from affected property owners. Two properties were inadvertently left off the Declaration List of Properties and a new protest hearing was scheduled for March 15, 2021 City Council Meeting at 6:30 pm for the two (2) properties. The property owners were noticed and notices are attached.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Following the protest hearing, the City Council should direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed for the two subject properties.

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

Mid-Year Financial Report - The 2020-21 Budget was approved by the City Council on June 30, 2020. Based on economic changes that have occurred since then, the Finance Division is providing a mid-year financial update report for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Budget assumptions were incorporated into the budget based on the 2019-20 fourth quarter economic ramifications of COVID-19 known at that time. As part of the budget adoption, City staff planned to come back to the City Council with updates at approximately three month intervals. This report to Council formally acknowledges those updates, as well as addressing additional changes that have occurred.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The City Council should approve the budget amendments detailed in the included Budget Amendments Listing (see attached), to adjust revenues and expenditure appropriations for the fiscal year 2020-21 budget. These adjustments will better align our budgets with expected results for the current fiscal year.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. Please email your public comment to the Assistant City Clerk at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org. Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. If you wish to speak, email your phone number and staff will call you back. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS** - Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the La Verne City Council
is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021, at 6:30p.m.**

**The La Verne City Council thanks the residents
for taking all precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus.**

ADVISORY STAFF

____ Robert Russi, City Manager
____ JR Ranells, Assistant to the City Manager
____ Robert Kress, City Attorney
____ Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk
____ Dan Keeseey, Interim Director of Public Works
____ Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
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____ Nick Paz, Police Chief
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