

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Robin Carder, Mayor Pro Tem

Muir Davis, Council Member

Rick Crosby, Council Member

Wendy M. Lau, Council Member



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3660 D Street

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Monday, March 01, 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 that 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. **PRESENTATIONS**

La Verne Community Design Awards (LVCDA) Presentation - T The biennial La Verne Community Design Awards (LVCDA) are being presented to seven (7) worthy projects in the categories of Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse, Institutional, Public Art, Residential, and Interior Design. A PowerPoint showcasing the award-winning projects will be presented. The award recipients are as follows:

Project	Address	Category	Award Recipients
The Ludwick Center	1920 Bonita Avenue	Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse, Institutional, and Public Art	University of La Verne Steinberg Hart
The Pieroth House	5894 Stephens Ranch Road	Residential	Paul & Jessica Pieroth, Owners
La Verne Landing	2363 First Street	Residential and Public Art	WF Construction
Magic Tea	1207 Foothill Boulevard	Interior Design	Feng Xiao, Owner
Moxie Salon	2138 Bonita Avenue, Suite A	Interior Design	Jeanette Paz, Owner
MJ's Onestop Barbershop	3837 Emerald Avenue	Interior Design	Majed Jajieh, Owner
"Origins"	2043 D Street	Public Art	Brian Worley, Artist

5. **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.)
6. **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 the regular and adjourned meetings of February 16, 2021, to be received and filed.
 - b. **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,045,831.12 dated February 10, 2021; and in the amount of \$1,169,696.11 dated February 18, 2021, **approval recommended by Interim Finance Director Alvarado.**

c. **Staff recommends approval and passage of the following Resolutions:**

Resolution No. 21-12 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE RESTORATION OF LIMITED CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS.

The San Gabriel Valley Water Quality Authority (WQA) is seeking the City Council's support to restore limited Congressional earmarks. The attached resolution and accompanying letters detail the importance of the earmarks, their critical role in past projects, along with benefits provided to the region through their use.

Deputy Public Works Director Ciotti recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-12, expressing the City of La Verne's support for the restoration of limited congressional earmarks and the accompanying letters that will be forwarded to our Senate and Congressional representatives.

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

- a. **Bowdoin Street at Williams Avenue Reopening** - The Community Development Department received an application proposing the development of 42 single-family homes at 2820 Amherst Street. During the review and comment period for the project, the City received comments indicating support for, and opposition to, the reopening of the Bowdoin Street intersection at Williams Avenue. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the project found that the proposed project does not have any bearing on the reopening of this intersection. Therefore, any consideration regarding the reopening of Bowdoin Street at Williams Avenue is not warranted as part of the project and if desired, should be a separate deliberation of the City Council.

Staff Recommendation:

The City Council should consider the following alternative actions:

1. Maintain the status quo.
2. Direct staff to conduct additional traffic studies and report findings to Council.

- b. **Mayor Hepburn has requested an item be placed on the Agenda for Council to discuss allowing the public to be included on video during the Council meetings.**

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. **CLOSED SESSION:**
 - a. **The City Council will meet in Closed Session for the following:**

Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
 1. D'Angelo v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 20STCV46057.
 2. In re: Property Located at 1816 First Street, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. pending.
 3. Wilkinson v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 18STCV08090.
 4. Briones v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC712621.
 5. Burton v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV27788.
 6. City of Arcadia, et al. V. Southern California Edison Co., Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 20CV02026. [Note: Councilmember Davis will not participate in the discussion of this case due to his employment with Southern California Edison Co.]

b. **The City Council will meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 for the following:**

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, Senior Management Analyst, 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the La Verne City Council
is on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**

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

ADVISORY STAFF

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___ Robert Kress, City Attorney
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___ Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
___ Mark Alvarado, Interim Finance Director
___ Nick Paz, Police Chief
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___ Bill Elftman, Information Services Manager

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