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**CITY OF LA VERNE
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

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Muir Davis, Mayor Pro Tem
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Wendy M. Lau, Council Member



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City Hall Council Chamber
3660 D Street
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Tuesday, January 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

3. ROLL CALL: Council Member Lau, Council Member Crosby, Council Member Carder, Mayor Pro Tem Davis and Mayor Hepburn.

4. Resolution No. 22-05 - Ratifying Local Emergency Due to Damage Caused by Windstorm. On Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2.56.050 of the La Verne Municipal Code due to substantial wind damage throughout the City on Friday, January 21, 2022 through Saturday, January 22, 2022. The damaging conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of La Verne and it warrants the need of a ratifying the existence of a local emergency.

Staff Recommendation:

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, RATIFYING THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY REGARDING WINDSTORM DAMAGES

WHEREAS, California Government Code 8630, et seq., and Chapter 2.56, Section 2.56.050 of the La Verne Municipal Code provide that the City of La Verne Council may proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the City of La Verne is affected or likely to be affected by public calamity; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City Manager proclaimed the existence of a local emergency pursuant to Section 2.56.050 of the La Verne Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been requested by the Director of Emergency Services to ratify the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the City of La Verne, caused by wind damage commencing on Friday, January 21, 2022 continuing through Saturday, January 22, 2022.

WHEREAS, the City's ability to mobilize local resources, coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, use mutual aid, and seek future reimbursement by the State and Federal governments is critical.

WHEREAS, the City Council does hereby find the following:

1. That these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of La Verne;
2. That the conditions of extreme peril warrant and necessitate the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency;

WHEREAS, though the Response and Recovery phases of operation is still fluid, it is anticipated the response and recovery will be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined financial assistance and resources from the local, State and Federal agencies, and their partners.

WHEREAS, The City of La Verne is requesting, in accordance to the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Stafford Act, financial Public Assistance to assist in response and recovery efforts, and expedited access to State resources and any other appropriate disaster relief programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a local emergency now exists throughout City of La Verne.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the threatened existence and actual existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances and resolutions of the City and approved by the City Council.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED to ensure that City vendors are paid in a timely manner, the City Manager and the City Treasurer are authorized and directed to approve the claims and demands, make payments thereon, and finally to bring those claims and demands to the City Council at future meetings for ratification of the payments made.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that response and recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Stafford Act; and that the State expedite access to State and Federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of La Verne, State of California.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of January, 2022.

Mayor Tim Hepburn

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk

Robert Kress, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Resolution No. 22-05**, was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of La Verne at a meeting thereof held on the **25th day of January 2022**, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY MANAGER ACTING AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY WINDSTORM THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF LA VERNE.

WHEREAS, City of La Verne Municipal Code Section 2.56.050 empowers the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to declare the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, including Section 8558(c), authorizes the City Manager to proclaim a local emergency when the City is threatened by conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City that are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City Manager did proclaim the existence of a local emergency due to windstorm damages pursuant to Section 2.56.050 of the La Verne Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare protection of life and property of City of La Verne residents, businesses, visitors and staff are of utmost importance to the City; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 21, 2022 through Saturday, January 22, 2022, the City sustained substantial wind damage throughout the City. The damaging conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of La Verne and it warrants the need of a proclamation declaring the existence of a local emergency.

WHEREAS, though the Response and Recovery phases of operation is still fluid, it is anticipated the response and recovery will be beyond the control of local resources and require the combined financial assistance and resources from the local, State and Federal agencies, and their partners.

WHEREAS, The City of La Verne is requesting, in accordance to the California Disaster Assistance Act and the Stafford Act, financial Public Assistance to assist in response and recovery efforts, and expedited access to State resources and any other appropriate disaster relief programs.

WHEREAS, Said local emergency will remain in effect until terminated by subsequent order of the City of La Verne Director of Emergency Services, terminated by resolution or other action of the City Council, or until the state of local emergency in the City concludes, whichever occurs earlier.

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of January, 2022.

Bob Russi, City Manager

Robert Kress, City Attorney