

CITY OF LA VERNE
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

Watch Live at www.cityoflaverne.org/stream

3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750

The Public Financing Authority meeting for La Verne's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District will be closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. However, the public is encouraged to participate in this meeting in any of the following ways:

- 1) View the meeting through the City's website at www.cityoflaverne.org/stream
- 2) Please submit your written comments via email at planning@cityoflaverne.org. They will be shared with the Authority Members prior to the meeting and will be made part of the permanent record. We ask that you provide those emails before 7:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. **Please be advised that public comments submitted by emails or any other format to the City are public records that will be made available for public viewing.**
- 3) Participate on Zoom by registering here before 8:00 am the day of the meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81585510619?pwd=bWdyWi8zWVhiN0NVQnlnZjU0WIA5dz09>
- 4) For individuals that wish to share their comments during the live stream, you may email planning@cityoflaverne.org by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting with a phone number and the item(s) you wish to speak on. We will call you back at the appropriate time during the meeting for your comment.

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 Assistant City Clerk's Office at (909) 596-8726 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members:

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair, Elected Member
Robin Carder, Vice Chair, Elected Member
Mayor Tim Hepburn, Elected Member
Raymond Skelton, Member of the Public
Vacant, Member of the Public

Staff:

Robert Russi, City Manager
Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
Peter Wallin, Attorney
Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk

2. **Approval of Minutes** – December 8, 2021
3. **Declaration of Emergency** - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, the Public Financing Authority may continue to hold their public meetings via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic by adopting a resolution. Staff has prepared a resolution declaring the need to continue to meet teleconferencing at this time.

Staff recommends that the Authority Board approve PFA Resolution No. 22-01 allowing for meetings to occur via teleconference.

4. **Update on Financing Approaches for Priority Projects of EIFD** – In March of 2021 the PFA concurred with the City Council's support on proceeding with a financing structure for the first round of improvements that were deemed important to be taken on at this time. Since that time, staff has completed the initial research including the estimated cost of these improvements, the structure of the financing, and the necessary actions needed to achieve them. This information will be presented to the PFA as an update and to seek support on proceeding.

No action is required by the Authority Board.

5. **L Line and Development Updates** – Staff will update the Authority Board on the progress of construction of the L Line and private development within or near the District.

No action is required by the Authority Board.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the Public Financing Authority 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. The Chair reserves the right to place limits on duration of comments.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Financing Authority will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., and is expected to be held virtually at www.cityoflaverne.org/stream

LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.
Teleconference

1. The Public Financing Authority meeting for La Verne's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District was closed to the public in compliance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus. Additionally, the meeting was conducted via teleconference with all Authority members and members of the public participating remotely.
2. A regular meeting of the La Verne Public Financing Authority was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Vice-Chair Carder.
3. Board Members Present: Mayor Tim Hepburn, Vice-Chair Robin Carder, Raymond Skelton, and Anish Saraiya representing Los Angeles County Supervisor Barger (Gilbert Ivey resigned).

Board Member Absent: Chair Los Angeles County Supervisor Barger.

Staff Present: Executive Director Robert Russi, Deputy Executive Director Eric Scherer, Deputy City Attorney Wallin, and Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella.

4. La Verne Public Financing Authority Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Minutes It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Skelton, and carried by roll call with a vote of 4-0 to approve the La Verne Public Financing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District Minutes of June 9, 2021 and September 29, 2021.
5. Declaration of Emergency Declaring the need to Continue to Meet Teleconferencing Deputy Executive Director Scherer reported on the need for the Declaration of Emergency declaring the need to continue to meet Teleconferencing. He stated that pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, the Public Financing Authority may continue to hold their public meetings via teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic by adopting a resolution. Community Development Director Scherer recommended that the Board adopt Resolution No. 21-03 to continue holding meetings via teleconference.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Skelton and carried by roll call with a vote 4-0) to approve PFA Resolution No. 21-03, allowing for meetings to occur via teleconference.

Resolution No. 21-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY (PFA) FORMING ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT NO.1 MAKING SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE PFA TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING.
Approved.

6. Pedestrian Bridge Design Update
- Executive Director Russi and Deputy Executive Deputy Director Scherer updated the Board on the status of the planned Pedestrian Bridge Design from the L line Station Plaza to the Fairplex campus. In addition, they reported on potential grants and other funding sources for the Pedestrian Bridge.

Vice Chair Carder called for public comment on this matter.

There was none

The Public Financing Board received and filed the update. No action was taken.

Board Member Hepburn and thanked staff for the update and for their work on the project.

7. Resignation of Board Member Gilbert Ivey
- Executive Director Russi reported that Board Member Gilbert Ivey resigned from the Board. He stated staff would work with the County of Los Angeles to identify someone to fill the vacancy for the County's consideration.

8. Street Improvements Update
- Deputy Executive Director Scherer reported along with power-point presentation on the status on the street improvements and design work underway for street and pedestrian improvements from the L Line Station Plaza to Old Town La Verne.

Voce Chair Carder called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

Update received and filed by the Board. No action was taken.

9. L Line and Development Updates
- Deputy Executive Director Scherer reported along with a power-point presentation on the construction progress of the L Line and private development within or near the District.

Vice Chair Carder called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

Update received and filed by the Board. No action was taken.

The Board wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

10. Adjournment at 9:36 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Financing Authority will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., and is expected to be held virtually and can be viewed at www.cityoflaverne.org/stream.

Respectfully submitted,

Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Secretary/Assistant City Clerk

PFA RESOLUTION NO. 22-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE LA VERNE PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY (PFA)
FORMING ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING DISTRICT NO.1 MAKING
SPECIFIED FINDINGS TO ENABLE THE PFA TO CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS
VIA TELECONFERENCING

WHEREAS, AB 361 (Rivas), and specifically Government Code section 54953 (“Section 54953”), authorizes local agencies to use teleconferencing without complying with the specified teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Ralph M. Brown Act when the legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting during a declared state of emergency and makes certain findings relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 54953 allows for local agencies to teleconference if the legislative body finds, among other things, that state or local official continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing or whether a state of emergency directly impacts the ability of the legislative body to meet safely and that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of California proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as result of the threat of COVID-19, which state of emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Officer declared a local and health emergency as result of the threat of COVID-19, which emergency remains in place; and

WHEREAS, teleconferencing meetings enables the PFA to retain the ability to continue to conduct meetings in a safe manner that would reduce exposure to members and staff to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, public access and participation remain a core value of the PFA, and the PFA has the capability to meet the requirements in Section 54953 to provide the public with the ability to view, hear, and participate in such meetings in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of all persons to participate in such meetings; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of extending the use of the provisions to conduct remote teleconference meetings without compliance with specified Brown Act teleconference requirements, the PFA must reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency that exists, and the PFA Board has done so.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the PFA Board does hereby find the existence of a local and state of emergency in California caused by COVID-19 continues to directly impact the ability of the PFA to hold public meetings safely in person and local and state health officials continue to recommend social distancing.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Public Financing Authority Board of the City of La Verne's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District No. 1, on March 9, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairperson, La Verne Public Financing Authority

ATTEST:

City Clerk