

# CITY OF LA VERNE

## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem

Wendy Lau, Council Member

Steve Johnson, Council Member

Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, Council Member



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**Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.**  
**La Verne City Hall – Council Chambers,**  
**3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750**

In compliance with the American Disabilities Act, any person with a disability who requires a modification or accommodation 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.

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If you wish to participate via Zoom, please visit [cityoflaverne.org/zoom](http://cityoflaverne.org/zoom) and you will be automatically redirected to the meeting. You will have the ability to watch the meeting in real time and raise your hand to request to comment as appropriate on the current agenda item(s). Once it is your turn to speak, you will be brought into the meeting and have the ability to turn your video on when called upon.

**Council Meeting Decorum:** Per the City's Rules for Decorum, all Speakers and Members of the Audience are to conduct themselves with decorum and not engage in willful conduct which interrupts the meeting or with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** by Veteran Antonio Rios, Marine Corporal.

## **ROLL CALL**

Council Member Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, Council Member Steven Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Mayor Pro Tem Rick Crosby, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation Declaring the Month of May 2023, as Older Americans Month.** Celebrating older Americans and the key role, they play in sharing the wisdom and experience that inform today’s decisions and actions, and fostering the connection and engagement that build strong, resilient communities. La Verne recognizes our responsibility to ensure that every American has the opportunity to age with dignity.

Proclamation will be presented to the Senior Advisory Committee.

**Older American Outstanding Nomination.** 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 58th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program, which honors a senior citizen from each city in Los Angeles County. The Senior Advisory Committee nominated Pat Baur as the City’s Outstanding Older American. Pat has been a La Verne resident for 16 years. He served over 4 years in the Navy. He attended Cal Poly Pomona and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business. He worked at Coca Cola working on IBM 360 series computers. After retirement, he joined the La Verne Heritage Foundation and contributed countless hours towards the maintenance and upkeep of the eastern side of Heritage Park, while also serving as Vice President on the La Verne Heritage Foundation’s Board. Pat is known as the “Leader of the Pack” amongst the Barn Boys, who along with this group, faithfully comes to work the grounds every Wednesday. Pat is instrumental in various special events that utilize Heritage Park.

Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, will present Mr. Baur with a “Pride of La Verne” Certificate.

**Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
Celebrating and paying tribute to the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to American history, society, and culture.

Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, will present Proclamation to Ken and Fang Valmonte, owners of Café Wang.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

(Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of future community event that is open to the public may do so at this time)

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

(All items on the Consent Calendar are routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)

1. **City Council Minutes of April 17, 2023**

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes for April 17, 2023.

2. **Register of Audited Demands**

Audited Demands in the amount of \$1,678,536.34 dated April 13, 2023, and in the amount of \$321,360.80 dated April 20, 2023.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Register of Audited Demands.

3. **Resolution No. 23-15 Ticket Distribution Policy**

The City Council is requested to approve a Ticket Distribution Policy to be included with the City of La Verne's Administrative Regulations. The Policy outlines the City's methods for ticket distribution and reporting that falls in line with regulatory requirements from the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council approve Resolution 23-15, titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY."

4. **Declaration of Surplus Property**

Vehicles and Equipment - This action will declare five vehicles and three pieces of equipment surplus due to age, condition, or no longer meeting operational requirements. Once declared surplus, the equipment will be disposed of per Administrative Regulation No. 606.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council declare the vehicles and equipment identified in Attachment 1 as surplus to the City's needs and direct staff to dispose of each asset per Administrative Regulation No. 606.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5. **2023-24 Paramedic Service Fee Adjustment**

The City's voter approved Paramedic Service Fee requires an annual public hearing to consider a rate change. The monthly fee is subject to an annual adjustment for a rate change based on the Consumer Price Index.

**Recommendation:** Adopt the Resolution No. 23-16 titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-24" to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$5.91 to \$6.35.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **6. Appointments to the Active Transportation Committee**

On July 18, 2022, the Assistant City Clerk gave notice of two (2) vacancies on the Active Transportation Committee (ATC). The City Council held ATC interviews on April 24, 2023, and will need to appoint two new members to the committee.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council conduct two motions to appoint new members to the Active Transportation Committee for a term of four years.

## **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 later. You can email your public comment to the Assistant City Clerk at [cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org). Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

## **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.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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

#### **Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Negotiators:

City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Attorney

Employee Organization(s):

La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, and all unrepresented employees.

- 2. **The City Council will meet with its legal counsel to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b)(1)(3)(A) – one potential case - Meter Read Error Issued at Multi-Family Complex.**

**ADJOURNMENT in memory of former City Council Member Patrick Gatti.**

Pat was a long time La Verne resident and business owner of La Verne Florist in Oldtown La Verne. He served as a Council Member for 21 years, from 1982 to 2003, and served as Mayor Pro Tem for some of those years. Pat had a deep passion for the community and ran for Council to serve as a voice for the residents of La Verne.

During his time on the Council, Pat collaborated with and led many committees and commissions including the Child Care Summit Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Human Services Commission, Homeowners Association Advisory Committee, and the Noise Pollution Committee, to name a few. His pride for the community extended far past La Verne’s borders spreading across the nation. After the 9/11 attacks, Pat Gatti assisted in the development of the parade as La Verne fire engines carried New Yorkers and their families through the streets. La Verne residents cheered and waved as these survivors made their way through the community. He valued collaboration and connections with others as he volunteered to visit our sister city in Acambaro, Mexico in 1987 and advocated for providing resources to their community. Gatti prioritized the economic development of the City and guided the Foothill Blvd Committee towards the development of multiple businesses that fostered La Verne's economic growth.

His service to the City continued after his time as a Council Member. He was part of the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District for many years. He continued to invest his time and wisdom to the community up to his move to Arizona. He enjoyed his retirement in Arizona spending time with his family and speaking fondly of his memories of La Verne, which was his pride and joy. He is survived by his son, John, and his sister, Rose Marie.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the La Verne City Council is scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2023, at 6:30p.m.**

**ADVISORY STAFF**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ken Domer, City Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ JR Ranells, Assistant City Manager
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meg McWade, Public Works Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eric Scherer, Community Development Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christy Lopez, Finance Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sam Gonzalez, Acting Police Chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Christopher Nigg, Fire Chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Yvonne Duran, Community Services Director
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cody Howing, City Engineer

**Posting Statement:** A true and correct copy of this Agenda was posted on April 25, 2023, at the bulletin board at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, and on the City’s website at [www.cityoflaverne.org](http://www.cityoflaverne.org).