

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1. The City Council Meeting was opened to the public. In an effort to keep a safe environment and to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, the City limited occupancy and required masking for those in attendance. To facilitate public participation for those who did not wish to attend in person, the meeting was made available virtually.
2. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Hepburn at 6:31 p.m.
3. Council Members present: Mayor Tim Hepburn
Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis
Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Wendy Lau
Council Member Rick Crosby

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
Assistant to the City Manager JR Ranells
City Attorney Robert L. Kress
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Police Chief Colleen Flores
Public Works Director Shawn Igoe
Public Works Manager Tracy Costello
4. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Lau.
5. Introduction of Police Chief Colleen Flores Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, introduced new Police Chief Colleen Flores. He stated that Chief Flores is the first female Police Chief in the Police Department's history of 116 years.
6. Announcements of Upcoming Community Events Danita Beauchamp announced that the next virtual Los Angeles Board of Supervisors meeting regarding Afflerbaugh and Paige Camp is on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Gilbert Ivey along with Julie Wheeler, co-chair of the Cultural Awareness and Social Inclusion Committee (CASI) reported on the committee and its purpose. They encouraged residents to attend meetings. Information on the committee and when they meet is posted on social media and the same information can be found at DiverseLaVerne website.
7. Consent Calendar It was moved by Carder, seconded by Crosby, and unanimously carried by roll call to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, except for the following:

City Council Minutes City Council Minutes of the regular and adjourned meeting of December 20, 2021, *received and filed*.

Register of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$2,354,498.91 dated December 8, 2021, in the amount of \$203,257.44 dated December 15, 2021, in the amount of \$1,382,597.08 dated December 23, 201; and in the amount of \$339,712.63, dated 12-29-21. ***Approved as recommended by Finance Director Pendleton.***

Staff recommends approval and passage of the following Resolutions:

City of La Verne General
Municipal Election, June 7,
2022

Resolutions No. 22-01, 22-02 and 22-03 - City of La Verne General Municipal Election - The City of La Verne's General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. The election will be consolidated with the County of Los Angeles who will be conducting the Statewide Primary Election. On December 20, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1108, changing the date of the City's General Municipal Election to the date of the statewide primary election of each even-numbered year, although this will result in a different election date depending on the year commencing with the June 7, 2022 election. The terms of the three officer holders set to expire in March or April of 2022 were extended by State law to expire following the certification of the results of the June 7, 2022, statewide primary election.

Pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of California relating to General Law cities, there are procedures, requirements and actions that must be taken by City Council for conducting elections. A resolution calling the election for the certain officers; a resolution requesting the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors for consolidation and specific services for the City of La Verne's General Municipal Election with the Statewide Primary Election; and a resolution setting forth regulations for candidates' statements must be adopted by City Council.

Assistant City Clerk Estrella recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolutions for conducting the City of La Verne's General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Resolution No. 22-01,
Calling for the holding of the
La Verne General Municipal
Election for June 7, 2022

Resolution No. 22-01 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALLING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES. ***Approved***

Resolution No. 22-02,
Requesting the Los Angeles
County Board of Supervisors to
Order the Consolidation of the
City of La Verne General
Municipal Election with the
Statewide Primary Election on
Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Resolution No. 22-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022, WITH THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ON THE SAME DAY; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; AND TO REQUEST THAT THE REGISTRAR RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY BE PERMITTED TO RENDER FULL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF LA VERNE RELATING TO THE CONDUCTING OF SAID GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CODE SECTION 10403.
Approved.

Resolution No. 22-03,
Adopting Regulations for
Candidates for Elective Office
Pertaining to Candidates
Statements

Resolution No. 22-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE PERTAINING TO CANDIDATES STATEMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022. **Approved.**

Purchase Agreement for
Meter Read Devices

Resolution No. 22-04 - Purchase Agreement for Meter Read Devices - The City currently bills approximately 8,700 accounts bi-monthly. Approximately 800 of those accounts are radio reads, or Automated Meter Reading (AMR). The current meter read devices (Handhelds) and AMR accessories were purchased in 2008 from National Meter. National Meter notified City staff that our handhelds and AMR accessories are no longer supported. Additionally, National Meter discontinued technical support of the software used for transferring the meter reads to the billing system.

Public Works Director Igoe recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-04 approving a purchase from Core and Main, Inc. for the budgeted purchase of Meter Read Devices and replacement of the current Automated Meter Reading (AMR) System, not to exceed the amount of \$190,000 for the AMR Meter Device Update Project; and to authorize the City Manager or his Designee to enter into a contract with Core and Main, Inc. for the purchase of Meter Read Devices and replacement of the current Automated Meter Metering Reading (AMR) System, for the AMR Meter Device Update Project.

Resolution No.22-04,
Authorizing a Purchase
Agreement between the City of
La Verne and Core and Main,
Inc. for Meter Read Devices
and Automated Read
Replacement System

Resolution No. 22-04 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA VERNE AND CORE AND MAIN, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF METER READ DEVICES AND AUTOMATED METER READ REPLACEMENT SYSTEM. **Approved.**

Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Regulations - Amending the La Verne Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 13.30

City Manager Russi introduced the Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Regulations and recommendation to amend the La Verne Municipal Code by adding Chapter 13.30. He stated that Public Works Manager Costello would report on the item. Public Works Manager Costello stated that Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383), the Short-lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act of 2016, requires jurisdictions to adopt and enforce an ordinance or another enforceable mechanism requiring organic waste to be diverted from landfills. In accordance with SB 1383, all jurisdictions must have a mandatory organic waste disposal reduction ordinance in place. Each year the City is required to demonstrate compliance efforts in the Electronic Annual Report (EAR) submitted to CalRecycle, the State's regulatory agency that oversees California's State-managed waste handling and recycling programs.

In addition, she reported that in November of 2020, the repeal and replace of Chapter 13.28 Collection, Removal and Disposal of Refuse went into effect. In Section 13.28.010(E) Declaration of Policy, mandatory compliance with SB 1383 was established. The City Attorney reviewed the municipal code requirements of SB 1383 and determined staff should implement relevant provisions of SB 1383 Regulations to the City Municipal Code for further clarification and enforcement purposes.

Mayor Hepburn called for public comment on this item.

There was one public comment at the meeting. (To hear what was said during public comment, please visit the City's website to view the archived Council meeting.)

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried by roll call to introduce, waive further reading and place on first reading Ordinance No. 1109, adding Chapter 13.30 - Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Regulations to Title 13 of the La Verne Municipal Code.

Ordinance No. 1109 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TO ADD CHAPTER 13.30 - MANDATORY ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS, TO TITLE 13 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

10. Public Comment

This was the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Mayor Hepburn called for public comment and waited for staff to check for any public comment via telephone communication.

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There were several public comments received at the meeting. (To hear what was said during public comment, please visit the City's website to view the archived Council meeting.)

11. Council Comments

Council Member Carder reported on the 96th year Christmas morning event. She thanked all the volunteers and staff who volunteered their time on Christmas morning to pass out the goodie bags. In addition, she reported on the Gold Line Construction time line.

Council Member Crosby wished everyone a Happy New Year! He encouraged residents to visit the City's website on the Afflerbaugh and Paige Camp issue for talking points. He also reported on the City's Christmas Morning event. He stated that the La Verne library is open and residents should visit. He stated that City Manager Russi would meet with the County regarding a letter that was received regarding Base Line Road.

Council Member Lau congratulated and welcomed new Police Chief Colleen Flores. She reported on Hillcrest Homes display honoring Martin Luther King. She thanked Peggy Redman and Glen Carr for their assistance in creating the display. She also spoke about Hillcrest's Art Gallery. She spoke about the Afflerbaugh and Paige talking points on the City's website. She urged residents to get the word out to and to rally people to the cause. She spoke about the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter and their articles. She urged residents to sign up and to get their free COVID-19 test kits and that everyone be safe and kind.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis urged residents to send letters using the talking points posted on the City's website on Afflerbaugh and Paige Camp to the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors and to attend the virtual meeting to be held on January 19, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. He wished everyone a Happy New Year! He stated that the Christmas Morning event went well. He thanked City staff, the residents who volunteered, the Community Emergency Response Team members (CERT), the La Verne Police RSVPS and the company who prewrapped the goody bags, for their participation in the Christmas Morning event. He reported on the Pomona Valley Transportation Committee (PVTa) meeting and that the agency is looking for drivers. He spoke about celebrating Martin Luther King Day, civil rights and voting rights. He stated that January is National Human Trafficking Month and that February is Black History Month.

Mayor Hepburn reported on the Christmas Morning event and stated that everyone did an outstanding job. He thanked staff and especially his driver on the Christmas route. He wished everyone a Happy New Year! He stated that La Verne businesses were still struggling and urged residents to support them. He spoke about the Afflerbaugh and Paige talking points on the City's website. He spoke about the Baseline issue. He praised Los Angeles County Sheriff Villanueva for bringing in the FBI to investigate the recent murder of an off-duty Los Angeles Police Officer because District Attorney Gascon is not doing his job.

12. Closed Session

At 7:50 p.m., the City Council recessed to meet in a Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The City Council met with its legal counsel to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(c)(d)(2)(e)(3):one potential case pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) .

The City Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 for the following

Conference with Labor Negotiators regarding the American Rescue Plan Act ARPA Premium Pay

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

13. Adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk