

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

Tuesday, January 25, 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.
2. A special meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Hepburn at 10:32 a.m.
3. Council Members present: Mayor Tim Hepburn
Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis
Council Member Rick Crosby

Absent: Council Member Robin Carder
Council Member Wendy Lau

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella
Public Works Director Shawn Igoe
4. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Davis.
5. Ratifying Local Emergency Due to Damage Caused by Windstorm

City Manager Russi reported on Resolution No. 22-05, ratifying local emergency due to damage caused by windstorm. He stated that on Saturday, January 22, 2022, acting as Director of Emergency Services he 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. He stated that the damaging conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the City of La Verne and it warrants the need for City Council to ratify the local emergency.

Public Works Director Igoe updated the City Council on the windstorm damages to the City. He stated that the City lost approximately 50 trees from this single event which closed several streets, sidewalks and parks, in addition to causing power outages throughout the City. The Public Works Department has received approximately 100 service calls pertaining to damage caused by the windstorm. Staff continues to prioritize these requests based on safety and access. Cleanup efforts are anticipated to be completed in February with some work such as sidewalk replacement and tree planting to be completed in the months to follow.

In addition, Public Works Director Igoe reported that bins have been placed at Fire Station 3, Mills and Kuns Parks to assist residents for disposal of green waste as of Tuesday January 25th.

Mayor Hepburn called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

The City Council commended and thanked the Public Works Crew who worked throughout the night, the Fire Department, especially Battalion Fire Chief Russell, La Verne Police Department and other public agencies for their outstanding job during a trying time.

It was moved by Crosby, seconded by Davis, and carried by a vote of 3-0 (Carder and Lau Absent) to approve Resolution No. 22-05, ratifying the local emergency due to damages caused by windstorm, as follows:

Resolution No. 22-05,
Ratifying the Existence of a
Local Emergency Regarding
Windstorm Damages

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.

6. 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.

There was none.

7. Adjournment at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk