

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LA VERNE**  
Monday, March 21, 2022

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1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Hepburn at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Mayor Tim Hepburn  
Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis  
Council Member Rick Crosby  
  
Absent: Council Members Carder and Lau  
  
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
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hepburn.
4. Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March, 2022 as "Red Cross" Month  

Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, presented to Erica Frausto Aguado, Executive Director of the Red Cross for the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys a Proclamation proclaiming the Month of March, 2022 as "**Red Cross**" Month honoring and recognizing everyday heroes who help us fulfill our mission in our communities and across the country, who donate funds, donate blood or volunteer to make a difference.

Erica Frausto Aguado, Executive Director of the Red Cross for the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys who attended the meeting virtually thanked the Mayor and City Council for the proclamation and for the City's continued support of the Red Cross.

Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Proclamation to La Verne resident Richard Bowen proclaiming the Month of March, 2022 as "**Irish- American Heritage**" Month recognizing the contributions that Irish immigrants and their descendants have made to U.S. society. Virtually every realm of American endeavor, from steel working to biotechnology to literature, has seen improvement through Irish-descended hands and minds.

La Verne resident Richard Bowen spoke about his family's Irish history and thanked the City Council for the proclamation.
5. Announcements of Upcoming Community Events  

Thomas Allison announced that the Cultural Awareness & Social Inclusion Committee (CASI) meets virtually on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. and that the next virtual meeting is on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hepburn announced that at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on March 15, 2022, the Board voted 4-1 to accept the motion and amendment by Supervisor Solis, removing Camps Afflerbaugh and Paige from further consideration as a Secure Youth Treatment Facility.

Mayor Hepburn thanked Los Angeles County Supervisors Barger and Solis, for their work, vote, and support in removing Camps Afflerbaugh and Paige from further consideration as a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. He also thanked the City Council, City Manager Russi and La Verne resident Danita Beauchamp for their leadership, educating the community and for staying on top of the Camps Afflerbaugh and Paige issue.

6. Consent Calendar
- It was moved by Davis, seconded by Crosby, and unanimously carried by a vote of 3-0 (Carder and Lau Absent) to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, except for the following:

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of an adjourned meeting of February 28, 2022, and the regular and adjourned meetings of March 7, 2022, ***received and filed.***

Street Closure for the Cool Cruise Car Show

**Street Closure for the Cool Cruise Car Show** - The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the Cool Cruise car show on April 16, 2022. Flying Deuces submitted a request to close Third Street from B to E Street and D Street from Second Street to Bonita Avenue. The street closure will be between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on the day of the event. It is expected that over 500 cars will be parked on the closed sections of the street, and at various University of La Verne parking lots.

Community Development Director Scherer recommended that the City Council approve the street closure and direct the Public Works Director to take the necessary steps to permit the temporary street closure for portions of D Street and Third Street in Old Town La Verne; and approve to waive administrative review fees necessary for the processing, permitting, management, promotion, and operations of the Cool Cruise Car Show with exception of the payment to the La Verne Police Department Reserves. ***Approved as recommended by staff.***

**Staff recommended approval and passage of the following Resolutions:**

Resolution No. 22-12,  
An Agreement with Majestic  
Cycling for La Verne Stage  
Race

**Resolution No. 22-12** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MAJESTIC CYCLING FOR THE LA VERNE STAGE RACE. - The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the La Verne Stage Race event. Majestic Cycling has submitted a request to use portions of Wheeler Avenue, Wright Avenue, Fairplex Drive, and Puddingstone Drive for a cycling race on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 through March 27, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Director Scherer recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-12, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Majestic Cycling permitting the cycling race on specified streets. ***Approved.***

Resolution No. 22-13,  
Approving the Final Track Map  
for Tract No. 83354,  
Brandywines Homes for an  
Eight Unit Affordable Detached  
Homes at Walnut and B Street.

**Resolution No. 22-13** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR TRACT 83354, A REQUEST BY BRANDYWINE HOMES, TO SUBDIVIDE THREE PARCELS WITH COMBINED AREA OF 0.7 ACRES AT WALNUT STREET AND "B" STREET INTO AN EIGHT UNIT AFFORDABLE DETACHED RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION - On September 28, 2021 the Planning Commission approved Tentative Tract Map No. 83354 for affordable detached homes (Brandywine Homes) located at the south/west corner of Walnut and "B" Streets. The Final Tract Map has been submitted for approval, allowing for the three existing parcels with an approximate combined area of .7 acres to be developed with eight detached homes.

City Engineer Howing recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-13, approving Final Tract Map No. 83354 for affordable detached homes and to direct staff to sign the map as to its conformance with the with the Subdivision Map Act, Specific Plan (65-20SP) and General Plan Amendment (123-20GPA). **Approved.**

7 Conflict of Interest/Lau

Council Member Lau was absent from this meeting. Her conflict of interest was because she lives within 500 feet of the proposed vacation of public utility easements on White Avenue.

Public Hearing for the Vacation  
a City's Water and Sewer  
Easement located at 1520 and  
1530 White Avenue.

City Engineer Howing reported on the vacation of a City of La Verne Water and Sewer Easement located at 1520 and 1530 N. White Avenue. He stated that on February 7, 2022, the City Council set the public hearing for the vacation of two utility easements on the subject properties for March 21, 2022 and that staff posted the appropriate notices pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code.

City Engineer Howing reported that the Public Works Department has inspected the existing utility easements and determined that the proposed vacation will not impact any existing or future service for the area.

Mayor Hepburn called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

It was moved Crosby, seconded by Davis, and carried by a vote of 3-0 (Carder and Lau Absent) to approve Resolution 22-14, vacating the two water and sewer easements located at 1520 and 1530 N. White Avenue and authorizing staff to record the quitclaim deed with the Office of the County Recorder.

Resolution No. 22-14,  
Vacating Public Utility  
Easements for Water and  
Sewer at 1520 and 1530 White  
Avenue

**Resolution No. 22-14** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, VACATING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS FOR WATER AND SEWER WITHIN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF PARCEL MAP NO. 6333 WITHIN THE CITY OF LA VERNE MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION. **Approved.**

8. Direction on Bond Issuance to Fund Priority Projects of Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD)

City Manager Russi reported that in February 2020, the City Council gave preliminary authorization for the City to pursue funding alternatives to initiate the work scheduled in the City's Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District's Plan (EIFD). Since that time, staff in collaboration with the Public Finance Authority (the EIFD's governing board) has been evaluating the priority projects, estimated cost, as well as acceptable options to finance the work. At their March 9th meeting the PFA was presented with an updated status report and provided authorization to proceed with issuance of a bond. Given that the bond would be issued under the City, staff is seeking the Council's concurrence before proceeding.

Mayor called for public comment on this matter.

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

The City Council authorized staff to continue the process, as previously directed, with the intent of returning for final authorization on the issuance of a lease revenue bond.
9. 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 were public comments at the meeting. (To hear what was said during public comment, please visit the City's website to view the archived Council meeting.)

City Manager Russi responded to the questions asked during public comment.
10. Council Comments

Council Member Crosby read a statement from Council Member Lau who was absent. She sent her apologies for not attending the City Council Meeting. She sent out a shout out to La Verne Little League Opening Day, National Irish-American Month, and Women's Month. She thanked La Verne resident Richard Bowen for bringing forward the Irish-American Proclamation and thanked Yvonne Gallegos from CASI for her research and for providing the wording for the proclamation. She invited residents to the re-opening of Fire Station No. 3, on Saturday, March 26, 2022. She also sent kudos to Fire Chief Nigg on his substantial fire plan. She asked that everyone stay safe and to be kind.

Council Member Crosby thanked Mayor Hepburn, La Verne resident Danita Beauchamp and Los Angeles County Board Supervisors Barger and Solis for their efforts and support pertaining to the Afflerbaugh and Paige Camps matter. He thanked Congress Member Napolitano for securing funding for the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge. He reported on the upcoming La Verne Stage Race sponsored by Majestic Cycling. He also thanked Mr. Alfred Sanchez from Majestic Cycling for the donation of 40 bicycles to the Youth and Family Action Committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis congratulated Damien High School Basketball Team for their 2022 CIF State Championships Division I win. He stated that La Verne Little League Opening Day was fantastic. He thanked Los Angeles County Board Supervisors Solis and Barger for their support and efforts in removing Camps Afflerbaugh and Paige from further consideration as a Secure Youth Treatment Facility. He also thanked La Verne resident Danita Beauchamp for the leading way in getting information out to residents and that she did an outstanding job. He thanked Congress Member Napolitano for securing funding for the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge. He invited residents to attend the re-opening of La Verne Fire Station No. 3 on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

Mayor Hepburn thanked the residents for their efforts in the Afflerbaugh & Paige Camps issue. He stated that the City dodged a bullet. He commended La Verne resident Danita Beauchamp for doing a great job in keeping residents informed. He thanked Congress Member Napolitano for securing funding for the Gold Line Pedestrian Bridge. He spoke about La Verne Little League Opening Day and that was nice to see the youth and their family members enjoying the day and the game. He thanked the Public Works Department for their work in getting the field ready for game day. He also invited residents to attend the re-opening of La Verne Fire Station No. 3 on Saturday, March 26, 2022. He reported on Bonita High School Car Show. He agreed that Sierra La Verne Golf Course was a mess and should be taken care of by the owners.

11. Closed Session

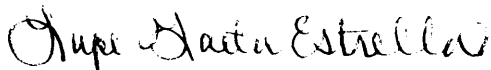
**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

The City Council met in a closed session, pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (a), to discuss Michael Hunt v. City of La Verne, Los Angeles Superior Court, Case No. 22STCV03552, for the following purpose:  
conference with legal counsel - existing litigation.

There was no announcement.

12. Adjournment at 8:00 p.m., to Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., for a Presentation to the Bonita High School Water Polo Team

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk