

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LA VERNE  
Monday, April 17, 2023**

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A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Hepburn at 6:30 p.m.

Before the start of the meeting, Mayor Hepburn welcomed the audience to the Council Meeting in which City business is conducted. He reminded everyone that per the City's Rules for Decorum, all speakers, members of the audience, and Council Members are to conduct themselves with decorum and to not engage in conduct that interrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Council Members present: Mayor Tim Hepburn  
Mayor Pro Tem Rick Crosby  
Council Member Wendy Lau  
Council Member Steven Frank Johnson  
Council Member Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita

Absent: None.

Advisory personnel present: City Manager Ken Domer  
Assistant City Manager JR Ranells  
City Attorney Kimberly Hall Barlow  
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella  
Acting Chief of Police Sam Gonzalez  
Fire Chief Chris Nigg  
Community Services Director Yvonne Duran  
Finance Director Christy Lopez  
Community Development Director Eric Scherer

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Paul Villareal, Marine Corporal.

**PRESENTATIONS** Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Proclamation to La Verne Library Manager George May, declaring the week of April 23 to 29, 2023, as National Library Week celebrating our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** Kathy Kalousek, La Verne resident, reported on the upcoming events hosted by the La Verne Historical Society and that they will have a booth at the Heart of Foothill Event scheduled for April 23, 2023.

Pam Berry, La Verne resident, announced that on Sunday, May 21, 2023, there will be a Family Day and Dog Festival to benefit the La Verne K-9 Foundation.

David Chavira, La Verne Police Detective, announced that the La Verne Police Officers' Association is holding a Golf Tournament on May 8, 2023, in Upland.

George May, La Verne Manager, reported on upcoming library events and programs.

Council Member Kashifalghita announced that on Sunday, April 23, 2023, is the Heart of the Foothills open street event and Saturday, April 29, 2023, is the Old Town La Verne Business Association "Sip of La Verne" Wine Walk.

Council Member Lau announced that Wednesday, April 18, 2023, is "Demin Day", Sexual Assault Awareness Day and that on Saturday, May 6, 2023, is the University of La Verne's Scholarship Gala.

Mayor Hepburn also reported on the upcoming "Sip of La Verne" Wine Walk. He announced that Bonita High School Theatre Department is holding a musical event "Legally Blonde" on April 27-29, at the Bonita Center for the Arts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Crosby, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items except for Item #3, Treasurer's Report was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion; and Council Member Lau declared a Conflict of Interest on Item #4, ULV Scholarship Gala Street Closure because she is on the University of La Verne Board of Trustees.

1. City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of the regular meeting of April 3, 2023.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Minutes for April 3, 2023. ***Approved.***

2. Register of Audited Demands

**Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,447,291.66 dated March 30, 2023, and in the amount of \$589,002.24 dated April 6, 2023.

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

Pulled from the Consent Calendar

Danita Beauchamp, La Verne resident, stated she asked to pull this matter off the Consent Calendar because she had questions pertain to the LAIF Investment Funds and LA Impact Funds. She asked what the City is getting back for providing fiduciary services to LA Impact.

3. Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2023

It was moved by Crosby, seconded by Johnson, and unanimously carried to receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 2023.

**Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2023** - The Treasurer's Report for Quarter ending March 31, 2023, is submitted for City Council to receive and file per City of La Verne Administrative Regulation Number 215, the Statement of Investment Policy, and the State of California's Government Code (GC) Section 53646. ***Received and Filed.***

Conflict of Interest/Lau

Council Member Lau declared a conflict of interest on this matter because she is on the University of La Verne Board of Trustees.

4. Street Closure Agreement for the 2023 University of La Verne Scholarship Gala

**Street Closure Agreement for the 2023 University of La Verne Scholarship Gala** - The City Council is requested to approve a street closure agreement for the 2023 University of La Verne Scholarship Gala Event. The request is to close portions of Third Street, between B Street and C Street, for the event occurring from May 4 through May 7, 2023.

**Recommendation:** It was recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the University of La Verne providing for a temporary street closure of a portion of Third Street, between B Street and C Street, for the La Verne Scholarship Gala occurring May 4 to May 7, 2023. ***Approved by a vote of 4-0 (Lau Abstained).***

5. Adoption of Ordinance No. 1115, Adding Chapter 10 (Military Equipment Policy) to Title 9 of the La Verne Municipal Code - Under Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481)

**Adoption of Ordinance No. 1115, Adding Chapter 10 (Military Equipment Policy) to Title 9 of the La Verne Municipal Code** - Under Assembly Bill 481 (AB 481), the City Council is required to annually renew the Police Department’s Military Equipment Use Policy and Inventory through adoption of an ordinance.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve a motion to waive further readings and Adopt Ordinance No. 1115, as follows:

**Ordinance No. 1115** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10 (“MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY”) OF TITLE 9, SECTION 10.04.010 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVING THE UPDATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY 709.

***Approved.***

**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. (Below are only partial public comments, please visit the City’s website to view the archived Council meeting.)

Danita Beauchamp, La Verne resident, thanked the City Council for presenting the National Library Week proclamation that matters to the community.

Joe Gabaldon, La Verne resident, addressed the City Council regarding the City’s budget and spending. He prepared a Budget Analysis from 2018 through 2022 which he gave to the City Council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Below are only partial Council comments, please visit the City’s website to view the archived Council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Crosby announced that Mt San Antonio College has a new President, Martha Garcia. He reported he attended a presentation centered on learning about and supporting the University of La Verne’s expansive mental health and well-being programs and initiatives along with US Assistant Secretary Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Congresswoman Grace Napolitano, and Mayor Hepburn. He stated that the car show event was tremendous.

Council Member Lau also spoke about the presentation on centered on supporting the University of La Verne’s expansive mental health and well-being programs and initiatives.

Council Member Johnson commended the La Verne Police for apprehending the individual who allegedly stole gardening tools throughout the community. He reported that he attended the 75<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary of El Siglo a local Hispanic group in the community.

Council Member Kashifalghita reported that he attended the San Gabriel Mosquito and Vector Control Board Meeting. In addition, he reported that he met with Bonita Unified School District Superintendent Wien regarding trade schools for students who did not want to go to college.

Mayor Hepburn stated that trade schools are extremely important. He reported on the upcoming "Sip of La Verne" Wine Walk. He urged residents to log-on to the City's website for upcoming events.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:22 p.m., the City Council recessed to Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 for the following:

**Conference with Labor Negotiators**

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Assistant City Attorney

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Police Officers' Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, La Verne Firefighters' Association, and all unrepresented employees

There was no announcement.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk