

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE
Monday, April 18, 2022**

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 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
Police Captain Sam Gonzales
Police Lieutenant Chris Dransfeldt
Public Works Director Shawn Igoe
Community Services Manager Yvonne Duran
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hepburn.
4. Older American Outstanding Selection

Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, named Sherry DiGregorio this year's Outstanding Older American representing La Verne. He reported that 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 57th Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program, which honors a senior citizen from each city in Los Angeles County. The Senior Advisory Committee recommended that Sherry DiGregorio be nominated as the City's Outstanding Older American as she exemplifies the true spirit of this year's theme 'Age My Way'. Ms. DiGregorio resides in La Verne and has dedicated countless hours of service to the community.

Recognition and Presentation of "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients for the **"Jack Huntington and Jim Scranton Awards"**

Mayor Hepburn reported that annually the City Council presents the Pride of La Verne "Jack Huntington Award" and the Pride of La Verne "Jim Scranton Award" to recognize volunteers who have made outstanding contributions and performed exemplary service to the City and the community. Each recipient receives an individual Pride of La Verne plaque and their names are placed on perpetual plaques displayed in City Hall.

“Jack Huntington Award”

Mayor Hepburn reported on the **“Jack Huntington” Pride of La Verne Award** He stated that the award was named after S. Jack Huntington who moved to La Verne in 1970. Despite heavy professional obligations and time commitments to the U.S. Naval Reserve, Jack became actively involved in the community as a volunteer. He was active in various local organizations including the La Verne Jaycees, Little League and the Youth Basketball program. Jack also served as a City of La Verne Commissioner for more than 15 years, completing two terms on the Parks & Recreation Commission as well as two terms on the Planning Commission. Jack Huntington was a citizen volunteer who exemplified the “Pride of La Verne” through selfless service to the community.

Mayor Hepburn announced that this year the **Pride of La Verne “Jack Huntington Award”** is being presented to **Sherry Best**. He stated that Sherry has always had an interest in public education and community service. She began her volunteer career in high school providing recreational services to children living at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center in Downey. Throughout her college years she volunteered at Danbury Elementary School for children with Orthopedic Impairments in Claremont. She continued her interest in special education as a teacher at Pacific State Hospital in Pomona and in the Magnolia School District in Buena Park. She trained teachers for over 30 years at Cal State Los Angeles. She is a published author who held office in her field at the state and national levels. One of her career highlights was traveling to Bangalore, India in 2003 and 2004 to help establish an early intervention program for at-risk infants and their families. Currently, she is the President of the La Verne Historical Society and a member for almost 10 years. She is passionate about local history and community engagement. She has said that it is never too late to get busy in the service of others. She loves the African proverb: “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

“Jim Scranton Award ”

Mayor Hepburn reported on the **Pride of La Verne “Jim Scranton Award”**. He stated that the award was named after long time resident Jim Scranton who was a member of the Youth Sports Committee since its inception. In 1986, he formed the La Verne Lazars Soccer Club organization which provides youngsters an opportunity to play soccer at a highly competitive level. Jim also spent five years on the City Sports Park Committee, which resulted in the development of 35 acres of sports fields for the community. He also participated in the City women’s soccer program as a coach. Jim is survived by his wife Susan and their children. The Youth Sports Committee recommended that a Pride of La La Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award be named in honor of Jim Scranton.

Mayor Hepburn announced that this year the **Pride of La Verne “Jim Scranton Award”** is being presented to **Michele Arvidson**. Ms. Arvidson has worked with AYSO for over ten years. She is the Director of AYSO “VIP Program” (Very Important People) working with players with mental or physical disabilities teaching them soccer. She is also a Board Member of the Lazars Soccer Club and a Bonita High School Soccer volunteer.

5. **Announcements of Upcoming Community Events**

Sherry Best, La Verne Historical Society President reported on their progress on fund raising efforts for the restoration of the Inman Conety1938 International truck. She stated that they would be at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, April 23, 2022 and they will also be accepting donations towards the restoration of the truck.

Richard Bowen, La Verne resident announced that the La Verne Coalition of Concerned Citizens (LVC3) will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" with the 2022 Election Council Candidates on April 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at 2104 F Street.

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Davis seconded by Crosby, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, except for the following:

City Council Minutes

City Council Minutes of the adjourned and regular meetings of April 18, 2022, ***received and filed.***

Register of Audited Demands

Register of Audited Demands as follows:

In the amount of \$1,498,552.16 dated March 17, 2022
In the amount of \$498,492.20 dated March 24, 2022
In the amount of \$1,048,491.72 dated March 28, 2022; and
In the amount of \$639,513.68 dated April 7, 2022

Approved as recommended by Finance Director Pendleton.

City of La Verne Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2022

City of La Verne Treasurer's Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2022

- As of March 31, 2022, the City had total cash and invested funds (cost basis) of \$72,010,871, \$19,286,077 held in a fiduciary capacity for LA Impact (Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Task Force) and \$3,555,588 maintained with a fiscal agent outside of the Treasury to meet the 1996 Revenue Bond covenant. The City's portfolio is fully liquid; 96% (\$68,774,171) maintained in on-demand accounts, which includes the State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF), and 3% (\$1,986,700) maintained in short-term corporate notes maturing within one year (1 to 50 days). The investment portfolio conforms to the City's investment policy and money is available to meet City obligations due within the next six months.

Finance Director Pendleton recommended that the City Council receive and file the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2022. ***Received and filed.***

Staff recommended approval and passage of the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 22-16,
An Agreement with Spectrum Sports for the LA Tri-Series Event

Resolution No. 22-16 - 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 SPECTRUM SPORTS FOR THE LA TRI SERIES EVENT - The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the 2022 LA Tri Series Event. Spectrum Sports has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of a bike race on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone Drive from Van Dusen Road to Fairplex Drive between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. the day of the event. The race is expected to draw up to 300 participants.

Recent policy has been to prepare individualized agreements for street closure events. Staff has therefore developed a standard agreement outlining the traffic control plan requirements, locations, schedule, estimated fees, applicant's responsibilities, and insurance and indemnification requirements.

The Community Development Director Scherer recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-16 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Spectrum Sports permitting the 2022 LA Tri Series Event on specified streets. **Approved.**

7. Ordinance No. 1110,
Military Equipment Use Policy

Police Lieutenant Chris Dransfeldt reported on the proposed Ordinance No. 1110, for consideration to enact a Military Equipment Use Policy. He stated that Assembly Bill 481 ("AB 481") went into effect on January 1, 2022, and requires that a law enforcement agency needs to obtain approval of its governing body to enact a military equipment use policy before purchasing, using, raising funds for, or acquiring military equipment. AB 481 requires that the policy be submitted to the City Council and posted on the City's website 30 days before the ordinance can be adopted to enact a Military Equipment Policy.

Police Lieutenant Chris Dransfeldt in addition reported that Ordinance No. 1110 and Military Equipment policy satisfies the requirements of AB 481 and that the proposed Military Equipment Policy was posted on the La Verne Police Department website on March 31, 2022. Final approval will be after the 30 days review period by the public and Council.

Mayor Hepburn 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.)

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Crosby, to introduce, waive further reading and place on first reading Ordinance No.1110, adding Chapter 10 ("Military Equipment Policy") to Title 9, Section 10.04.010 of the La Verne Municipal Code governing the use of military equipment by the Police Department and approving the Military Equipment Policy 709.

Ordinance No. 1110,
Adding Chapter 10, "Military
Equipment Policy" to Title 9,
Section 10.04.010 to the
La Verne Municipal Code Book

Ordinance No. 1110 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 10 ("MILITARY EQUIPMENT POLICY") TO TITLE 9, SECTION 10.04.010 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE GOVERNING THE USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
Introduced and placed on first reading.

8. Drought State of Emergency
Governor Newsom's Executive
Order N-7-22.

Public Works Director Igoe reported on the Drought State of Emergency per Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22. He stated that on March 18, 2022, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) announced it would reduce the State Water Project (SWP) allocation from 15 percent to 5 percent of requested supplies for 2022. On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Executive Order N-7-22 proclaiming state of emergency across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions.

Mayor Hepburn called for public comment on this matter.

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

The City Council agreed it was necessary to implement Phase V of the City's Water Conservation Ordinance No. 1009 and that also it will be difficult for residents, especially those who already put in place water conservation methods, to further reduce water usage. City Council directed staff to educate the residents to assist them in ways to conserve water and to reach out to State and Federal representatives on what they are doing to capture rainwater before it flows into the ocean.

It was moved by Lau, seconded by Crosby and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 22-17, to implement Phase V of the Water Conservation, Use and Restrictions Ordinance No.1009 and to impose the California Drought Penalty Surcharges to gain compliance throughout the duration of the Drought State of Emergency.

Resolution No. 22-17,
Authorizing the City Manager or
his Designee to Implement
Phase V of the Water Use limits
and Restriction as Required
through the Duration State of
Emergency

Resolution No. 22-17 - 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 IMPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATE PHASE OF THE WATER USE LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS TO GAIN COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE DROUGHT STATE OF EMERGENCY.

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.)

One public comment email was received and is attached.

City Manager Russi responded to questions asked during public comment.

10. Council Comments

Council Member Carder reported on the progress of the Gold Line Construction. She stated that the extension segment from Pomona to Montclair, including the Claremont and Montclair stations, is not yet funded. The Construction Authority is currently seeking the additional funding needed to complete the project. Nineteen bridges are being built new or renovated as part of the Glendora to Pomona project segment. Work continues to be underway on the La Verne stations. She stated that the journey continues.

Council Member Crosby thanked the Community Services Department for hosting a great Easter Egg Hunt event. He congratulated all the award recipients from tonight's presentations. He spoke of the Community Yard Sale being held Saturday, April 23, 2022 and that Amazon Fresh will be open next week.

Council Member Lau reported on the ULV Coach Ben Hines Memorial event, Police Chief Flores being awarded the 2022 Woman of Distinction by Assembly Member Holden, ULV Veteran Center Grand Reopening Celebration, ULV Blood Drive and the ULV Scholarship Gala. She too congratulated all the award recipients from tonight's presentations. She hoped everyone had a good Easter Passover and Ramadan.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis applauded the upcoming events. He reported on the Pomona Valley Transportation Authority meeting and that they are looking for new drivers. He stated that the Easter Egg Hunt which is also hosted by the La Verne Rotary was an awesome event. He reported that the American Classic Cars donated to the Police K-9 Program and he reported on Police Chief Flores being awarded the 2022 Woman of Distinction by Assembly Member Holden.

Mayor Hepburn reported on Police Chief Flores celebration event for being awarded the 2022 Woman of Distinction by Assembly Member Holden and he reported that he spoke to Assembly Member Holden at the event, who informed him that he has not forgotten about the additional funding needed for the Gold Line Project. He hoped everyone had a good Easter. He thanked the Public Works, Community Services, Police and Fire Departments for doing a fantastic job over the weekend. He urged residents to support local businesses and to attend the upcoming Community Yard Sale.

11. Adjournment at 7:54 p.m., to Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for a Preliminary 2022-23 Budget/CIP Study Session.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk

April 18, 2022 City Council Meeting

Lupe Estrella

From: Greg Palatto <greg.palatto@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 9:40 AM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Tim Hepburn - Agenda
Subject: For City Council consideration and public comment
Attachments: cornerstone.docx

Hi JR. The following is for all members of city council and can also be made as a public comment. My Monday nights are booked for a long time, or else I would come speak in person. Thank you.

To the honorable Mayor and City Council. I am coming to you both as a local resident and as an officer in our local Masonic Lodge. You may have been aware of the many community service activities our lodge has conducted recently, including our Food Drive to benefit the military families of 29 Palms, the clothing drives, blood drives, signs to welcome back students to our Bonita schools when we reopened, our sponsorship of the Bonita USD Math Olympics & Spelling Bee, LA County Homeless Count support, and many others. We have an aim to be a pillar of community service, which is one of the principal tenets of our organization.

Freemasonry had its origination with the stone masons hundreds of years ago. Many of our symbols come from this time and each has special meaning to us. We use these tools symbolically, but at times are able to use them in their original uses. One of the most historically known ceremonies of the Masonic craft is the Masonic Cornerstone Ceremony, which dates back to the earliest days of the craft. In the Masonic cornerstone ceremony, the stone is checked, using ancient tools, to be certain it's square, plumb (straight), and level because a building constructed on a poor foundation isn't strong. Next, the cornerstone is consecrated with corn or grain, wine, and oil — all of which are Masonic symbols of prosperity, health, and peace. Finally, the stone is symbolically tapped in place with a gavel. Many famous and important buildings have taken part in this, such as our United States Capitol Building.

With our Gold Line coming in and their respective new stations, we see this as an opportunity to support this with a cornerstone ceremony. We have already sought and received approval in San Dimas from their city council, and details of it have been worked through with the county and the project. As a resident of La Verne, and the fact that our local lodge includes La Verne in its jurisdiction, I would love to see if, as a council, you would give the approval for us to bring a cornerstone ceremony for the Gold Line La Verne station. I can give more details about the project, but in short, it will consist of our local officers, as well as those from the Grand Lodge of California to conduct the ceremony. It would include you as well. There is typically a plaque of some

sort that may list the names of the elected officials and officers, as well as a hollowed out portion of the cornerstone that may contain something. I am happy to answer any clarifying questions about it, as I am sure there are many, but the first step is to gain approval from the city council. I hope this may be placed on a future agenda for a vote. Thank you for listening to this request for our community.

-Greg Palatto