

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
LA VERNE
Monday, May 2, 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
Community Development Director Eric Scherer
Principal Planner Candice Bowcock

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hepburn.

4. Presentations/Damien High School Basketball 2022
Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, congratulated and introduced Damien High School Basketball Team. The Damien High School Basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 26–2 and became the Baseline League champions. The team qualified for the prestigious Open Division playoffs, the highest honor in basketball playoffs. Following the Southern Section Open Division playoffs, the team qualified for the CIF State Division I playoffs where they went 4-0, defeating Clovis North to bring home the CIF State Division I championship. The team was led by senior captain RJ Smith, who was named Baseline League MVP and San Gabriel Valley Player of the Year. In addition to Smith, the Spartans got extraordinary contributions from seniors, Kaleb Smith, Bradley Xie, and Spivey Word and Junior Jimmy Oladokun. Each was named All Baseline League honorees. The team was coached by Mike LeDuc, who, in December, reached a career milestone winning his 1000th game and was recently named California State Coach of the Year. The team was assisted by Darin Zabel, Eric Johnson, Andre McLean, David Ng, and Alex Arredondo. Below are the team players: Each of the Team players received a certificate and an In-n-out gift card.

Jacob Allen	Lucas Arrieta	Elijah Brown	Caiden Brown
Xavier Clinton	Aston Edwards	Nathaniel Garcia	Pierce Hagan
Chris Obiekea	Jimmy Oladokun	Rolan Serna	Jacob Regalado-McKinn
Sam Slezak	Kaleb Smith	Spivey Word	Randolph "RJ" Smith Jr.
Bradley Xie	Malcolm Windross		

San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District Presentation

Levy Sun from the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District gave an update with a power point presentation on mosquito and virus activity, along with tips to stay more bite-free this year.

- Presentation of Proclamation proclaiming the Month of May of 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Mayor Hepburn, on behalf of the City Council, presented a Proclamation to Dr. Kim Dieu proclaiming the Month of May of 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebrating the many notable contributions of Asian and Pacific Islanders Americans who have enriched our nation's history.
5. Announcements of Upcoming Community Events
- Sherry Best, La Verne Historical Society President, updated the City Council on the La Verne Historical Society events and activities.
- Mayor Hepburn commended the La Verne Fire Department for their amazing job when they responded to a fire structure.
6. 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.

City Council Minutes

City Council Minutes of the Regular and Adjourned meetings of April 18, 2022, ***received and filed.***

Staff recommended approval and passage of the following Resolutions:

Resolution No. 22-18,
Declaring its Intention to
Approve the Annual Report of
the Old Town La Verne
Business Improvement District
and Setting a Public Hearing

Resolution No. 22-18 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OLD TOWN LA VERNE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES A BUDGET AND REESTABLISHES THE BOUNDARIES AND ASSESSMENT FORMULA FOR THE 2022- 2023 FISCAL YEAR AND SETS A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MATTER - An annual public hearing is required to consider the Annual Report of the Old Town La Verne Business Improvement District (OTLVBID) and has been scheduled for May 16, 2022. At said hearing, the City Council will be requested to 1) Receive and file a report of the OTLVBID prior year activities. 2) Approve the proposed OTLVBID 2022-2023 Annual Budget and incorporate it into the City Budget. 3) Approve re-establishment of the District boundaries and assessment formula. ***Approved.***

Community Development Director Scherer recommended that the City Council adopt the Resolution No.22-18, declaring its intention to approve the OTLVBID Annual Report and sets a public hearing on the matter for May 16, 2022.

7. 2022-23 Paramedic Service Fee

City Manager Russi reported on the 2022-23 Paramedic Service Fee. He stated that the City's voter approved Paramedic Service Fee requires an annual hearing in order to consider a rate change. The monthly fee is subject to an annual adjustment for a rate change based on the Consumer Price Index.

Mayor opened the public and called for public comment on this matter.

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 Lau, and unanimously carried to adjust the monthly paramedic service fee from \$5.58 to \$5.91 and to approve Resolution No. 22-19, adopting the Paramedic Service Fee for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

Resolution No. 22-19,
Adopting the Paramedic
Service Fee for Fiscal Year
2022-23

Resolution No. 22-19 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE PARAMEDIC SERVICE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23.

8. Conflict of Interest/Davis

Mayor Pro Tem Davis declared a conflict of interest on this matter because he owns property within 500 feet of the proposed vacation of public utility easements at 1941 North White Avenue and he left the Council Chambers.

Vacation of Public Utility
Easement Located at 1941 N.
White Avenue

Community Development Director Scherer reported on the vacation of a City Public Utility Easement located at 1941 N. White Avenue and on the public hearing. He stated that on April 4, 2022, the City Council set the Public Hearing to consider vacation of a City's Public Utility Easement located at 1941 N. White Avenue for May 2, 2022, and directed staff to post the appropriate noticing pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code.

Mayor called for public comment on this matter.

There was none.

It was moved by Crosby, seconded by Lau, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Davis Abstained) to approve Resolution No. 22-20, vacating the utility easement at 1941 N. White Avenue and authorized staff to record the quitclaim deed and resolution with the Office of the County Recorder.

Resolution No. 22-20,
Vacating the Easement for
Public Utility at 1941 N. White
Avenue

Resolution No. 22-20 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, VACATING THE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITY AND STORM DRAIN PURPOSES RESERVED ACROSS THAT PORTION OF "G" STREET AS VACATED BY RESOLUTION No 67-61 OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, WITHIN THE CITY OF LA VERNE MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS RESOLUTION.

9. Continued to the May 16, 2022
Council meeting

2022 Comprehensive Fee
Schedule

2022 Comprehensive Fee Schedule - The City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule is reviewed each year in conjunction with the annual budget process. Adjustments are made to reflect changes in the cost of services in accordance with State and local law.

Mayor Hepburn opened the public hearing and continued the hearing to May 16, 2022 to allow staff additional time to prepare the City's Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

10. Housing Rehabilitation Program - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Principal Planner Bowcock reported on the Housing Rehabilitation Program and on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). She stated that the City Council conceptually approved a Housing Rehabilitation Program using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in October of 2019. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program was never implemented. In March of 2021, funding was received via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which the City Council supported the recommendation to allocate \$500,000 to a Housing Rehabilitation Program. She stated that staff is seeking direction from City Council to determine eligibility requirements and eligible repairs for the administering of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. In addition, she reported that they solicited proposals from five (5) qualified firms to help implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program. Two (2) proposals were returned. After review of both proposals by staff, they recommended that the contract be awarded to Willdan Engineering who had the most experience with administering this type of grant program.

Mayor called for public comment on this matter

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.)

After discussion by City Council, they directed staff to add mobile homes, or any other housing to the list of eligibility for the grant-housing program.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried for staff to move forward with the creation of the ARPA funded Housing Rehabilitation Program (\$500,000), add mobile homes, or any other housing to the list of eligibility for the grant housing program; and approved Resolution No. 22-21, approving a contract with Willdan Engineering to design and administer the program.

Resolution No. 22-21,
An Agreement with Willdan
Engineering for Housing
Rehabilitation Program
Consultant Services

Resolution No. 22-21 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLDAN ENGINEERING FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM CONSULTING SERVICES.

11. 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.)

12. Council Comments

Council Member Carder reported on the progress of the Gold Line Construction and she reported that White Avenue at Arrow Highway is now opened. She invited residents to attend "La Verne Day" at the Fair on Friday, May 6, 2022, and that Amazon Fresh is now open. She also stated that the schools were busy with school activities with students coming and going, and urged residents to drive safety around schools. She thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

Council Member Crosby also reminded everyone to attend "La Verne Day" at the Fair on Friday, May 6, 2022.

Council Member Lau reported on the University of La Verne Scholarship Gala, wished the moms a "Happy Mother's Day, Asian American Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, reported on the upcoming meeting of the Cultural Awareness and Social Inclusion (CASI) Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, the Wine Walk on May 14, 2022, and congratulated Damien High School Basketball Team on their win.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis thanked everyone for attending. He said that the Damien High School Basketball Team presentation was awesome. He reported on the La Verne/San Dimas Educational Foundation annual Ed Jones Memorial Golf Tournament which raises funds to support mental health wellness for students, he reported that he attended the University of La Verne Scholarship Gala, the opening of Amazon Fresh, and he reminded everyone of "La Verne Day" at the Fair on Friday, May 6, 2022. In addition, he reported on the upcoming meeting of the Cultural Awareness and Social Inclusion (CASI) Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, which he will not be able to attend since he will be attending his son's graduation from college, and he reported that Hillcrest would be holding a Candidate's Forum for District 1. He wished all the moms a "Happy Mother's Day".

Mayor Hepburn wished all the moms a "Happy Mother's Day". He spoke about Sierra La Verne Golf Course and understood resident's frustration with the condition of the golf course, but the City is looking into it. He reported that on Thursday, May 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a Candidate's Forum at the La Verne Community Center and that LVT3 will be there to video. In addition, he reported that the County of Los Angeles will start mailing election ballots on May 9, 2022, for the June 7, 2022 Election, he spoke about the upcoming Wine Walk, that he enjoyed the Damien High School Basketball Team presentation. He thanked everyone for attending.

13. Closed Session

At 8:02 p.m., the City Council recessed to meet in a closed session for the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

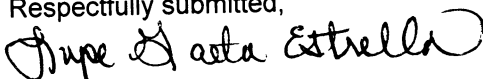
Meet with legal counsel to determine whether or not to initiate litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (d) (4). One potential case; and

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

To discuss Arcadia, et al. v. So. Cal. Edison Corp., Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 20 CV 02026 for the following purpose: ***(Mayor Pro Tem Davis did not participate due to his employment with Southern California Edison.)***

14. Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk