

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
LA VERNE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OF THE LA VERNE CITY HALL  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019**

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1. A regular meeting of the La Verne City Council was called to order by Mayor Kendrick at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Members present: Mayor Don Kendrick  
Mayor Pro Tem Muir Davis  
Council Member Robin Carder  
Council Member Charlie Rosales  
Council Member Tim Hepburn  
  
Absent: None.  
  
Advisory personnel present: City Manager Robert Russi  
City Attorney Robert L. Kress  
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Dan Keeseey  
Assistant City Clerk Lupe Gaeta Estrella  
Community Development Director Eric Scherer  
Community Services Director Bill Aguirre  
Police Chief Nick Paz  
Interim Fire Chief Kirk Summers  
Police Captain Coleen Flores  
Finance Manager Nathan Statham  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
Assistant Planner Maia McCurley
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 411.
4. 2019 La Verne Community Design Awards Presentation  
Community Development Director Scherer reported that this is the thirteenth (13) year La Verne Community Design Awards (LVCDAs) are being presented to worthy projects in categories of Commercial, Public Facility, Residential, Institutional, Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse, Interior Design, and Public Art.  
  
Mayor Kendrick, and Planning Commission Chairperson Gil Ivey presented plaques to the following the recipients with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation.

| Project  | Address/Location                | Category                               | Representative  |
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| University of La Verne Citrus Hall & The Spot                | 2043 D Street                   | Institutional                          | Jason Miller, ULV<br>Clive Houston Brown, ULV<br>Jeanne Cockrell, ULV |
| Blaze Pizza  | 2416 Foothill Boulevard         | Interior Design                        | Reza Medali, Owner  |
| D Street Square  | 2079 Bonita Avenue              | Commercial                             | Ed Leonard, Owner   |
| Chase's  | 2079 Bonita Avenue              | Interior Design                        | Chris Gendreau & Susan Wickman, Owners                                |
| Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity "Salute to Service" House | 1520 First Street               | Residential                            | Christine Charland, Pomona Valley Habitat for Humanity                |
| The Resting Spa & Massage                                    | 2071 Third Street               | Interior Design                        | Darlene Lopez, Owner  |
| Pomona Valley Health Center                                  | 2317-2371 Foothill Boulevard    | Commercial                             | Melinda Durham, Stone Creek Company                                   |
| Ding Tea   | 1457 Foothill Boulevard         | Interior Design                        | Nha Le, Owner   |
| Emerald Collection   | 4506-4578 Romick Circle         | Residential                            | Kim Prijatel, City Ventures   |
| Café Wang  | 2316 D Street                   | Interior Design                        | Fang Wang, Owner  |
| Micky's Jewelry Studio                                       | 2343 D Street                   | Historic Preservation & Adaptive Reuse | Micky & Russell Rehm, Owners  |
| Cactus Coffee  | 2232 D Street, Ste. #102        | Interior Design                        | Jeremy Jenewein, Owner  |
| Ramona Middle School Gymnasium                               | 3490 Ramona Avenue              | Public Facility                        | Carl J. Coles, Bonita Unified School District                         |
| Pho Ha Noi   | 2451 Foothill Boulevard, Ste. D | Interior Design                        | Duc Dang, Owner   |
| "Nevertheless... They Persisted"                             | 2040 Third Street               | Public Art                             | Kristy Sandoval, Artist   |
| Show Ramen   | 1263 Foothill Boulevard         | Interior Design                        | Eyi Jin, Owner  |

The La Verne City Council thanked Planning Commission Chairperson Ivey, Community Development Director Scherer, and Assistant Planner McCurley for all their work on the Community Design Awards program recognizing outstanding achievements in project development.

Recognition and Presentation of "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients -

Mayor Kendrick reported on the "Pride of La Verne Award Recipients. He stated that annually, the City Council presents the "**Jack Huntington Award**" and the "**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.

The "Jack Huntington Award"

Mayor Kendrick reported on the origin of the "**Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award**". He stated that it was named after 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 Kendrick stated that this year the "**Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award**" is being presented to **Jennifer Kesterson**. He reported that Jennifer (with the help of her husband, Jim), has been the driving force and leadership of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program this past year. As a community coordinator and administrative officer, she has logged over 1,000 hours volunteer hours with La Verne CERT. Jen is often the face and voice of CERT, overseeing all e-mail communications, training enrollment, and event coordination. She also works closely with the LVFD CERT liaison and the Area D coordinator. Without Jen's dedication and passion, as well as efforts towards teaching course units and creating program procedures, the La Verne CERT program would not be the success that it is today.

The "Jim Scranton Award"

Mayor Kendrick reported on the origin of the "**Jim Scranton Award Pride of La Verne Award**". He stated that it 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 Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award be named in honor of Jim Scranton.

Mayor Kendrick reported that this year the "**Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award**" is being presented to **Natalie Ortiz**. Natalie embodies all of the qualifications worthy of the Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award, and also lives her life in the same style that Jim Scranton did. She is always positive in the face of adversity, she never shows the exhaustion of an avid volunteer, she is always putting others before herself, and she never is looking awards or recognition. Natalie has been an AYSO coach, referee and Board Member for 10+ years, Club Scouts Treasurer for 11 years, Boy Scouts Treasurer for 3 years, volunteering at Holy Name of Mary as a Scrip Manager and Annual Festival Finance Chair for 6 years, and a Damien High School Service Hours Coordinator for 2 years. On any given day, you will find her doing two or more of these activities. On top of this, she works in the Math Department at Loyola Marymount University, is the wife to an equally awesome volunteer husband named Ray, who is a Fire Captain for the Glendale Fire Department, and she is a proud mother to 5 great kids (Anthony, Joey, Dominic, Nicolas, Talia), who, as you might suspect, volunteer as well.

Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 411  
Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, recognized and thanked Boy Scout Troop 411 for going above and beyond in helping military personnel during the recent Government shutdown. He stated that during the recent Government shutdown, the livelihood of Federal employees were impacted. One group in particular was the United States Coast Guard members and their families stationed in Topeka, Kansas. The Troop and their family members donated gift cards that were sent just in time for their next missed payroll. Scoutmaster Marsha Townsend represented the Boy Scout Troop 411.

5. At 7:20 pm., the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:33 pm.

6. Consent Calendar  
It was moved by Davis, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items

Register of Audited Demands  
Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$553,733.26, dated January 30, 2019; and in the amount of \$540,980.23, dated February 5, 2019. **Approved as recommended.**

Tract No. 74355, Emerald Court (City Ventures) Bond Reduction  
Tract Map No. 74355; Emerald Court (City Ventures); Bond Reduction - City Ventures, the developer of Emerald Court (Tract Map No. 74355), a 19 Lot single family subdivision at the southwest corner of Baseline Road and Emerald Avenue has requested a reduction of their performance sureties. Staff has inspected and approved the required public/private improvements as complete and in conformance with the approved plans.  
  
Staff recommended that the City Council authorize the reduction of the performance sureties requirements for Tract Map No. 74355 to ten percent of their value, holding the ten percent for one year and fully releasing the labor and materials sureties and the monumentation surety for Tract Map No. 74355. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Resolution (s) passed & adopted, as recommended, as follows:

Resolution No. 19-05,  
Agreement with Tri-Events, Inc., for the Los Angeles Championship Tri-Express Triathlon Series

**Resolution No. 19-05** - 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 TRI-EVENTS, INC FOR THE LOS ANGELES CHAMPIONSHIP & TRI EXPRESS TRIATHLON SERIES - The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for the Tri Events Triathlon Series. Tri Events Inc. has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive for the purpose of four (4) cycling races as a part of a triathlon on Sunday, March 3rd, Sunday, April 14th, Saturday, May 11th, and Sunday, October 13th, 2019. The request specifically involves the closure of the eastbound lanes of Puddingstone from Van Dusen Road to Fairplex Drive between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. the day of the event. The races are each expected to draw up to 500 participants.

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-05, authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Tri Events Inc. permitting the race on specified streets on the specified dates. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Resolution No. 19-06,  
Agreement with Majestic  
Cycling for USC Collegiate  
Cycling

**Resolution No. 19-06** - 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 USC COLLEGIATE CYCLING - The City Council was requested to consider a street closure for Majestic Cycling's USC Collegiate Cycling event. The applicant, Alfred Sanchez, has submitted a request to use portions of Puddingstone Drive, Wheeler Avenue, Yeager Avenue, and Wright Avenue for the purpose of a bike race on Sunday, March 3, 2019. The street closure will occur between the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the event-taking place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The USC Collegiate Cycling Race is expected to draw up to 400 participants.

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No.19-06 authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement with Majestic Cycling permitting the race on specified streets. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Resolution No. 19-07,  
Public Works Contract with  
Gentry Brothers Inc., for the  
Sedalia et al, Grind, Aram,  
Overlay and Slurry Seal Project  
and the Repaving of the City  
Owned Parking Lots in Old  
Town La Verne

**Resolution No. 19-07** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT WITH GENTRY BROTHERS INC., FOR THE SEDALIA ET AL, GRIND, ARAM, OVERLAY AND SLURRY SEAL PROJECT AND THE REPAVING OF CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS IN OLDTOWN - The Public Works Department recently solicited bids for street maintenance in the Sedalia et al and Ramona/Damien neighborhoods. The planned maintenance for Sedalia et al will include the removal and replacement of two inches of asphalt with the addition of an Asphalt-Rubber Aggregate Membrane (ARAM), while the Moreno and Damien neighborhood will receive an application of slurry seal. Staff also recommended expanding the project to include paving of city owned parking lots in Old Town La Verne. The project was advertised on January 7 and January 14 and bid proposals were received and opened on January 31, 2019. This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities, and City of La Verne environmental guidelines.

Staff recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 19-07, which awards a Public Works contract to Gentry Brothers Construction Inc., the lowest, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$739,638.20 for the Sedalia Et Al Grind Aram, Overlay and Slurry Seal and the Repaving of City owned parking lots in Old Town La Verne. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Resolution No. 19-09,  
Approving the Final Map for  
Parcel Map No. 76060 (Case  
No. 57-17TTM), a Request by  
La Verne Landing to  
Consolidate Eight Parcels on  
First Street into One Parcel

**Resolution No. 19-08** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FINAL MAP FOR PARCEL MAP 76069, (CASE NO. 57-17TTM), A REQUEST BY LA VERNE LANDING, LCC, TO CONSOLIDATE EIGHT PARCELS ON FIRST STREET INTO ONE PARCEL - On July 11, 2017, the Development Review Committee (DRC) approved Tentative Parcel Map No. 76069 (Case 57-17 TPM) to consolidate eight parcels into a single parcel to allow for an apartment building to be built over the proposed site by WF Construction.

Staff recommended that the City Council approve Resolution No. 19-08, approving the Final Parcel Map No. 76069, La Verne Landing, LLC (WF Construction) accept the "corner cut-off" street dedication and direct staff to sign the map as to its conformance with the Subdivision Map Act and City Municipal Code. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

7. Conflict of Interest/Carder/  
Weed Abate Protest Hearing

Council Member Carder declared a conflict of interest because she is a member of the Board of Directors for a homeowners' association that oversees property appearing on the weed abatement list and left the room.

City Manager Russi reported on the Weed Abatement Protest Hearing. He stated that on February 4, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 19-02, declaring that weeds, brush, rubbish, and refuse upon or in front of specified property in the City of La Verne, area are seasonal and recurrent public nuisance, and declaring its intention to provide for the abatement thereof. Notices to destroy weeds were mailed to property owners notifying them of a hazard or public nuisance upon their property and that same must be abated. That notice set Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:30 pm, as the date and time for protests to be heard from affected property owners. The Annual Weed Abatement notice further required that owners of declared properties must maintain their parcels in a fire-safe condition throughout the year.

Mayor Kendrick opened the public hearing and called for any protests and comments. There was none.

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Hepburn, and carried by a vote of 4-0 (Carder Abstained) to direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

Council Member Carder returned to the Council Chambers.

8. 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 Kendrick called for public comment.

George May, La Verne Library Manager, reported on the La Verne Library events for the month of February. In addition, he reported that the Friends of the La Verne Library Committee are looking for new board members and officers. He stated that the current Board is comprised of long time members and officers and many are seeking to retire. The Friends of La Verne are looking for infusion of new members and officers. He asked the City for assistance in looking for new members.

City Manager Russi replied he would have the information posted on the City's website.

Gwen Carr, League of Women Voters, Mt Baldy Observer, introduced Barbara Nichols who will be replacing her as the Observer for La Verne and will attending the City Council meetings. Ms. Carr also reported the League of Women Voters Mt. Baldy is looking at expanding.

Teri Muse, Public Sector Solutions Manager, Waste Management, extended an invitation to the Council and the public to attend the Waste Management - Azusa Transfer Station and Recycling Center Annual Open House on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 9:30 am – 12:00 pm/.

9. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Hepburn spoke about the City of La Verne Community Design Awards presentation and he stated it was nice to see the community recognized for their outstanding achievements in project development. He also reported on the Sol Flower; Shota Sushi Restaurant Ribbon Cuttings. He stated it was nice that La Verne now has 98 restaurants. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Pro Tem Davis wished everyone a happy President's Day.

Council Member Rosales also spoke about the City of La Verne Community Design Awards presentation and it showed how wonderful La Verne is. He thanked everyone for the positive comments and for coming.

Council Member Carder also spoke about the City of La Verne Community Design Awards presentation and that it was nice to see Clive Houston-Brown formerly from the University of La Verne at the meeting.

Mayor Kendrick reported on the Shota Sushi Ribbon Cutting and a Birthday Celebration for 95 year old WWII Veteran Frank Paglia. He stated that two other WWII Veterans were also present and it was an amazing amount of history of the greatest generation of our Country that we owe our freedom to were sitting in that room. He reported that the Birthday celebration was sponsored by the America Veterans Assistance Group. He spoke about when the City of La Verne was named the top ten cities in America by Family Circle Magazine, which speaks volumes about La Verne and its residents. He thanked everyone for attending.

9. Adjournment at 7:50 pm, and meeting adjourned to Monday, March 4, 2019, at 5:00 pm, in the Conference Room for a Council Study Session on a Refuse Contract with Waste Management.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk