

**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**

Monday, June 3, 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 Charlie Rosales  
Council Member Robin Carder  
Council Member Muir Davis  
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  
Police Captain Coleen Flores  
Police Lieutenant Sam Gonzalez  
Interim Fire Chief Kirk Summers  
Fire Battalion Chief Robert Russell  
Deputy Public Works Director Anthony Ciotti  
Fire Department Lauren Burtz  
Personnel Officer JR Ranells  
City Engineer Dominic Milano

3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.

4. Bonita High School Varsity Baseball Team Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, congratulated and recognized the Bonita High School Varsity Baseball Team. The Bonita High School Varsity baseball team ended the season with a 22-7 record going 14-1 in league play winning the Palomares League for the first time in the school history. The Los Angeles Times ranked the team Number 7 in Southern California and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune ranked them Number 4. The team was coached by Ryan Marcos and assisted by Andy Alstot, J.T. McLuckey, Mike Mann, and Joe Marcos. The team roster is as follows

Jake Aguirre	Peter Ayala	Aiden Caron	Trevor Caton
Jon Cordova	Chad Cornelius	Jake Gutierrez	Bobby Hook
Ryan Kozma	Joe La Fountain	Matt Marshall	Isaac Mendez
Luke Mistone	Nick Mistone	Cody Moderow	AJ Moreno
Marcellus Pearson	Michael Peplin	Josh Perez	Chase Siffert
Cole Smith	Steven Vasquez	Luke Watson	Sam Wolfe

- Fire Department Badge Pinning Mayor Kendrick, on behalf of the City Council, congratulated and recognized the following Fire Department Personnel.
- Battalion Chief Kevin Greenway **Battalion Chief Kevin Greenway** - Kevin started his career with working for the Vernon Fire Department and came to La Verne Fire Department as a Firefighter Paramedic in June 2002. In November 2010, he was promoted to Captain; in that rank, he served as the Paramedic Coordinator, managed training for the Emergency Operations Center staff, as well as managing the Homeland Security Grant Program and was also assigned as a medic on the Foothill Special Enforcement Team (FSET) for 8 years. He is a Hazmat Specialist and has expertise in Disaster Preparedness. His current responsibilities include overseeing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) as well as the EMS Section. His daughter Laura pinned his badge.
- Battalion Chief Danny Montoya **Battalion Chief Danny Montoya** - Danny was born in Pomona. He started his fire service career in 1997 with the United States Forest Service and continued through 2002. There he served with the Dalton Hotshots and Engine 22. Danny graduated from the Mt. San Antonio College fire technology program and Crafton Hills Paramedic Program in 1999. In 2002 he was hired as a Firefighter Paramedic with the City of La Verne. He was promoted to Engineer/Paramedic in 2007 and Fire Captain in 2013. He is currently a California State Fire Marshal Instructor. Danny's areas of responsibility are Fire Department Operations, and Training. He is assigned to Station 1. His father pinned his badge.
- Fire Captain Cory Thompson **Absent** **Fire Captain Cory Thompson** - Cory has been with La Verne Fire Department for 10 years, and serves on the apparatus committee, as well as helping to oversee department Emergency Medical Service Operations and radio communications operations. Cory was formally promoted to Captain on September 28, 2018. He is currently assigned at Station 2. **DID NOT ATTEND.**
- Fire Captain Kevin Wilton **Fire Captain Kevin Wilton** - Kevin started with La Verne Fire Department 27 years ago as a Fire Explorer, and has worked for the department full time for 20 years. He helps conduct our K-5 Fire Safety Education Program for the La Verne elementary schools, and oversees department protective equipment. His badge was pinned by his daughters Samantha and Amanda.
- Fire Engineer Travis Moore **Fire Engineer Travis Moore** - A career change led Travis to the fire service in 2004. He worked as an EMT with Cole Schaefer Ambulance in Pomona and started as an Apprentice Firefighter with La Verne in 2006 after completing Mt. SAC's fire academy. He graduated from paramedic school in 2008 and was hired full time as a Firefighter Paramedic. Engineer Moore is a CPR skills instructor, works on the Fire Apparatus Committee, and assists with the Fire Safety Education Program for the Bonita Unified School District. He is assigned to Station 1. His badge was pinned by his mother Rebecca
- Firefighter/Paramedic Erich Miranda **Firefighter/Paramedic Erich Miranda** - Erich was an apprentice firefighter with La Verne Fire Department since March 2016, and was the recipient of the La Verne Firefighter Association's Apprentice of the Year award for 2018. After completing a two- week mini academy, he worked his first full time shift on March 9, 2019, at Station 1. He will continue to train and complete probationary testing over the next 12 months. His badge was pinned by his wife Carla

Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Bancroft

**Firefighter/Paramedic Cory Bancroft** - Cory has been an Apprentice Firefighter with La Verne since March 2016. In May, 2018, he graduated from Paramedic Training Institute and became a licensed paramedic. His first shift was on May 30, 2019. Over the course of the next 12 months, he will continue to train and work through the probationary testing. His badge was pinned by his mother Maryanne and his father Curt.

Firefighter/Paramedic Tanner Walker

**Firefighter/Paramedic Tanner Walker** - Tanner has been an Apprentice Firefighter with La Verne since June 2017, and graduated from Paramedic Training Institute in February 2019. His badge was pinned by his mother Pamela

5. At 7:05 pm, the City Council recessed and reconvened at 7:20 pm.

6. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Davis, seconded by Hepburn, and unanimously carried to accept, approve, or act on the Consent Calendar items, except for Item No. 5c3, Resolution No. 19-34, Annual Contracts was pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

City Council Minutes

**City Council Minutes** of the adjourned meeting of April 29, 2019, ***received and filed.***

Registers of Audited Demands

**Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$539,971.24; dated April 25, 2019; and in the amount of \$203,288.23, dated May 15, 2019. ***Approved as recommended.***

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

Resolution No. 19-32,  
Adoption of the Public Agencies  
Post- Employment Benefits  
Trust Administrated by Public  
Agency Retirement Services  
(PARS)

**Resolution No. 19-32** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE PUBLIC AGENCIES POST- EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST ADMINISTERED BY PUBLIC AGENCY RETIREMENT SERVICES (PARS) - The objective is to establish a Section 115 Trust through the Pension Rate Stabilization Program (PRSP) administered by Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) to provide funding for future pension obligations as required by the City's Unfunded Accrued Pension Liability (UAL) Policy and as outlined in the City's fiscal sustainability plan.

It was recommended that the City Council approve the City's establishment of the PARS Post-Employment Benefits Trust Program to be administered by PARS and U.S. Bank, appointing the City Manager as the City's Plan Administrator, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the documents to implement the Program by adopting Resolution No. 19-32. It is also recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager, subject to the review and approval of the City's legal counsel, to sign all necessary documents. ***Approved as recommended.***

Resolution No. 19-33,  
Authorizing an Agreement with  
LSA Associates for  
Environmental Consulting  
Services (Hillcrest Homes)

**Resolution No. 19-33** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LSA ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES - Brethren Hillcrest homes has approved the City selection of LSA Associates, Inc. as the consultant to prepare the required environmental documents to meet the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Staff proposed that the City enter into an agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. to prepare the necessary documents for a proposed 14-unit, single-family, senior, residential development located on Hawthorne Avenue between Park Avenue and Magnolia Avenue (APNs: 8381-013-007, 8381-013-006, and 8381-012-031).

Staff recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution Number 19-33, approving an agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. for environmental services.  
**Approved as recommended.**

Pulled from the Consent  
Calendar/  
Resolution No. 19-34,  
Authorizing Annual City  
Agreements

Richard Bowen, La Verne resident, requested that Resolution No. 19-34, approving annual agreements be pulled from the Consent Calendar for further discussion.

Once a year, the City Council considers annual agreements for renewals or extensions. As such, attached are the services proposed for the coming fiscal year for City Council consideration. A summary of the agreements which includes purposes of the agreement, cost changes proposed (if any) were also included.

Richard Bowen, La Verne resident stated that the Council should not approve the agreements. He stated it was not right just to roll over the agreements. He asked how the City can know if they are getting the best price without going out to bid. He stated it makes no sense and should be part of the process to go out to bid. He also stated that there should be a no donation or gifts to City Employees and City Council clause.

Steve Johnson, 2175 Third Street, La Verne resident, stated that the City Council owes the residents to be fiscally responsible and that the City should go out to bid and not just rolling over the agreements. He stated we are in a competitive environment and that the City can do better. He spoke about Waste Management not being the only waste hauler and the City should go out to bid for the best deal.

Richard Gil, La Verne stated that the Federal government never stays with the same contractors and they always go out to bid. He stated that the City should go out bid not to follow past practices of rolling over contracts.

Public Works Director Keesey stated that each contract is carefully evaluated, vetted for the best price and services in the area and they are not just rolled over. He stated that agreements are inline or lower than what is found in other local agencies. He stated he has given his heart and soul to the City for the past 33 years and he is bothered by the lack of trust. He spoke about the importance of the service, response, and knowledge which is as much or more important than a low bid. He made reference to a water civil engineer who's been with the City for over 30 years and helped build the City's water system. He stated that his knowledge is invaluable, where it would take him an hour to evaluate a problem, with a new engineer it could take several hours.

City Manager Russi stated that per the City's purchasing policy, the Finance Department evaluates each agreement and works with each department to determine whether competitive bidding should be undertaken instead of renewal and that agreements are not just rolled over. He stated that the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is looking at an economy scale on certain common service agreements to package together with other cities, which may result in savings. He stated once the survey is completed, and if it results in savings, he would bring it to City Council for their consideration.

Council Carder stated that of the twenty-two contracts only four showed an increase.

Council Member Davis thanked Public Works Director Keeseey for his remarks. He stated he believes in the staff and that they manage the City's portfolio frugally and he is in support in approving the agreements.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated that the quality of service was important and he referred to the signal maintenance contractor who knows the City well and provides the best price and service. He stated that there are things that Waste Management does not charge the City and it saves the City money.

Council Member Hepburn stated he valued the talents of Public Works Director Keeseey and his service to the City, but that we are in a competitive bidding environment and should go out to bid. He stated that even if we went out to bid on the largest contracts it could save the City money.

Mayor Kendrick stated that the City of La Verne is a frugally managed City. He stated that the Public Works Director carefully vets each agreement every year. City staff contacts other surrounding cities who contract with same contractors for comparison, and that is like going out to bid. He stated that Waste Management is the third lowest of thirteen local haulers. He referred to the City's top credit rating which shows how fiscally well managed the City is.

It was moved by Carder, seconded by Davis, and carried by vote of 4-1, (Hepburn No) to approve the annual City Agreements by adopting Resolution No. 19-34, which authorizes the Mayor and Assistant City Clerk to execute the annual agreements as listed in the resolution.

**Resolution No. 19-34** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, and AUTHORIZING ANNUAL CITY AGREEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20. **Approved.**

7. Appropriations Limit for 2019/20

Finance Manager Statham reported on the Appropriations Limit for 2019/20. He stated that each year the City adopts an annual appropriations limit consistent with requirements of California law. The adopted limit pertains to City expenditure appropriations financed by tax proceeds. Appropriations financed by service fees, grants and other non-tax revenues are exempt. The City's current and proposed 2019/20 budget reflects proceeds from taxes well under this limit.

The Mayor called for public comment.

There was none.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Carder, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 19-35, adopting an Appropriations Limitation for the 2019-20 Fiscal Year.

Resolution No. 19-35,  
Adopting an Appropriations  
Limitation for the 2019-20  
Fiscal Year

**Resolution No. 19-35** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATION FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR. **Approved.**

8. Agreement for Temporary  
Employment (Kirk Summers)

Personnel Officer Ranells reported on the Temporary Employment Agreement for Kirk Summers. He stated that as a result of a continued leave of absence, the City and Kirk Summers are desirous to enter into a temporary employment agreement pursuant to California Government Code 21221(g)

The City Council all agreed that Interim Fire Chief Summers was doing a great job and they supported his continued employment with the City of La Verne Fire Department.

It was moved by approve the Resolution No. 19-38, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Kirk Summers to provide temporary, part-time employment.

Resolution No. 19-38,  
Authorizing Agreement with  
Retired Annuitant Kirk  
Summers for Temporary Fire  
Chief Services

**Resolution No. 19-38** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH "RETIRED ANNUITANT" KIRK SUMMERS FOR TEMPORARY FIRE CHIEF SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SAME. **Approved.**

9. Los Angeles County Feasibility  
study for Providing Fire  
Services Consideration

Mayor Kendrick stated that Council Member Hepburn requested that the topic of the Los Angeles County feasibility study for providing fire services be brought back before the City Council for consideration. This request is consistent with the Council's rules of reconsideration.

Council Member Hepburn stated that he originally voted no when Council Member Davis brought this issue back in February, because he was concerned with Firefighters lawsuit and it adding fuel to the fire. He stated that now that the lawsuits are resolved, he felt it was the right time to do the free fire study. He stated it was important to be in line with transparency to show the residents what the costs would be for county fire services vs. in-house. Council Member Hepburn made the motion to do the free Fire Feasibility Study with the County of Los Angeles. Motion stood.

Council Member Carder stated that La Verne residents want their own fire department and she did not support doing the fire study.

Council Member Davis asked Council Member Hepburn why he was bringing back this matter for Council consideration when he voted no to do the free study when he brought this before the City Council. He stated he was still open to doing the fire study, but he was puzzled as to the reason why Council Member Hepburn was bringing this matter back now.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated when this matter was originally heard by Council, he wanted to move forward with the free fire study because he thought that is what the Fire Department wanted. Since the lawsuits are in the rearview mirror and seeing the Fire Badge pinning tonight, he cannot support doing a study at this time.

City Manager Russi stated it would be beneficial to have the information of the fire study available when pursuing the tax measure.

Mayor Kendrick stated he felt it would cost the City more if they went County and it would affect the quality of life in the community. He stated that residents want their own Fire Department with the current fire staff. He stated he was not in favor in doing the study. He stated that the City should pursue the tax measure to get the sales tax, if not, the County will take it.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Davis, and motion failed by a vote of 3/2 (Kendrick, Carder & Rosales No) to do a free Fire Feasibility Study with the County of Los Angeles.

10. 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.

Richard Bowen, La Verne resident, stated that the staff should not take it personally when questioned why they did not go out to bid on the agreements. He stated that Interim Fire Chief Summers is doing a great job and what a difference one person makes in the City.

Anna Anderson, La Verne resident, spoke about the sales tax increase in Sacramento.

Virginia Beltran, La Verne resident, spoke about the alleged unfavorable, unethical, unwarranted harassment by the law enforcement towards her family members.

Roy Hallberg, La Verne resident, Bicycle Coalition thanked City Manager and staff for designating a day for employees to ride a bike to work.

Gary Hunter, La Verne resident, reported that there are homeless people sleeping at Emerald Park.

Li, Huang, La Verne resident, stated she has started an online petition opposing the widening of White Avenue.

Chris Gendreau, Old Town La Verne, reported on Chases' one-year anniversary and that his restaurant is one of the top sales tax providers. He thanked the City Council and the City Manager for their support.

11. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated that the bus stop at Bonita and D Street is being removed because it is not ADA compliant. He reported on the volunteer luncheon and the Haynes Graduation Ceremony.

Council Member Davis reported on the RSVP luncheon and the Memorial Day event at Veterans Hall and said it was very well attended. He also reported on Ramona Middle School Jazz Concert.

Council Member Carder reported that she and Mayor Kendrick attended Fire Captain Benson's retirement dinner. She also reported on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for United Sports Academy and Congress Member Grace Napolitano 2019 Volunteer of the Year Ceremony honoring James and Jennifer Ketterson and Natalie Ortiz of La Verne.

Council Member Hepburn also reported attending Congress Member Grace Napolitano 2019 Volunteer of the Year Ceremony honoring James and Jennifer Ketterson and Natalie Ortiz of La Verne. In addition, he reported that he attended the Teacher of the Year Event, La Verne Heights Walkathon, Chases' Restaurant one year anniversary and Ramona Middle School Graduation.

Mayor Kendrick spoke about volunteerism and that the City was fortunate to have great volunteers. He reported on the Memorial Day Event, La Verne Heights 25 year time capsule event and reported on the upcoming Fourth of July celebration.

12. Closed Session

At 8:26 pm, the City Council met in closed session for a Conference with City real property negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8) regarding:

Property: Amherst Site, southwest corner of Amherst Street and Williams Avenue, Parcel Nos. 8666-021-902 and 8666-021-904

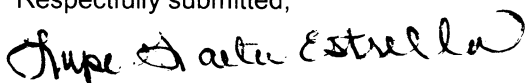
City Negotiators: City Manager, City Attorney, and Community Development Director

Negotiating parties: Citi Ventures Homebuilding, LLC; MW Investment Group; The Olson Company; and Warmington Residential California

Negotiating Terms: Price and Terms of Payment

13. Adjournment at 9:30 pm, to Monday, June 17, 2019, at 4:30 pm., for Planning Commission Applicants presentation to City Council as part of the vetting process.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC  
Assistant City Clerk