

**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, September 3, 2019**

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
Finance Manager Nathan Statham
Police Chief Nick Paz
Community Services Coordinator Yvonne Duran
Personnel Officer JR Ranells
3. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Kendrick.
4. Announcements of Upcoming Community Events **Announcements of Upcoming Community Events** - This is the time that any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the general public can do so.

George May, La Verne Library Manager reported on the library events for the month of September. He stated that additional information is available on the Los Angeles County/La Verne Library website.

Richard Bowen, La Verne resident announced that the next meeting of La Verne Coalition of Concerned Citizens is holding a Candidate's Forum on Monday, September 23, 2019, for anyone who is interested in running for City Council.

Mayor Kendrick announced that La Verne Day at the Fair is on Friday, September 6, 2019, and that the tickets for La Verne residents are \$1 each and can be purchased by going to the Fairplex website.
5. Consent Calendar

City Council Minutes **City Council Minutes** of July 15, 2019, *received and filed*.

Registers of Audited Demands **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$1,204,595.37, dated August 15, 2019; and in the amount of \$548,418.44, dated August 22, 2019.

Staff recommended that the City Council should approve the Register of Demands. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

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

Resolution No. 19-62,
Authorizing the Execution of an
Amendment to a Ground Lease
with NCWPCS MPL 27 Years
Sites Tower Holdings for
Wireless Facility at Pelota Park,
Kirk B. Johnson Memorial

Resolution No. 19-62 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A GROUND LEASE WITH NCWPCS MPL 27 YEAR SITES TOWER HOLDINGS, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (PROPERTY LOCATION: 1505 HOLLY OAK STREET; KIRK B. JOHNSON MEMORIAL - PELOTA PARK.) The lease entered into between the City of La Verne and NCWPCS MPL 27 - Year Sites Tower Holdings, LLC (on behalf of AT&T Wireless) for the wireless facility at Kirk B. Johnson Memorial, Pelota Park (KBJMPP) has expired and as such the wireless tenant is operating on a month-to-month lease. The wireless tenant and the City have been in discussions regarding the lease since 2015, and have reached common ground regarding the lease terms moving forward. The amendment to the lease includes six additional five-year extensions allowing the wireless facility to remain at KBJMPP through May 5, 2047, ongoing revenue source to City, (current rent is \$3,341.57 per month); modifications to the rent escalations section which applies an updated CPI-U formula; and ongoing maintenance and minor modifications section to acknowledge and afford City staff the opportunity to review minor modifications proposed for the wireless tenant.

Staff recommended that the City Council should approve Resolution No.19-62, an amendment to the ground lease, and authorize the execution of the amendment to the ground lease agreement. **Approved as recommended by staff.**

Upgrade Part-time
Communications Officer to Full-
time

Police Chief Paz reported on the request to upgrade a part-time Communications Officer to full-time. He stated that as part of an overall review on how to improve 911 dispatch operations, it was determined that upgrading the existing part-time communications officer position to full-time would improve coverage and reduce the need for some of the existing overtime. Based on the above information, he recommended that the City Council authorize the Communications Officer positions be increased from 7 to 8 Communications Officers.

The City Council all agreed that more 911 dispatchers were needed and were in favor of upgrading a part-time Communication Officer to full-time.

It was moved by Hepburn, seconded by Rosales, and unanimously carried to authorize the positions of Communications Officers increased from 7 to 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.

Susie Morales, La Verne resident urged the City Council not to renew the ground lease agreement for a wireless cellular tower at Pelota Park and that the cellular tower should be moved away from schools, parks, and homes because it will be upgraded to a 5g cell tower. She spoke about the harmful effects of 5g cellular towers.

Gary Hunter, La Verne resident, stated that the signal light at Chelsea and Foothill takes forever to change to green just to make left-hand turn onto Foothill Blvd.

Rick Bowen, La Verne resident, asked how the Assistant City Clerk Estrella got a private email that was sent to Mayor Kendrick and Council Member Hepburn regarding the La Verne Coalition of Concerned Residents holding a candidate's forum. He read an email received from Assistant City Clerk Estrella in response to his private email advising him that an election has not been called, and that the nomination period has not opened and that candidates have not been qualified for the ballot and of her suggestion that the group would benefit from not holding a candidates forum until then. He accused the City of attempting to persuade a citizen group from holding the forum and interfering in the election. He also spoke about how flyers announcing Mayor Kendrick's candidacy for Mayor were sent out and how election forms have not been filed. He thanked the Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director and the Public Works Crew for the great job on Base Line Road.

8. Council Comments and Meeting/Conference Reports

Council Member Davis announced that Bonita High School Class of 1979 is celebrating their 40th year class reunion at Warehouse Pizza on Saturday, 7, 2019, and invited those interested to attend. He also reported attending the Glenn Davis Dedication and Football game at Bonita High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Rosales stated he attended the Bonita High School Football game at the Glenn Davis Dedication. He stated that it was heartwarming to see all the families going together and enjoying the night. He reported on a neighborhood meeting held at Foxglen attended by the Mayor and Police Staff. He stated that the Foxglen residents were very happy and appreciative.

Council Member Carder reported that there were no meetings for Tri-City Mental Health Authority and the Gold Line Construction. She stated that the Gold Line construction is moving along. She stated that the schools got off to a great start and reminded everyone to drive safety when school is in session.

Council Member Hepburn stated he also attended the Glenn Davis Stadium dedication and Bonita High School Football Game. He stated that the stadium looks fantastic and he spoke about the new improvements and that it was nice have safe stairs. He stated that the family of Glenn Davis was also at the dedication and football game. He also reported that he attended the Fairplex Premier Party and that donations were received for the Fairplex Learning Center. He commended the Fairplex for having a learning center.

Mayor Kendrick reported that he also attended the Fairplex premier party and commended the Fairplex for hosting a great event. He reported that he attended along with Chief Paz, Captain Flores, and Lieutenant Gonzalez, the University of La Verne new student orientation day welcoming them to the City. He stated that each year, the City holds an employee's picnic to thank them for their service, and this year, it was held at Las Flores Park. He thanked the companies, and individuals who donated raffle gifts. He commended Bonita Unified School District and the contractor on the great job renovating the Glenn Davis Stadium and he also spoke about the Glenn Davis Family being at the event. He spoke about the Fairplex Learning Center and of the Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC) Program which he which he helped start. He stated that the CTEC Program helps students prepare for a career if they chose not to attend college. He also reported attending the La Verne Historical Society Potluck Picnic at Las Flores Park.

Mayor Kendrick stated that he is running for Mayor, and that the rumor that he not healthy and will not be running for Mayor is not true. He reported that after 27 years, he is moving his business and will be working from home.

Closed Session

At 6:57 pm, the City Council met in Closed Session for the following purpose:

Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2) (4))

One potential case

Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957)

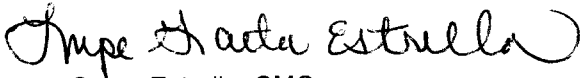
Performance Review of the City Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Negotiator:	City Attorney
Unrepresented Employee:	City Manager

9. Adjournment at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lupe Gaeta Estrella, CMC
Assistant City Clerk