

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **ROLL CALL:** Council Member Carder, Council Member Davis, Council Member Hepburn, Mayor Pro Tem Rosales and Mayor Kendrick.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Presentation to Girl Scout Katelyn Roney** - Katelyn is 1 of 6 girls who were selected to be the new face on front cover of the boxes of the Girl Scout's Trefoils cookies. Katelyn was chosen out of 25,000 in the nation that applied to be the new face on the box. Each of the girls were required to submit a resume highlighting what they have learned about the cookie selling business. In addition, besides being chosen as one of new faces on the boxes of Trefoils cookies she won a trip to New York City to meet with female entrepreneurs. Katelyn is currently a freshman at Bonita High school and has been part of the Girl Scouts since the 4th grade.
- b. **Recognition and Presentation of 2020 "Pride of La Verne Award" Recipients** - 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" 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.

This year the "**Jack Huntington Pride of La Verne Award**" is being presented to Denny Sharpe. Denny is long-time La Verne resident. For the last 40 years he has served as treasurer on the Fourth of July Committee and he has never missed a meeting. Denny has served on the La Verne Rotary Club, La Verne Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown La Verne Business Improvement District. Denny has volunteered as a RSVP with the La Verne Police Department since 2005. He is an avid cyclist and has been known to log in 40,000 miles in four years. In 2013, he helped form the La Verne Bicycle Coalition. In addition to his service locally, Denny also served in the United States Navy. Denny exemplifies the "Pride of La Verne with his commitment and service to the community.

The “Jim Scranton 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 Verne Youth Sports Volunteer Award** be named in honor of **Jim Scranton**. **Jim Scranton** was posthumously honored with the inaugural award.

This year the **“Jim Scranton Pride of La Verne Award”** is being presented to Carolina Coppolo. Carolina has volunteered with AYSO for nearly 20 years and has continued to make a lasting impact on the City and the community. Carolina first joined AYSO as a volunteer coach for her son Andrew’s U6 soccer team with her husband Mark. She went on to coach her daughter’s soccer teams. She joined the AYSO Board and became the Child and Volunteer Protection Advocate (CVPA). She has served as Treasurer and Assistant Regional Commissioner before accepting the position of Regional Commissioner. She is a staple to the region and could be found unlocking gates early on Saturday mornings, overseeing team distribution and ratings nights, lining up teams at picture day, accepting player forms all of this while having a smile on her face, and a cup of coffee not too far away.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS** (Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the general public may do so at this time.)

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR** (All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)
 - a. **Register of Audited Demands** in the amount of \$594,870.60, dated January 28, 2020 and in the amount of \$917,608.35, dated February 5, 2020, **approval recommended.**

 - b. **Approval of Heart of the Foothills Open Streets Event Memorandum of Understanding** - Staff is requesting authorization to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cities of La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments to host the Heart of the Foothills Open Streets event to be held on April 19, 2020.

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment A) with the Cities of La Verne, Pomona, San Dimas, and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for event planning, public safety, traffic control, and other support services for the Heart of the Foothills event to be held on April 19, 2020.

 - c. **La Verne Youth and Family Action Committee Minutes for November 28, 2019**, to be **received and filed.**

d. **Resolution(s) passage and adoption recommended, as follows:**

Resolution No. 20-10 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE JOINING OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (SGVRHT JPA) THROUGH THE EXECUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL HOUSING TRUST JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT - ***The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments has worked with cities and stakeholders to develop the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust, which will receive and distribute funding to support the planning and development of affordable housing and related projects serving homeless and low-income populations within the San Gabriel Valley. Joining the Trust will provide the City with access to these funding resources, and will be consistent with the strategic goals identified in the City's adopted Homeless Plan. To join the Trust the City must execute the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. The City's membership will be funded through a previously awarded grant.***

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-10 authorizing the execution of the San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Weed Abatement Protest Hearing - On February 3, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20-08, accepting the Declaration List of Properties which have been found by inspections to have growing upon them weeds or brush and/or rubbish. Pursuant to the County of Los Angeles, Department of Agricultural Commissioner and Weights and Measures, these conditions constitute a public nuisance and must be abated. 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. The notice sets Tuesday, February 18, 2020 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. *(Council Member Carder will declare 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.)*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Following the protest hearing, the City Council should direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance by having weeds, rubbish, and refuse removed.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** - This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items not listed in any other place on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from talking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. Any person desiring to speak should complete a 'Speaker Card,' located at the podium, and hand it to the Assistant City Clerk. When addressing the Council, please go to the podium and state your name and address for the record. The Mayor reserves the right to place limits on duration of comments.

9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS** - Each Council Member may address the Council and public on matters of general information and/or concern. This is also the time for Council Members to report on conferences and/or meetings they have attended.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

ADVISORY STAFF

- ___ Robert Russi, City Manager
- ___ Dan Keeseey, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works
- ___ Robert Kress, City Attorney
- ___ Lupe Gaeta Estrella, Assistant City Clerk
- ___ Eric Scherer, Director of Community Development
- ___ Bill Aguirre, Director of Community Services
- ___ Nathan Statham, Finance Manager
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- ___ Devin Leonard, Interim Fire Chief
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- ___ Bill Elftman, Information Services Manager

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