

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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City Hall Council Chamber

3660 D Street, La Verne, CA

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Study Session at 5:30 p.m. & Regular City Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.,

La Verne City Hall Council Chambers

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Once items are considered by the City Council, no further public comment on that matter will be accepted. A time limit of 3-minutes is set for all public comments.

Council Meeting Decorum: Per the City's Rules for Decorum, all Speakers and Members of the Audience are to conduct themselves with decorum and not engage in willful conduct which interrupts the meeting or with the orderly conduct of the meeting.

STUDY SESSION – 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, Council Member Steven Frank Johnson, Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Wendy Lau, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

The City Council will meet in a Study Session for the following:

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM - This Power Point presentation will inform Council of the current and anticipated activity status of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program (also known as the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program or MS4). Details of the presentation include the history of the program, tasks that have been completed, are ongoing or to be done, sampling results and Los Angeles County’s Safe, Clean Water Program.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by James Blackstone – Marine (E-7) Gunnery Sergeant

ROLL CALL

Council Member Meshal “Kash” Kashifalghita, Council Member Steven Frank Johnson, Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Wendy Lau, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

PRESENTATIONS

Medal of Merit Award – The Medal of Merit, presented by the La Verne Police Department, represents a symbol of honor, recognizing those whose actions go above and beyond the call of duty to make a significant impact on the lives of others and on the well-being of our City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

(Any person who wishes to make a brief announcement of a future community event that is open to the public may do so at this time.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items on the Consent Calendar are routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)

1. **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES** of the regular City Council meeting of February 5, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. **REGISTER OF AUDITED DEMANDS** for the following dates and amounts:

\$1,379,705.25 dated January 17, 2024
\$218,661.52 dated January 23, 2024
\$1,618,582.41 dated January 31, 2024
\$1,077,439.84 dated February 7, 2024

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the Register of Audited Demands.

3. **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.12.010 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING CITY COUNCIL SALARIES** - On February 5, 2024, the City Council approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-1125, amending Chapter 2.12.010 of the La Verne Municipal Code regarding City Council salaries.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 24-1125, titled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ADJUSTING SALARIES FOR THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND AMENDING CHAPER 2.12.010 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE.

4. **MARCH 5, 2024, PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION** – A summary of information regarding the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election is provided to help inform residents regarding voting process options.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file this March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election information agenda report.

5. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE** - The City is currently in the final process of updating the General Plan, which is a long-range planning document that is considered the City's "constitution" or blueprint, because it guides growth, traffic patterns, housing, and resources conservation. This report serves as an update on that process.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file this receive and file this General Plan Update.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. **WEED ABATEMENT PROTEST HEARING** - On February 5, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 24-08, accepting the Declaration List of Properties which has been found by inspections to have growing weeds or brush and/or rubbish. This item is the opportunity to hear protests from affected property owners.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conduct a protest hearing, take appropriate action related to any protests, and following the protest hearing, direct the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights & Measures to abate the nuisance at declared properties.

OTHER MATTERS

7. **BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FOR CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM (BACR)** – The Police Department is seeking direction from the City Council regarding a “Business Assistance for Crime Reduction” (BACR) program, an initiative targeting high-profile businesses susceptible to burglaries and other related crimes. The proposed BACR program aims to enhance safety through partnerships, environmental design, technology integration, and community collaboration.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council provide direction to the Police Department regarding program elements and potential funding for a "Business Assistance for Crime Reduction" program to be brought back for approval at the March 18, 2024, City Council meeting or soon thereafter.

8. **RESOLUTION NOS. 24-11, 24-12, AND 24-13 APPROVING COST SHARE BETWEEN UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEE GROUPS** - The City Council is recommended to adopt Resolution Nos. 24-11, 24-12, and 24-13 to approve agreements sharing costs of the employer contribution of the City's California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) contributions for various employee groups.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the attached resolutions titled:

1. No. 24-11 – “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §20516 COST SHARE WITH UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WITHIN EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT - DEPARTMENT HEADS EMPLOYEE GROUP”;
2. No. 24-12 – “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §20516 COST SHARE WITH UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WITHIN EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE GROUP”;
and,
3. No. 24-13 – “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A CHANGE TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION §20516 COST SHARE WITH UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WITHIN MIDDLE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE GROUP.”

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time set aside for anyone wishing to address the City Council on items within the jurisdiction of the City Council which are 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 placed for discussion at a later date. Please email your public comment to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@cityoflaverne.org. Your public comment will be shared with the City Council and included as part of the permanent record. There is a 3-minute time limit on public comments.

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 per Assembly Bill 1234.

The City Council will meet in a Closed Session for the following:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Public Employee Appointment, Pursuant to Government Code § 54957:

Title: Chief of Police

Adjournment in memory of Mel Salz, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and a cherished member of the La Verne Police RSVP community. Mel, a distinguished veteran who served in Korea, passed on February 6, 2024, with his beloved fiancée, Carolyn, by his side.

Mel was badged as a member of the RSVP program in December of 2022. He contributed his time and energy to various tasks, including Live Scan. We ask that you keep Mel's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers as we mourn the loss of a dear friend and dedicated member of our La Verne community.

ADJOURNMENT

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024
AT 5:30 P.M. WITH A STUDY SESSION/CLOSED SESSION FOLLOWED BY THE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:30 P.M.***

RESIDENT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 21 - Senior Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27 - Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting, City Hall, at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 4 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6 - Youth Sports Committee Meeting, City Hall-Large Conference Room, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13 - Planning Commission Meeting, City Hall 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 18 - City Council Meeting, City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20 - Senior Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 23 - Eggcellent Adventure, Heritage Park, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26 - Youth & Family Action Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6:30 p.m.

LA VERNE LINK MOBILE APP

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