

CITY OF LA VERNE

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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City Hall Council Chamber

3660 D Street, La Verne, CA

Monday, March 4, 2024

Closed 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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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.

CLOSED 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 Closed Session for the following:

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

Title: Chief of Police

2. **Conference with Labor Negotiators, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:**

Negotiators: City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and City Attorney.

Employee Organization(s): La Verne City Employees Association, La Verne Firefighters Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, La Verne Police Officers’ Association; and all Unrepresented Employees.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Ulices Bolanos; Navy E-4

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 - None

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 20, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the minutes.

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

\$1,405,189.06 dated February 14, 2024
\$327,208.55 dated February 21, 2024

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

3. **RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2023 REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE INSPECTION MANDATES** - In accordance with Senate Bill 1205 (SB1205) all fire departments, within the State of California, annually inspect buildings, public or private, that are utilized as a school, hotel, motel, lodging house, apartment house, and certain residential care facilities and report out annually to its administering authority its compliance.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECIEPT OF A REPORT MADE BY THE FIRE CHIEF OF THE LA VERNE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S REQUIREMENT TO INSPECT CERTAIN OCCUPANCIES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 13146.2 AND 13146.3 OF THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE."

4. **MOTOROLA RADIO UPGRADE** - The La Verne Police Department's radio system is in need of an upgrade in order to communicate with the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS), a county-wide radio system. The Department's radios are upgradeable, and this item will utilize asset forfeiture funds to complete the task.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,907.03 WITHIN THE ASSET FORFEITURE FUND AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA RADIO UPGRADES."

OTHER MATTERS

5. **RENEWAL OF GENERAL SERVICES AGEEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES** - The current General Services Agreement between the City of La Verne and the County of Los Angeles will expire on June 30, 2024. The approval of this agreement will extend services for a period of five years, through June 30, 2029, thereby allowing the City to contract with the County for various services, if needed

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council approve a General Services Agreement between the City of La Verne and the County of Los Angeles.

6. **SWORN EMPLOYEE FIREARMS PROGRAM** - The La Verne Police Department proposes the introduction of the Sworn Employee Firearms Program (SEFP). This initiative is developed to empower full-time sworn officers to acquire personally preferred, Department-approved handguns for on-duty use. The two components to the program include the Sworn Employee Handgun Purchase Program (SEHPP), and the New Employee Equipment Program (NEEP).

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the implementation of the Sworn Employee Firearms Program, which includes both the Sworn Employee Handgun Purchase Program and the New Employee Equipment Program.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

***THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE MONDAY, MARCH 18, 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

Tuesday, March 5 - Election Day, Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 - Egg-cellent 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.

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