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CITY OF LA VERNE

COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Wendy Lau, Council Member
Steven Frank Johnson, Council Member

Rick Crosby, Council Member
Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, Mayor Pro Tem

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Closed Session at 5:30 PM

Regular Meeting at 6:30 PM

**La Verne City Hall - Council Chambers,
3660 D Street, La Verne, CA 91750**

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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.

CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Council Member Steven F. Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

CLOSED SESSION TOPIC**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 Fire Middle Management Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, and all Unrepresented Employees.

Conference with Legal Counsel, Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code section 54956.9(d) One (1) case: Alejandro v. City of La Verne, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24PSCV02330.

The City Council will recess and reconvene at 6:30 PM for the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:30 PM**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - MARINE CORPORAL DAVID COFFEY****ROLL CALL**

Council Member Steven F. Johnson, Council Member Wendy Lau, Council Member Rick Crosby, Mayor Pro Tem Meshal "Kash" Kashifalghita, and Mayor Tim Hepburn.

PRESENTATIONS

La Verne Emergency Communications Team (LECT) Volunteer Recognition - Recognition of volunteers who have dedicated more than three decades of exceptional service to the La Verne Police Department.

Black History Month Proclamation - Every February, National Black History Month serves as both a celebration of the achievements of African Americans and a recognition of the central role they play in the nation's development.

Community Design Awards - The City of La Verne Community Design Awards (LVCDAs) recognizes outstanding achievements in project development. It takes considerable effort to design a project, calling for cooperation between the applicants, owners, architects, contractors, and city staff for successful implementation. Realizing this, the City Council would like to award those projects that merit recognition for excellence in design and compliance with the General Plan policies to protect and promote La Verne's unique character by encouraging distinctive development through architectural quality and people-oriented design.

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 Council or member of the audience requests separate discussion.)

1. City Council Minutes of the Closed Session & Regular meeting of February 2, 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$2,043,245.20, dated January 28, 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council approved the audited demands.

3. Irish-American Heritage Month Proclamation Request. Richard Bowen, La Verne resident, is requesting City Council approval to present a proclamation in March recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month. Irish-American Heritage Month is celebrated every March in the United States to honor the significant contributions of Irish immigrants and their descendants to American society, coinciding with St. Patrick's Day to recognize their cultural impact, from politics and arts to community building.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve presenting a proclamation for Irish-American Heritage Month at the March 2 City Council meeting.

4. Award of Contract to Fraijo Brothers Inc., in the amount of \$266,206.00 for Amherst Treatment Plant Pre-Filter Replacement Project. This action will award a construction contract to Fraijo Brothers Inc., in the amount of \$266,206.00 for the Amherst Treatment Plant Pre-Filter Replacement Project (CIP Project No. WT2502). The project was budgeted in Fiscal Year 2025-26 at \$318,000, using Water Capital Improvement Funds. The scope of the project includes the replacement of old treatment filters at the Amherst Treatment Plan with a newer filtering system.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a City Attorney approved to form public works construction contract to Fraijo Brothers Inc., the lowest, most responsible bidder, in the amount of \$266,206.00 for the Amherst Treatment Plant Pre-Filter Replacement Project;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to issue change orders not exceeding 10% of the construction budget for a total possible construction contract cost of \$292,826.60; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$18,500 to CivilTEC, the City's utility engineer, to provide construction management services during the project.

5. Metro A-Line (Formerly Gold Line) Transit Oriented Development Bridge, Grant of Easement from Los Angeles County Fairplex Association Acceptance. The proposed pedestrian bridge crossing over Arrow Highway providing connection between the La Verne A-Line Station and the Fairplex Campus will require easements for the portion of the facilities that land on the adjoining properties. Discussions with the Los Angeles County Fairplex Association have recently reached a conclusion, and they have offered a grant of easement for the project.

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt a resolution accepting the permanent easement from the Los Angeles County Fairplex Association for the purpose of the Transit Oriented Development Pedestrian Bridge Project.

6. Special Event Agreement for Car Shows. Agreement with Flying Deuces to promote and organize two car shows in Old Town La Verne in 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the draft agreement, in a form substantially as attached, and authorize a waiver of fees, along with the use of City personnel, equipment, and materials, for two car show events to be held in Old Town La Verne in Spring and Fall 2026.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. **Resolution Renewing the La Verne Police Department's AB 481 Military Equipment Policy and reaffirming the provisions of Ordinance No. 1115.** Adopt a Resolution renewing the La Verne Police Department's AB 481 Military Equipment Policy and reaffirming the provisions of Section 9.10.010 010 - Military Equipment Use Policy to the La Verne Municipal Code (Ord. No. 1115).

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the staff report and adopt a Resolution approving the continuance of the La Verne Police Department Policy 701 and affirming the provisions of Ordinance No. 1115 as required pursuant to AB 481.

8. **Weed Abatement Protest Hearing.** On February 2, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-05, 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.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

9. **Contract Award For The City of La Verne Fire Station No. 1 Living Quarters Gender Compliance Improvement Project.** This action will award a construction contract to the Contractor with the lowest responsive bid submitted for the City of La Verne Fire Station No. 1 Living Quarters Gender Compliance Improvement Project. Bids were opened on January 6, 2026.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Reject the bid submitted by Oasis Design & Construction for failure to submit a completed and signed bid proposal form;
2. Reject the bid submitted by Co Brothers LLC, for failure to submit a completed bid due to missing information on the required Subcontractor List;
3. Award a construction contract for the subject project to First Trade LLC DBA YMC in the amount of \$489,000;
4. Authorize staff to issue change orders not exceeding 10% of the construction budget for a total possible construction contract cost of \$537,900;
5. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order for construction management and inspection up to the amount of \$40,740 to RKA Consulting Group to manage the Construction Phase of the Project; and,
6. Appropriate \$243,750 in funds to the project (CF2306) budget.

10. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review.** The Finance Department is providing a financial update for the 2025-26 budget, originally approved on June 16, 2025, to reflect economic and operational changes since adoption. Updated estimates for the General Fund show a \$390,000 revenue increase and \$247,232 in additional expenditures, primarily due to building permit activity. Additional adjustments to other funds as well as details of the general

fund are outlined in the Budget Adjustment Listing.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ADOPTED BUDGET TO ADJUST FOR MID-YEAR BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS," that incorporate the "Budget Adjustment Listing" as attached adjusting revenue and expenditure appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

- 11. Amended Employment Agreement with City Manager.** Consideration of an Amended Employment Agreement for the City Manager following the City Council's annual performance evaluation.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve an "AMENDED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT - CITY MANAGER," providing the City Manager certain benefits based on a positive performance evaluation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council. 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 later. Please email your public comment to the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@LaVerneCA.gov. 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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026, at 5:30 P.M.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on February 11, 2026, on the bulletin board at La Verne City Hall, 3660 D Street, La Verne, and on the City's website at www.LaVerneCA.gov.

RESIDENT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 18 - State of the City, University of La Verne Abraham Campus Center, 2000 2nd St, La Verne, 8:00 am

Wednesday, February 18 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am

Wednesday, February 18 - Finance Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, March 2 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm Closed or Study Session, 6:30 pm Regular meeting

Tuesday, March 3 - Development Review Committee, City Hall, 9:00 am

Monday, March 9 - Senior Movie Matinee, Community Center, 12:30 pm

Wednesday, March 11 - Public Financing Authority (EIFD) meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Wednesday, March 11 - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 14 - Heritage Spring Squeeze Vendor Faire, Heritage Park, 10:00 am

Monday, March 16 - City Council meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm Closed or Study Session, 6:30 pm Regular meeting

Wednesday, March 18 - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am