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# CITY OF LA VERNE

## COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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Tim Hepburn, Mayor

Wendy Lau, Council Member  
Steven Frank Johnson, Council Member

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

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**Monday, April 6, 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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- Attend the City Council Meeting in person and fill out a comment card or raise your hand to request to comment on the current agenda item(s).
- Participate via Zoom, by visiting [www.LaVerneCA.gov/zoom](http://www.LaVerneCA.gov/zoom) where you will be automatically redirected to the meeting or call into the meeting via phone **1-669-900-6833** and enter **ID 812 2237 1403** when prompted. Public comments via Zoom may be accepted for the agenda items listed within the **Consent Calendar, Public Hearing** and **Discussion Calendar** sections of the agenda. Zoom participants who violate decorum protocols will be called to order by the presiding officer and if a violation continues, will be muted by direction of the presiding officer.
  - 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 Firefighters 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 Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) Workmen's Comp Case - Case # ADJ 22309982**

**Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1). (1 case) - Gonzalez, J. v. City of La Verne, La Verne Police Dept. Case No. 24STCV34625.**

**Existing litigation Re National Prescription Opiate Litigation - Associated Pharmacies, Inc (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (Remnant Defendants)**

USDC, Northern District of Ohio, MDL No. 2804

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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 - ARMY VETERAN THEODORE LENGEL****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**

**Outstanding Older American - Jack Mansell** - The Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) has nominated one senior citizen for the Older American Recognition Award. This recognition is part of the Los Angeles County Commission for Older Adults (LACCOA) Annual Older Americans Recognition Day (OARD) Awards Program, which honors a senior citizen from each city in Los Angeles County. The Senior Advisory Committee nominated Jack Mansell as the City's Outstanding Older American.

**Recognition of Dr. Henderson for Service as Medical Director for LVFD** - Dr. Henderson served the City of La Verne and the La Verne Fire Department for many years as the EMS Medical Director, generously volunteering his time and expertise without compensation. His leadership and medical oversight were instrumental in shaping the EMS program, supporting personnel, and ensuring high-quality patient care for the community. We would like to formally recognize his lasting contributions, mentorship, and the positive impact he has had on the department.

## 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 March 16, 2026.**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the minutes.

**2. Registers of Audited Demands in the amount of \$2,147,648.67, dated 03/11/26, and in the amount of \$937,536.84, dated 03/04/26, and in the amount of \$394,086.76, dated 03/18/26.**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the audited demands.

**3. Senior Advisory Committee Appointment.** Following an unexpected vacancy on the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC), the City solicited applications to fill the role. Upon the close of the application period, two applications were received. The SAC recommends that Mary Smith be appointed to serve a term through June 30, 2027.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council accept the Senior Advisory Committee's recommendation to appoint Mary Smith to serve a term through June 30, 2027.

**4. Resolution Accepting the Fire Department's 2025 Report on Compliance with State Inspection Mandates.** In accordance with Senate Bill 1205 (SB1205), all fire departments in California must annually inspect specified buildings and report compliance to their administering authority.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT 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."

**5. Police Shooting Range Use Agreement with Claremont Police Department.** This agreement allows authorized Claremont Police Department personnel to utilize the La Verne Police Department's shooting range for training and qualification purposes.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager to renew the Agreement for Use of the La Verne Police Department's Shooting Range with the Claremont Police Department.

**6. Police Shooting Range Use Agreement with Glendora Police Department.** This agreement allows authorized Glendora Police Department personnel to utilize the La Verne Police Department's shooting range for training and qualification purposes.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Manager to renew the Agreement for Use of the La Verne Police Department's shooting range with the Glendora Police Department.

7. **Approval of a Salary Range for Utilities Manager.** Consideration of a resolution approving a revised salary range for the Utilities Manager position to align with current market conditions.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt the attached Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SALARY RANGE FOR UTILITIES MANAGER."

8. **Second reading and adoption of "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 114-25ZC, A REQUEST BY HILLCREST HOMES TO CHANGE THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM "PR4.5D" TO "INSTITUTIONAL" FOR THE SITES LOCATED AT AIN: 8381-010-028, AIN: 8381-010-033, AIN: 8381-010-006, AND AIN: 8381-012-013."** The second reading and adoption of an Ordinance to change the zone designation from "PR4.5D" to "INSTITUTIONAL" for the sites located within the Brethren Hillcrest Homes facility.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt an Ordinance, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CASE NO. 114-25ZC, A REQUEST BY HILLCREST HOMES TO CHANGE THE ZONE DESIGNATION FROM "PR4.5D" TO "INSTITUTIONAL" FOR THE SITES LOCATED AT AIN: 8381-010-028, AIN: 8381-010-033, AIN: 8381-010-006, AND AIN: 8381-012-013."

## PUBLIC HEARING

9. **First Reading of Ordinance Updates to the La Verne Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units, Senate Bill 9 Two-Unit Developments, Urban Lot Splits, and the Definition of Emergency Shelter (Case Numbers 13-26ZA & 14-26ZA) and making California Environmental Quality Act Determinations.** First Reading for updates to the La Verne Municipal Code to ensure compliance with State law related to ADUs, JADUs, and SB 9 provisions and finding that the ordinances are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council should conduct a Public Hearing, introducing by title only and waiving further reading of the following Ordinances:

1. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "EMERGENCY SHELTER" TO IMPLEMENT STATE LAW AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18.22 AND SECTION 16.12.060 OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPLEMENT STATE LAWS CHANGES RELATING TO TWO-UNIT HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND URBAN LOT SPLITS AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 65852.21 AND 66411.7 AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3)," and
2. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE ZONING PROVISIONS OF THE LA VERNE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW AND MAKING A DETERMINATION THAT THE ORDINANCE IS EXEMPT FROM CEQA PURSUANT TO PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21080.17."

## DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 10. Update on Route 66 Centennial and America 250 Programming and Approval of Public Art Fund Appropriation for Banner Program.** To celebrate the Route 66 Centennial and America 250 milestones, the City has developed a series of programming initiatives in collaboration with community groups. Implementation of the Banner Program will require the appropriation of \$25,000 from the General Capital Improvement Fund, which holds the Public Art Funds.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and file this report;
2. Provide direction on the proposed programming efforts; and
3. Adopt a Resolution appropriating \$25,000 of Public Art Funds from the General Capital Improvement Fund to support the Banner Program.

- 11. Bonita Unified School District Measure A - June 2026 Election.** The Bonita Unified School District has placed Measure A on the June 2, 2026, ballot to authorize \$256 million in bonds for school facility repairs and upgrades, subject to Proposition 39 accountability requirements and a projected tax rate of \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed value. At the March 2, 2026, City Council meeting, Mayor Tim Hepburn and Council Member Rick Crosby requested the measure be brought forward for Council discussion and consideration of support.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt a resolution in support for the Bonita Unified School District Measure A Bond Measure.

- 12. SGVCOG & City of Pomona Proposed Arrow Highway Class IV Bikeway Design.** The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) and City of Pomona are proposing improvements on Arrow Highway that include the addition of a Class IV bikeway among other features, with impacts to the City of La Verne. Based on feedback from the January 20, 2026, Council Meeting, SGVCOG staff have conducted further study of the proposed improvements and are submitting the findings for the review and consideration of the City Council.

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Support coordination with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and the City of Pomona to advance the Class IV bikeway along Arrow Highway consistent with Pomona City Council approved Alternative 4;
2. Confirm the preferred bikeway terminus at the White Avenue/Arrow Highway intersection within the City of La Verne;
3. Direct staff to work with partner agencies to incorporate traffic signal modifications and pavement rehabilitation within the City's segment, as appropriate; and
4. Authorize staff to continue design coordination and return to the City Council with any required agreements, cost-sharing arrangements, or approvals necessary for project implementation.

## 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](mailto: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, APRIL 20, 2026, AT 5:30 P.M.**

**Posting Statement:** A true copy of this Agenda was posted on March 31, 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](http://www.LaVerneCA.gov).

**RESIDENT INFORMATION**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

**Tuesday, April 7** - Development Review Committee meeting, City Hall, 9:00 am

**Wednesday, April 8** - Planning Commission meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 11** - Craft Fair, Mainiero Square, 9:00 am

**Monday, April 13** - Senior Movie Matinee, LV Community Center, 12:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 15** - Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Community Center, 10:00 am

**Wednesday, April 15** - Parks & Recreation Commission meeting, City Hall, 5:30 pm

**Saturday, April 18** - Sip of La Verne Wine Walk, Mainiero Square, 5:00 pm

**Monday, April 20** - City Council meeting-Closed or Study Session, City Hall, 5:30 pm

**Monday, April 20** - City Council meeting-Regular meeting, City Hall, 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 22** - Transportation & Infrastructure Commission meeting, City Hall, 4:00 pm