



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

Monday, March 2, 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 Association, La Verne Fire Middle Management Association, La Verne Police Middle Management Association, and all Unrepresented Employees.

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 - AIR FORCE, TECHNICAL SARGENT (E-6) ALBERTO JIMENEZ****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

Women's History Month Proclamation - Women's History Month is an annual observance to highlight the contribution of women to events in history and contemporary society.

Irish American History Month Proclamation - Irish American Heritage Month is a celebration every March that highlights the rich culture and historical contributions of Irish Americans throughout the United States.

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 02/17/26.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the minutes.

2. Register of Audited Demands in the amount of \$732,705.23, dated 02/04/26, and in the amount of \$1,680,970.67, dated 02/11/26, and in the amount of \$546,692.38, dated 02/18/26.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the audited demands.

3. Quarterly Status Update - Pilot Project Adding Three Firefighter Positions. This report provides a quarterly update on the two-year pilot project authorizing the addition of three full-time

Firefighter/EMT positions to serve as shift-based floaters and evaluates early performance against the goals outlined in the original staff report.

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this quarterly status update on the Fire Department's two-year pilot project adding three firefighter positions to improve staffing efficiency and reduce overtime requirements.

- 4. Approval of an Amendment to the Professional Service Agreement with LSA for Environmental Services and First Amendment to Agreement with Lewis Management Corp. for Reimbursement of Environmental Services Relating to 3960 Fruit Street (Villages at Legacy Green Project).** LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) is under contract with the City of La Verne to prepare technical environmental studies for a proposed residential project on the former Lutheran High School site. As preparation of the technical studies progressed, it was determined that a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. As a result of this change, LSA has submitted a contract amendment for additional costs and staff is also proposing an amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with Lewis Management Corp.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Service Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc., to perform CEQA services related to the Villages at Legacy Green development project; and
2. Approve the First Amendment to the Reimbursement Agreement with Lewis Management Corp. for full reimbursement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 5. Consideration of a Resolution Opposing the Los Angeles County Healthcare Funding Restoration Act and Sales Tax Increase.** Los Angeles County has placed a proposed ½-cent general sales tax measure on the June Primary ballot to support healthcare services, and the City of La Verne has formally opposed the measure, listing concerns about increased tax burdens on residents and businesses, reduced local fiscal flexibility, lack of guaranteed proportional return of funds, potential economic impacts, and questions regarding transparency and oversight.

Recommendation: That the City Council approve a Resolution titled, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY "HEALTHCARE FUNDING RESTORATION ACT" COUNTYWIDE SALES TAX MEASURE."

- 6. Consideration of Historical Civic Engagement Opportunities - Route 66 Centennial and United States Semiquincentennial.** 2026 marks a significant milestone in United States history, commemorating the nation's Semiquincentennial, or 250th Anniversary, and the celebration of the centennial of Route 66. To maximize opportunities associated with these historic celebrations, City staff is seeking direction from the City Council regarding potential programs, events, and initiatives to recognize and celebrate these milestones.

Recommendation: That the City Council provide direction to City staff regarding potential

programs, events, and initiatives to celebrate and recognize the nation's Semiquincentennial and the centennial of Route 66.

7. **Review and Approval of Revisions to Administrative Regulation No. 215 (Investment Policy) and Receive and File Administrative Regulation – Fund Loan Policy.** Consideration of approval of revisions to Administrative Regulation No. 215 (Investment Policy) pursuant to California Government Code Section 53646 and receive and file of the Administrative Regulation – Fund Loan Policy, with direction to the City Manager to finalize and implement the Administrative Regulation.

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Review and approve revisions to Administrative Regulation No. 215 (Investment Policy) pursuant to California Government Code Section 53646; and
2. Receive and file the Administrative Regulation – Fund Loan Policy and direct the City Manager to finalize and implement the Administrative Regulation.

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 MEETING OF THE LA VERNE CITY COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, CLOSED/STUDY SESSION AT 5:30 P.M., REGULAR MEETING AT 6:30 PM.

Posting Statement: A true copy of this Agenda was posted on February 24, 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

Monday, March 2 - Spring Coloring Contest Begins, entries due by March 23, at 5:30 pm

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

Monday, March 9 - Heritage Foundation Spring Squeeze, Heritage Park, 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

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

Saturday, March 14 - Heritage Foundation Spring Squeeze Vendor Faire, Heritage Park,
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

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

Tuesday, March 24 - Youth & Family Action Subcommittee meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

Saturday, March 28 - Eggcellent Adventure, Heritage Park, 9:00 am