2020 CITY UPDATE

Mayor Michael T. Davitt

PRESENTED TO KIWANIS
AUGUST 5, 2020
2019-20 MAYOR’S STATE OF THE CITY
Leonard Pieroni, 2019-20 Mayor

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APRIL 1, 2020
2019-20 City Council

Leonard Pieroni
Mayor
2015 - 2020

Greg Brown
Mayor Pro Tem
2017 - 2020

Jonathan C. Curtis
Councilmember
2017-2022

Michael T. Davitt
Councilmember
2020 - 2022

Teresa “Terry” Walker
Councilmember
2020 - 2024
The City Council is active in regional and state organizations including:

- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- California Contract Cities Association (CCCA)
- San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG)
- League of California Cities
- County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts
- Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District
- Arroyo Verdugo Communities Joint Powers Authority (AVCJPA)
City Commissions and Committees

Commissions:
- Design Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety Commission
- Public Works & Traffic Commission

Committees:
- Investment & Financing Advisory Committee
- Youth Council
Fy 2019-20 Budget Highlights

- $15,813,875 general fund budget for
- June 30, 2019 reserves: $13.5 million
  - 87.5% of expenditures = 10.5 months of operating
- General fund revenue for first six months of FY 2019-20 was $575,350 (11.1%) higher than first six months of FY 2018-19

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- Investment in large capital projects (Soundwalls, Foothill Link)
2019-20 General Fund Revenues
(By Source)

Local Taxes:
  Property Tax, Sales Tax, Real Property Transfer Tax, Business License Fees (74.2%)

Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties (0.5%)

From Other Agencies (0.2%)

Current Service Charges (17.2%)

Use of Money & Property (3.9%)

Other Revenue (1.1%)
2019-20 Budgeted Expenditures (By Program – All Funds)

$29,993,125 in total
Increased communications between City Hall and the community.

- 4 LCF Vista community newsletters
- 4-6 social media messages posted weekly via Facebook and Twitter
- City Council meetings can be streamed live or accessed via archive on the City website. Audio of Commission meetings is also available.
- In September, the City unveiled a redesigned, user-friendly website that provides more connectivity to City services and staff
Administration Highlights

- Processed 552 Public Records Act requests
- Processed 696 parking permits
- Prepared 56 Agenda Reports for City Council
- Provided Legislative and Intergovernmental information
- City Clerk’s office produced 25 full Agendas for City Council
- Continued to provide business & community support
- Attendance at Business Support & Development Committee (BSDC) and Chamber Board meetings
- Participated in Chamber Intern Program, evaluating recreational scheduling software
Staff continued to work closely with the L.A. County Sheriff and Fire Departments to implement the City Council’s public safety goals.

- Funded another round of the Ring.com residential video doorbell program. In total the City funded four rounds between 2017-2019.

The City began efforts to create the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program. CERT is a federal program geared towards preparing citizens with the knowledge and skill necessary to help each other during a disaster.

Volunteers assisted the Chamber of Commerce with the Memorial Day Parade
Crime

- 326 total crimes in 2019, a 3% decrease since last year

Fire

- 1,398 total responses in 2018:
  - 911 — Medical
  - 184 — Service Calls
  - 27 — Hazardous Condition
  - 250 — Good Intent
  - 22 — Fires
  - 4 — HazMat
The new City Hall, located at One Civic Center Drive, opened to the public on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.

The new City Hall was named Project of the Year by the American Public Works Association, due to its enhanced public access, collaborative staff workspaces, redesigned council chambers, and revenue-generating space.

The City welcomed both the LCF Chamber of Commerce and Citizens Business Bank as tenants on the first floor of the building during 2019.
David A. Spence Memorial Community Room

- The new City Hall also includes the David A. Spence Memorial Community Room
- Located on the first floor adjacent to the City Council Chambers
- Locally based non-profit community groups can use the room for meetings, forums, and other small events
Council Chambers
Descanso Conference Room
Exploration Conference Room
Rose Conference Room
## Public Works Examples of Service

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Number of Road Maintenance and Traffic Requests</td>
<td>72</td>
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<td>Tree Service and Spraying Requests</td>
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<td>Graffiti Removal Requests</td>
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<td>Parks and Landscape Service Requests</td>
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<td>Trail Service Requests &amp; Inspections</td>
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<td>Tonnage Recycled – Construction &amp; Demolition Projects</td>
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<td>Sewer Connections Processed</td>
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<td>Miles of Streets Swept (86 miles of roadway 24 times/year)</td>
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<td>Public Right-of-Way Encroachment Permits Processed (including trash bins)</td>
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Padres Trail Desilting Basin

The project involved the construction of a 1,500-cubic-yard elevated inlet and partial debris basin within the streambed of the Cherry Canyon watercourse adjacent to the easterly end of Encinas Drive.

Project completed October 2019, at a cost of $238,340
FIS Tennis Court Surface Rehabilitation

• All 8 courts were resurfaced

• The project was completed December 2019

• Construction cost: $117,461
Annual Street Resurfacing

Cost Estimate—$1,450,000

To Be Completed July 2020

Curb, gutter repair and street resurfacing on 4.5 miles of roadway, including:

1. Fairlawn Dr
2. Lanterman Ln
3. Commonwealth Ave
4. Hobbs Dr
5. Vista Pl
6. Hilldale Dr
7. El Camino Corto St
8. Palm Dr
9. Del Oro Dr
10. Louise Dr
11. Palm Terrace Ct
12. Jarvis Ave
13. Journeys End Dr
14. Green Ln
15. Flanders Rd
16. Alta Park Ln
17. La Granada Way
18. Glenhaven Dr
19. Parkdale Pl
20. Purtell Dr
21. Ahlin Dr
22. Chevy Chase Dr
Annual Concrete Repairs

• Project consists of the comprehensive removal and reconstruction of select curbs and surrounding infrastructure throughout the City

• Project will include installation of ADA curb ramps at several intersections.

• Project to be completed August 2020, at a cost of $150,000
FUTURE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

In Design and Planning Phase
Foothill Boulevard Link Bikeway & Pedestrian Greenbelt Project

- The “Link” Project consists of a half-mile long Class I bike trail between Hillard Avenue and Leata Lane; a 1.5-mile-long Class II bike path; new landscaped medians and widened parkways, creating a pedestrian greenbelt.
- Construction to begin Fall 2020
Soundwall Phase II

- The Phase II Project includes one soundwall segment (1,200 feet) along the southside of the I-210 Freeway, from La Tour Way to Alta Canyada Rd

- Funding through Measure R.

- Project construction to begin Fall 2020
Soundwall Phase III

• The project includes 3 wall segments to reduce exposure to traffic noise on the north and south side of the Foothill Boulevard highway overpass

• Funding through Measure R

• Design complete March 2021
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Highlights

- PLANNING
- BUILDING & SAFETY
New Mixed-Use Building
Approved at
2242 Foothill Boulevard
Commercial Projects:

One Civic Center Drive – City Hall Building

1327 Foothill Boulevard – Knight Insurance Services (Former City Hall location)

712 Foothill Boulevard – Hakata Ramen
Transit Services

- LCF Shuttle – 55,010 free rides
  - 17% increase from 46,703 rides in 2018

- Summer Beach Bus – 276 rides

- Residents newly registered for the Dial-A-Ride program – 28
SR-710 Route Eliminated

• On October 12, 2019 two state bills were signed which assisted the City in finally eliminating the 710 North Route at the state level:
  • SB 1 (Portantino) and AB 29 (Holden) – Among other provisions, these bills were signed by the Governor and they will, on January 1, 2024, remove from the California freeway and expressway system the portion of Route 710 between Alhambra Avenue in the City of Los Angeles and California Boulevard in the City of Pasadena.
  • The City thanks Senator Portantino, especially, for his many years of advocacy against the 710 route and tunnel.
Soundwall Program

- NBSSR and Phase I – Complete
- Phase II – Construction to begin September, 2020
- Phase III – Funding Secured, Design to begin March, 2020
- Phase IV – 50% of funding secured, with remaining 50% anticipated by the end of the year. Design anticipated to begin early 2021.
- Total funds that will have been spent – NBSSR through Phase IV = $30.6 million.
- City still needs an additional (approximately) $40 million to complete the remainder of its soundwall program.
Recreation & Open Space

- City continued to maintain and/or improve LCHS Tennis Courts, FIS Tennis Courts, and Memorial Park. All 8 FIS tennis courts were resurfaced in 2019.

- In September, the City launched a pilot pickleball program. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong, and can be played on the basketball court next to the LCF Skate Park. Hours of operation are Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM and 3:30 to 6:30 PM

- City completed design of the Seco Creek Trail in Cherry Canyon. The new trail, when completed in 2020, will connect Owl trail to Five Points.
COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FACILITIES
Community Events

• Fiesta Days and Memorial Day Parade: Thank you LCF Chamber of Commerce

• 26th Annual Thanksgiving Day Run & Food Drive: Thank you LCF Community Center

• “Wine & Gourmet Food Tasting” Event: Thank you Kiwanis Club of La Cañada

• Annual Community Breakfast (Fiesta Days): Thank you AM Kiwanis
Community Group Grants

- **Community Center of La Cañada Flintridge** - $60,000 for general support, senior programming, ceramics studios, and a preschool shade structure.

- **Lanterman Historical Museum Foundation** - $122,275 for operating and personnel costs

- **LCF Chamber of Commerce & Community Association** - $90,975 for the Festival in Lights program and general operating costs

- **LCF Coordinating Council** - $1,000 to support community programs and events, including the City Council Candidate forum

- **LCF Music Parent Association** - $5,000 to acquire music stands, stand carts, and a sound amplifier for the program

- **LCF Sister Cities Association, Inc.** - $5,000 for LCF Sister Cities Annual Meeting and International Leadership Summit

- **LCF Tournament of Roses Association** - $15,400 for float upgrades and operating costs

- **LCF Valley Beautiful** - $12,000 for landscaping projects in public spaces

Joint Use Agreement

- City staff provided support to the Joint Use Committee on issues relating to:
  - Minimizing the impact on the athletic fields due to the severe drought
  - Traffic circulation around school sites
  - Crossing guard assignments
  - Capital improvement projects
- Staff continued to work on a Five Year Capital Project Improvement Schedule for Joint Use Facilities.
- Completed FIS Tennis Court resurfacing project at Cornishon Avenue
- The JUC continued its efforts to conduct a thorough Athletic Fields Needs Assessment
- Sheriff's STAR drug and alcohol awareness program. Thank you to Kiwanis Club of La Cañada for your continued financial support!
Lanterman Auditorium

- Installed fifth phase of LED lighting system – provided more lighting support to users at a lower cost
- Installed new sound equipment for better quality for users.
- Made accessibility improvements, replacing one set of entry doors with an ADA compliant set of doors
- 2019: Booked a total of 950 hours
- Increasingly desirable venue, and financially self-sustaining for the City
Memorial Park Events

Spring into Wellness

The City of La Cañada Flintridge Parks and Recreation Commission partnered with the YMCA of the Foothills to host fun, high energy and low impact health and wellness events at Memorial Park and Olberz Park in May and September of 2019.

Music in the Park Concert Series

• 15 free Music in the Park concerts and 1 Movie in the Park night.
Mayor’s Hike

• Over 60 residents joined Mayor Pieroni on November 16, 2019 for a 1.5 mile hike looping around Descanso Trail

• Hikers enjoyed scenic views of La Cañada Flintridge

• The event ended with a brief reception at the Descanso Gardens picnic area
Chamber/City Mixer - July 2019

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A WORLD OF PURE IMAGINATION

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WHERE WE ARE NOW
2020-21 City Council

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Mayor
2020 - 2022

Jonathan C. Curtis
Mayor Pro Tem
2017 - 2022

Keith Eich
Councilmember
2020 - 2024

Richard B. Gunter III
Councilmember
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The City adheres to all of the guidelines contained in the County’s “Safer at Home” Order. This includes:

- Requirements to socially distance and wear a face mask/covering while in public.

- Prohibition of indoor operations for restaurants, gyms/fitness centers, personal service establishments, places of worship.

- City Council suspended Temporary Use Permit requirements to allow for outdoor dining and business activities.

- Closure of park restrooms and playgrounds, and athletic fields for competitive/team play.

- City is looking into a “Gift Card” program to stimulate local business
Mass Gatherings Prohibited

- Per the County’s Health Orders, gatherings of people from outside of the household are prohibited until further notice.

- All Music-in-the Park concerts cancelled

- Fiesta Days events cancelled
City Hall – Open by Appointment Only

• To ensure resident and staff safety, City Hall is closed to walk-in traffic, although appointments are available.

• Residents are encouraged to use the ConnectLCF portal and online request forms to conduct business with the City.

• Most services can be conducted online, including building permit/planning applications and business licenses.
CDBG – Small Business Grant Assistance Program

- Qualifying businesses can receive up to $10,000 in grant assistance.
- Eligible small businesses must have fewer than 500 employees and operated for at least two years in the City prior to the pandemic.
- The following types of businesses are eligible
  - Restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, etc.
  - Salons, barbers and other grooming businesses
  - Gyms, day spas, and fitness studios
  - Retail and commercial stores
- Applications will be available on the City’s website August 10-14. Grantees will be selected via a lottery process.
- Visit [https://cityoflcf.org/coronavirus/](https://cityoflcf.org/coronavirus/) for more information on business assistance programs
Budget Highlights

• $15,135,025 general fund budget for FY 2020-21

• June 30, 2019 general fund reserves: $13.5 million
  • A decrease of $0.1 million from the prior year

• June 30, 2020 general fund reserves $14.5 million (despite a loss of approximately $600,000 due to Covid-19)

• No major changes in staffing or programs

• $2 million in new Capital Projects (Citywide Street Resurfacing; Descanso Drive Improvements; Miscellaneous Concrete Repairs; Sister Cities Friendship Trail)
2020-21 GENERAL FUND REVENUES (BY SOURCE)

- Local Taxes: 77%
- Service Charges: 17%
- Use of Money: 3%
- From Other Funds: 3%
- Other: 0%
Thank you, Kiwanis, for your support!