

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Pacheco led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Tragarz, MPT/Rodriguez, C/Ching, C/Pacheco, C/Su  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner, Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; Community Services Deputy Director Jensen; Senior Planner Vasquez; Planning Associate Guerra; Planning Technician Muñoz; Public Information Officer Tep; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** The invocation was led retired Walnut Sheriff Lieutenant John Saleeby.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **2018 Holiday Home Decorating Contest Winner – Albert Tapia**

Council congratulated Mr. Tapia for having the best decorated house during the holidays.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Teresa Lam expressed support for the Walnut Grove Homeowners Association and also shared concerns regarding certain tenants.

William Harrison thanked code enforcement, maintenance, and Deputy McDonald for their work in the Creekside neighborhood. He also asked to improve the performance of Oswalt Academy.

Greg Agey expressed concerns regarding the Los Angeles County Sanitation District and their negotiations between the sanitation district negotiation and their union.

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There being no further input, it was moved by C/Ching to close oral communications; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of the December 12, 2018 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

*C/Pacheco moved to approve Item 1; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

**AYES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu*  
**NOES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*  
**ABSTAIN:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: Rodriguez*  
**ABSENT:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2. Resolution No. 19-01 - Selection of Projects for the 2019-2020 (45<sup>th</sup>) Program Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Hear the staff report;
2. Open the Public Hearing to solicit input relative to the 2019-2020 (45<sup>th</sup> Year) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program;
3. Close the Public Hearing;
4. Adopt Resolution No. 19-01, adopting the 2019-2020 (45<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program as follows: Housing Rehabilitation (\$146,852.92) and Senior Citizen Activities (\$17,703.90); and
5. Authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare, execute, and submit the Planning Summary, Agreements, and all required documents for the 2019-2020 (45<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Mayor Tragarz opened the public hearing. There being no input, it was moved by MPT/Rodriguez to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried.

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

*C/Ching moved to adopt Item 2; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

**AYES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu*  
**NOES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*  
**ABSTAIN:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*  
**ABSENT:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

**3. Resolution No. 19-02 - Weed and Rubbish Abatement: Cost Recovery Report for the work performed at 1347 Wesleyan Avenue (APN: 8712-015-017)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on this item;
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 19-02 confirming the Cost Recovery Report for the Weed and Rubbish Abatement work performed at 1347 Wesleyan Avenue.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the abatement process and costs associated.

Mayor Tragarz opened the public hearing. There being no input, it was moved by C/Ching to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried.

CA/Leibold stated that staff received correspondence from the property owner and distributed it to Council.

**MOTION ON ITEM 3**

***C/Ching moved to adopt Item 3; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:***

***AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu***  
***NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***  
***ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***  
***ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***

**ORDINANCE:**

**4. Ordinance No. 19-01 – Amending the Walnut Municipal Code to establish the School and Public Institution Zoning Ordinance and Zone(s) for consistency with the adopted Walnut General Plan (WGP)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Review the staff report; and
2. Introduce Ordinance No. 19-01, read by title only and agendize the item for a second reading and Public Hearing on January 23, 2019, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code and Adopting the School and Public Institution Zoning Ordinance and Amending the Walnut Zoning Map to Establish the School and Public Institution Zones.”

CP/Vasquez presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: parking structure guidelines in the code, zoning designations,

Mayor Tragarz opened public comment.

Hassan Sassi expressed concerns regarding proposed parking structures Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) not meeting code standards.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the school and public institution zoning code requirements, setback requirements of parking structures in the memorandum of agreement between the City of Walnut and Mt. SAC, the authority of Council to review condition upon approval for projects,

CA/Leibold shared that the final settlement agreement with Mt. SAC and the city is forthcoming and that the memorandum details a 400 ft. setback that is applicable to Mt. SAC. She provided the following options to Council: postpone the item and bring it back after the settlement agreement is finalized, introduce the ordinance and postpone the second reading and adoption of the ordinance until the settlement is finalized, or postpone the item entirely.

**MOTION ON ITEM 4**

*C/Ching moved to continue Item 4 until the settlement agreement between Mt. SAC and the City of Walnut is definitive; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu  
**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
**ABSTAIN:** COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: None

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 7 was pulled for discussion.

5. **Resolution No. 19-03 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,507,736.75, Demand No. 157342 through No. 157493, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-03.

**6. Resolution No. 19-04 – Request by Valley Vista Services for a Rate Adjustment for CPI Increase**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve Resolution No 19-04, setting fees for refuse, recycling, green waste and commercial collection within the City of Walnut; and
2. Approve a 3.9% CPI rate increase effective on or after March 1, 2019, subject to Valley Vista Services providing all customers with the required 30-day notification.

**MOTION ON ITEMS 5 & 6**

*C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 5 & 6; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

**AYES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu*  
**NOES:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*  
**ABSTAIN:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*  
**ABSENT:** *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**7. Award of Contract to Emergency Planning Consultants to provide professional services in preparing a Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to Emergency Planning Consultants (EPC) to provide professional services to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan, not to exceed an amount of \$50,000 without City Council authorization;
2. Approve said Agreement for one (1) year beginning January 10, 2019 and expiring on January 10, 2020;
3. Reject all other proposals;
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer said Agreement in substantially the form attached, and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
5. Utilize \$2,500 from Proposition C Fund (Fund 13), authorized by Metro to pay for 10% of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for transportation disaster; and
6. Appropriate \$47,500 from the General Fund, to be carried forward into the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year FY).

AP/Guerra presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the funding of the project, the cost sharing between Mt. SAC and the city, the process of approving the mitigation plan,

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Mayor Tragarz opened public comment.

Hassan Sassi inquired into the scope of services of the consultants and the process of approval.

**MOTION ON ITEM 7**

***C/Ching moved to approve Item 7; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:***

***AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Rodriguez, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu***  
***NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***  
***ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***  
***ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:** None scheduled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):**

**A. Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency**

MPT/Rodriguez shared information from the Contract Cities Legislative Advocacy Day in Sacramento.

**B. Individual Members' comments and updates**

C/Ching requested a study session to discuss the aquatics center project. He also shared that he would like to look into a citywide camera system to help prevent crime.

C/Pacheco stated that he would like to have regular meetings with Mt. SAC to have general discussions.

MPT/Rodriguez welcomed C/Wu to the City Council and apologized that he could not be in attendance at the last City Council meeting.

M/Tragarz invited the community to attend the City of Walnut Lunar New Year event on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the City Hall parking lot.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of January 2019.**

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Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant