

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Ching led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

Staff present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner, Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; Assessment Engineer Howing; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Public Information Office Tep; Code Enforcement Specialist Ramos; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Terry Khor of Vineyard of Harvest Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Walnut NJB 2018-19 National Champions - Kindergarten and 1st Grade All-Star Basketball**

Council recognized the Walnut NJB National Champions and congratulated them on their successful season.

- **Recognition of Rowland Telesis Academy - Tree Planting at Snow Creek Park**

Council recognized Luis Hernandez, Brian Nguyen, and Maximus Prieto for their efforts to help reduce air pollution in the community by planting trees at Snow Creek Park.

- **Recognition of Services – Youth Advisory Commission**

Council thanked the members of the Youth Advisory Commission for the hard work and dedication to the City.

- **Recognition of the Walnut High School Dance Team**

Council congratulated the 2018-19 Walnut High School Dance Team on their successful season in which they won 67 awards.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Cary Cheng, Rowland Unified School District board of education member, shared information regarding schools in their district.

William Harrison thanked staff for their efforts at the National Day of Prayer event and for their efforts in the Creekside neighborhood. He shared concerns regarding the condition of the Lemon Creek Village shopping center.

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

MINUTES: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **Resolution No. 19-20 - Public Hearing Regarding Setting 2019-20 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on the item;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Approve the Engineer’s Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 19-20 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, Ordering the Maintenance Work, Approving the Engineer’s Report, and Confirming the Diagrams and Assessments within Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No 1, Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 for Fiscal Year 2019-20.”

AE/Howing presented a staff report.

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Ching moved to adopt Item 1; 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*

2. Resolution No. 19-21 - Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 19127 Amber Valley Drive (APN: 8735-047-034)

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;
5. Adopt Resolution No. 19-21 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Declaring the Following Real Property as a Public Nuisance: 19127 Amber Valley Drive (8735-047-034); and
6. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

CES/Ramos presented a staff report.

Discussion amongst Council and staff took place regarding the state of the property.

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing.

William Harrison expressed his concerns regarding the property.

There being no further input, it was moved by C/Ching to close the public hearing; seconded by MPT/Rodriguez. 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. 19-22 – 2019 Walnut Dial-A-Cab (DAC) Program Modification(s)

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. 19-22; modifying the Walnut Dial-A-Cab program to remove the Ontario International Airport (OIA) as a service area and expand the “Special Service Area(s)” (SSA) to include all licensed medical facilities within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the City’s boundary.

SMA/Guerra presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the changes to the service, the funding of the service, and the issues with suspicious uses of the services to the Ontario Airport and monitoring misuses.

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing.

Hassan Sassi and William Harrison supported a proposal from a resident that supports a system that monitors uses of the services so that it may not be misused.

M/Tragarz stated she feels it is more important to expand the services to include more medical facilities rather than service to an airport.

There being no further input, it was moved by MPT/Rodriguez to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Ching moved to adopt Item 3; 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

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. **Resolution No. 19-23 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,373,912.17, Demand No. 158136 through No. 158235, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-23.

5. **Rejection of Bids – La Puente Road Rehabilitation**

Recommendation: That the City Council reject all bids for the La Puente Road Rehabilitation Project.

6. **Out-of-State Travel Authorization – Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Mayor Pro Tem Rodriguez’s travel request to attend the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) 36th Annual Conference in Miami, Florida.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 6

C/Ching moved to adopt Items 4 - 6; seconded by MPT/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, 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**

C/Wu and C/Pacheco shared information from the Southern California Association of Governments conference.

- B. **Individual Members’ comments and updates**

C/Ching shared that an organization donated \$500 to the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department for assistance at a sports tournament.

M/Tragarz shared information regarding the wreath laying ceremony on the veterans memorial and an event in Baldwin Park regarding autism awareness. She thanked ASD/Ogawa for her efforts at the National Day of Prayer event and wished a happy mother's day to all mothers.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None

CLOSED SESSION: Council went into closed session at 8:19 pm.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**
(Gov't Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiator: City Manager Rob Wishner
Employee organization: Unrepresented Employees

- B. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code § 54956.9)
United Walnut Taxpayers v Mt San Antonio Community College District, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 576587
[Consolidated with Case Nos. BS 154389, BC 600860 and BS159593]

- C. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code § 54956.9)
City of Walnut v Mt San Antonio Community College District, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS 166152 MF;
(Consolidated Case No. BS170683)

- D. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code § 54956.9)
City of Walnut v Mt San Antonio Community College District, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BS 171818
City of Walnut v. Mt. San Antonio Community College District et al)

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The meeting reconvened at 9:09 p.m. There was no reportable action on items A, B, C, or D.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of June 2019.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant