

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MPT/Pacheco led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Rodriguez, MPT/Pacheco, C/Ching, C/Tragarz, C/Wu
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; Finance Officer Cortez; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Public Information Officer Tep; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Brother Joseph Hwa from the Agape Institute and Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Justina Kozan – Junior World Champion Swimmer**

Council recognized Walnut High School student and swimmer Justina Kozan for winning two gold medals at the Junior World Championships in Budapest.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Russ Viasquez shared information and expressed concerns regarding an incident involving the sheriff's department.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding houses in the Three Oaks neighborhood that changed school districts.

Daniel Liese and Anthony Rowano, Walnut Basketball Association (WBA) representatives, shared information regarding their departure from National Junior Basketball and asked for support from Council.

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Jim Lolly provided documentation to Council and suggested that Council distribute information to better warn residents of the presence of coyotes in the community.

Jerome Lacey, National Junior Basketball representative, shared information regarding their current situation with WBA and asked Council to allow their organization to continue to use the Walnut Gymnasium.

Vijay Vakil provided documentation to Council and expressed concerns regarding the following: houses in Three Oaks changing their school districts, unfunded pension liability, and an accounting discrepancy.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the August 14, 2019 Study Session

MOTION ON ITEM 1

M/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 1; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

2. Approval of the August 14, 2019 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

M/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 2; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

3. Approval of the August 28, 2019 Study Session

MOTION ON ITEM 3

M/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 3; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

4. Approval of the August 28, 2019 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 4

M/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 4; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 9, 10, & 14 were pulled for discussion.

5. Resolution No. 19-60 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$957,677.41, Demand No. 159151 through No. 159240, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-60.

6. Resolution No. 19-61 – Authorizing the Application for the SB 2 Planning Grant

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-61, authorizing:

1. The submittal of a project application for SB 2 Planning Grant Program (PGP) Funds, requesting the maximum amount of \$160,000; and
2. The City Manager to execute the City of Walnut PGP application, the PGP Grant documents, and any amendment thereto, on behalf of the City, as required by the Department, for receipt of (PGP) Funds.

7. **Ordinance No. 19-07 – Amending the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) 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 adopt by title only and waive further reading Ordinance No. 19-07 – “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 in the City of Walnut.”

8. **Ordinance No. 19-08 – Recodification of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC): Title I (Phase II)**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt by title only and waive further reading Ordinance No. 19-08: “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, amending WMC, Title I (General Provisions and Administration).”

11. **Approval to Purchase One 2019 Toyota Prius Vehicle from AutoNation Toyota Buena Park (Lowest Bidder) and Appropriation of \$29,207.06 to be Reimbursement by Insurer**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a purchase contract to AutoNation Toyota Buena Park for one 2019 Toyota Prius XLE vehicle in the amount of \$29,207.06;
2. Appropriate \$29,207.06 from 25 Fund Reserves to 25-5000-8402;
3. Authorize the City Manager to sign a purchase contract on behalf of the City in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to AutoNation Buena Park in the amount of \$29,207.06.

12. **Request to Accept a Donation of \$2,500 from Mt. San Antonio Community College District of Los Angeles County and Appropriate the \$2,500 towards a Band Performance at the Walnut Family Festival**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the donation from Mt. San Antonio Community College District of Los Angeles County (Mt. SAC) of \$2,500; and
2. Appropriate the funds towards the payment of a band performance at the Walnut Family Festival (\$2,500 to account #01-4801-6227).

13. Additional Sport User Group Field Use Request – Fall 2019

Recommendation: The Walnut Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve the additional Use Agreement for October 2019 through December 2019 for Piranhas Baseball for the field use request listed below; and
2. Authorize the Assistant City Manager – Community Services/Public Works to execute and administer said agreements in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

Field Use Request:

- a. Use of Snow Creek Park by Piranhas Baseball from October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

MOTION ON ITEMS 5 - 8, & 11 - 13

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 5 - 8, & 11 - 13; 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:

9. Awarding of a Contract to Newmark Knight Frank to Provide Professional Services and Prepare a Hotel Feasibility Study

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to Newmark Knight Frank to provide professional services and prepare a Hotel Feasibility Study, for an amount not to exceed \$18,000, rejecting all other proposals; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the Agreement, in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Appropriate \$18,000 from the General Fund Reserves.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

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Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the possibility of recuperating the costs of the study, potential hotel sites, and the benefits of having an independent study.

C/Tragarz expressed concerns regarding using reserves to fund the study and suggested that developers should prepare their own studies.

C/Ching proposed encouraging developers to submit a proposal.

MPT/Pacheco expressed support for the study and inquired into the potential revenue generated from a hotel.

M/Rodriguez opened public comment.

William Harrison stated that the city needs a meeting place, but expressed concerns regarding spending city funds on the study.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

MPT/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 9; seconded by M/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

10. Updated 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan Agreement and Agreement for 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plan Consulting and Investment Fiduciary Services

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with SFG Retirement Plan Consulting, LLC in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Approve an Administrative Services Agreement with ICMA-RC in substantially the form attached and in such form as approved by the City Attorney.

ASD/Ogawa presented a staff report.

C/Tragarz asked staff to look into rates for health and medical benefits.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 10; 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*

14. Update on Coyote Control Management

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this update.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding Council and staff regarding the current state of the coyote management plan.

MOTION ON ITEM 14

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 14; 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*

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: 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 stated that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting as well as the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

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M/Rodriguez shared information from the International Council of Shopping Centers event in Los Angeles as well as the Los Angeles County Mayor’s Summit and Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Ching shared information regarding forming a safety committee.

C/Tragarz thanked all of the volunteers involved with the Relay for Life event and invited the community to attend the Walnut Family Festival.

MPT/Pacheco thanked the neighborhood watch volunteers in the Snow Creek neighborhood.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS TO THE MEETING OF THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY



CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 8:16 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak during oral communications, it was moved by AM/Ching to close oral communications; seconded by AM/Wu. Motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 15. Resolution No. 19-10 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$30,547.49, Demand No. 100381 through No. 100381, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 19-10 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEMS 15

AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 15; seconded by AM/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of November 2019.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant