

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Rodriguez, C/Ching, C/Tragarz, C/Wu
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: MPT/Pacheco

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; City Planner Carlson; Finance Officer Cortez; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Code Enforcement Officer Ramos; Public Information Officer Tep; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Retired Sheriff John Saleeby led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Winter Business of the Quarter – Akano Japanese Restaurant**

Council recognized the owner of Akano Japanese Restaurant as the Winter Business of the Quarter and thanked her for bringing her business to the city.

- **Recognition of Walnut High School FBLA and The Walnut Partnership with Business Team**

Council recognized the WHS members of the Future Business Leaders of America and congratulated them on a successful season.

- **Recognition of Mark Statema of Young Life and Joseph Hwa of Agape Church**

Council recognized Mark Statema and Joseph Hwa for helping mentor youth in local communities.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the lack of diversity amongst teachers and administrators in local schools.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the February 12, 2020 City Council Minutes

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Resolution No. 20-17 - Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 215 Oakwell Drive (APN: 8720-031-018)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on this item;
4. City Council discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 20-17 – “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: 215 Oakwell Drive (APN: 8720-031-018); and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisances).

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

CEO/Ramos presented a staff report.

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M/Rodriguez opened public comment.

William Harrison expressed support for greater punishments for public nuisance properties.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close the public hearing. Motion Carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

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

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco

3. Resolution No. 20-18 – Authorizing the Substantial Amendment to the 45th Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on the item;
4. City Council discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 20-18 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Authorizing the Substantial Amendment to the 45th Year of CDBG Funds for FY 2019-2020.

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

SMA/Guerra presented a staff report.

M/Rodriguez opened public comment. There being no input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

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

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 6 - 8 were pulled for discussion

4. **Resolution No. 20-19 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$621,737.30, Demand No. 160049 through No. 160136, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-19.

5. **Resolution No. 20-20 – Approving the Fund Exchange Agreement of METRO Proposition A Local Return Funds Between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 20-20 Approving a Fund Exchange Agreement between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood for Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
3. Authorize the exchange of \$500,000 of restricted Proposition A Local Return Funds for \$350,000 in unrestricted funds from the City of West Hollywood;
4. Appropriate \$500,000 of Prop A Local Return Reserve Funds to Expenditure Account No. 23-5307-6227, for Prop A Local Return Fund Exchange between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood; and
5. Appropriate funds in the amount of \$350,000 to 01-0000-3558 to account for revenue received from Prop A Local Return Fund Exchange between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood.

9. **Housing Element – 2019 Annual Progress Report (APR)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file this report; and
2. Direct Staff to transmit a copy of the 2019 APR to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

MOTION ON ITEMS 4, 5, & 9

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 4, 5, & 9; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

6. Request for Appropriation of \$96,130.00 from Prop A Fund Reserves to Fund 23 for the Installation of Three New Bus Stop Shelter

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$96,130.00 from the Proposition A Local Return Fund Reserves to Fund 23;
2. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Gentry General Engineering in the amount of \$87,386.00 for the installation of two shelters at NW Valley and Brea Canyon Road and one shelter at NE Amar and Lemon Avenue;
3. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Gentry General Engineering in the amount of \$87,386.00

CM/Wishner stated that due to a technicality in the bidding process, staff would bring back to the item to Council at the future City Council meeting.

7. Agreement for Vendor Services with Landscape Structures, Inc. for \$177,014.97 for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for Butterfield Park

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Landscape Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$177,014.97 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Butterfield Park;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Landscape Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$177,014.97.

8. Agreement for Vendor Services with Landscape Structures, Inc. for \$271,255.77 to Purchase of Playground Equipment for Suzanne Park

Recommendation: That the City Council:

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1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Landscape Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$271,255.77 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Suzanne Park;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Landscape Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$271,255.77.

ACM/Rooney presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEMS 7 & 8

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 7 & 8; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:

10. Resolution No. 20-21 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut as Successor Agency Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$85,395.28, Demand No. 100550 through No. 100550, Both Inclusive

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

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 attend the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting and also reported back from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Government meeting.

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MPT/Tragarz shared information from the California Contract Cities Association meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

C/Ching shared that he met with City of Diamond Bar Mayor Pro Tem Lyons regarding Metro funds. He also shared information regarding the installation on license plate cameras in the city.

M/Rodriguez invited the community to attend the Taste of Wellness event on March 28th as well as the Aldi grand opening.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS TO THE MEETING OF THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:43 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:

- 11. Resolution No. 20-02 WHA – A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$34,232.08 Demand No. 100386 through No. 100386, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 20-02 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 11

AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 11; seconded by AM/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

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 8:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of March 2020.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant