

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Tragarz 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 Engineer Gilbertson; City Planner Carlson; Finance Officer Cortez; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Code Enforcement Officer Ramos; Public Information Officer Tep; Finance Analyst Meza; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Terry Khoe from Vineyard of Harvest Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Women’s History Month**

Council presented a proclamation for Women’s History Month to the Walnut Valley Women’s Club.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

William Harrison expressed his thoughts regarding the proposed development at the former Brookside Equestrian Center. Mr. Harrison also expressed his concern over the lack of diversity in the school district.

Daniel Luevanos provided information on organ donation and donor awareness month.

There being no additional input, the City Council moved unanimously to close oral communications.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the February 26, 2020 Study Session
2. Approval of the February 26, 2020 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 1 & 2; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu, Ching

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Ordinance No. 20-01 - A request to amend Title 3, Chapter 3.36 (Nuisances) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Introduce by title only and waive further reading, of Ordinance No. 20-01, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, amending WMC, Title 3, Chapter 3.36 (Nuisances);” and agendaize for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of March 25, 2020.

CEO/Ramos presented the staff report.

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing to receive input.

William Harrison asked for further clarification on the ordinance.

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

MOTION ON ITEM 3

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

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

4. **Resolution No. 20-22 - 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 public input on this item;
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 20-22 – “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; and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

ACM/Weiner presented the staff report.

M/Rodriguez opened public comment hearing to receive input.

William Harrison thanked code enforcement for their efforts on the matter.

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

C/Tragarz expressed concern regarding the amount of concrete in the front yard.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

C/Ching moved to approve Item 4; 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:

5. **Resolution No. 20-23 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$775,427.74, Demand No. 160137 through No. 160219, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-23.

6. **Resolution No. 20-24 - Directing the Preparation of the Engineer's Report and Filing of Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments and Setting the Time and Place for a Public Meeting and Public Hearing**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-24 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments within the Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2020-21 and ordering the engineer to prepare a report in connection therewith; and

1. Direct staff to hold the informal public input meeting on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at the Walnut City Council Chambers;
2. Direct staff to set the time and place for the Public Hearing on the matter of levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2020-21 LOSMD assessments at the City Council Meeting on May 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M; and
3. Direct staff to provide notice of the public meetings and Public Hearing in accordance with the law.

7. **Notice of Decision – March 4, 2020 Planning Commission (PC) Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the Notice of Decision by the PC at its March 4, 2020 Meeting, for the following Planning Application(s):
 - a. SPC/AR 2018-068;
 - b. Time-Extension Request (TPM 73650 and SPC/AR 2015-110);
2. Take no action at this time regarding the Recommendation by the PC at its March 4, 2020 meeting, for the Brookside Equestrian Center (this project will automatically advance to the City Council at a later date.

MOTION ON ITEMS 5, 6, & 7

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 5, 6, & 7; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice 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

None

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

M/Rodriguez provided an update on COVID-19 as it pertains to the city.

C/Ching announced the installation of license plate cameras in the city. He also stated that he met with residents regarding the proposed Brookside project and that he attended ethics and sexual harassment prevention training.

C/Wu stated he would be focusing on the upcoming proposed Brookside development.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: There was none.

CLOSED SESSION: The City Council went into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

A. 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)

B. 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

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The City Council reconvened from Closed Session at 8:35 p.m. with no reportable action on Items A and B.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April 2020.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Rosalea Layman, Senior Management Analyst