

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 Engineer Gilbertson; Assistant Engineer Howing; Finance Officer Cortez; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Public Information Officer Tep; Finance Analyst Meza; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

PRESENTATIONS: None schedule.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

Approximately 25 residents of Walnut and nearby communities expressed their concerns and opposition to Project Roomkey and its use in Rowland Heights.

Vijay Vakil expressed concerns regarding the effects of Covid-19 on the city budget.

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

CM/Wished shared information regarding Project Roomkey.

C/Wu and MPT/Pacheco requested to add Project Roomkey as a discussion item on the next Council agenda.

CA/Leibold requested that Council continue the LOSMD public hearing due to technical difficulties.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the April 22, 2020 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Resolution No. 20-30 - Public Hearing Regarding Setting 2020-21 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 2020-21; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 20-30 – “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 2020-21.”

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing to solicit input from the public.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Wu made a motion to continue the public hearing to the May 27, 2020 City Council meeting; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 3, 9, & 10 were pulled for discussion.

4. **Resolution No. 20-32 – Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency and Amending Resolution No. 20-25 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) to Repeal City’s Temporary Moratorium on Evictions in Recognition of State and County Orders**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Finds the need to continue the local emergency (COVID-19); and
2. Adopts Resolution No. 20-32 amending Resolution No. 20-25 to proclaim the continued existence of a local emergency (COVID-19) and repealing the City’s temporary moratorium on evictions in recognition of State and County Orders.

5. **Request for Appropriation of \$10,000 from Cable TV Education Fund Reserves for the Installation of New Broadcast Cable Equipment**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$10,000 from the Cable TV Education Fund Reserves to Fund 35-4900-8402 Cable TV Machinery & Equipment;
2. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Western Audio Visual in the amount of \$29,992.66 for the installation of new broadcast equipment;
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;
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Western Audio Visual in the amount of \$29,992.66.

6. **Agreement for Vendor Services with Shaw Integrated Solutions for Flooring Replacement in Arts and Crafts Room and Club Room Two at Senior Center**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Shaw Integrated Solutions in the amount of \$37,516.34 for the purchase and installation of flooring in two rooms at the Senior Center;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign a 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 Shaw Integrated Solutions in the amount of \$37,516.34.

7. Request for Appropriation of \$37,000 from Cable TV Education Fund Reserves for the Installation & Replacement of a New Digital Marquee at the Walnut Gymnasium/Teen Center

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$37,000 from the Cable TV Education Fund Reserves to Fund 35-4900-8402 Cable TV Machinery & Equipment;
2. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Encore Image in the amount of \$36,681.28 for the installation of a new digital marquee at the Walnut Gymnasium/Teen Center;
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 Encore Image in the amount of \$36,681.28.

8. Acceptance of Street Dedication for the City of Industry's Required Mitigation at Grand Avenue and La Puente Road

Recommendation: That the City Council formally accept the street dedication and the temporary construction easement for the City of Industry's Required Mitigation at Grand Avenue and La Puente Road.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 8

MPT/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Items 4 - 8; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

3. Resolution No. 20-31 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,575,095.40, Demand No. 160755 through No. 160921, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-31.

MPT/Pacheco requested information regarding Prop A funds exchanged with the City of West Hollywood. ASD/Ogawa shared information regarding the exchange of funds.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

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

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

9. Final Acceptance – Tuolumne Drive Speed Humps Project

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by Excel Paving Co. for the Tuolumne Drive Speed Humps Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion”.

C/Wu shared information regarding the project and thanked staff.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 9; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

10. CDBG – CARES Act Fund: “Basic Bags 4U” Program for Seniors

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$73,900 from CDBG reserves, into expenditure account 12-0000-6216 (CDBG-CARES Act), for the “Basic Bags 4U” Senior program.
2. Appropriate \$73,900 from CDBG, into revenue account 12-0000-3620 (CDBG), for the “Basic Bags 4U” Senior program.

ACM/Rooney shared information regarding the program.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

C/Ching made a motion to approve Item 10; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Rodriguez, Pacheco, Ching, 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 stated that he attended the San Gabriel Valley (SGV) Mosquito and Vector Control meeting.

C/Tragarz shared that she attended the California Contract Cities Association Executive Board meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Ching recommended using video conference technology for meetings and suggested that the city translate information regarding Project Roomkey.

MPT/Pacheco recommended that the city produce a letter specifying a position on Project Roomkey.

M/Rodriguez shared information regarding a virtual town hall meeting with Representative Cisneros and invited residents to apply for city commissions.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: There was none.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of May 2020.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant