

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, 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; Assessment Engineer Howing; Finance Officer Cortez; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; City Planner Carlson; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Finance Analyst Meza; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

There being no input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the May 13, 2020 City Council Meeting

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

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 continued public hearing.

AE/Howing 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 Carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Ching made a motion to approve 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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Resolution No. 20-33 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$946,015.82, Demand No. 160922 through No. 160985, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-33.

4. Resolution No. 20-34 – Calling and Giving Notice of Holding a General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-34, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the Election of Certain Officers as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities.”

5. Resolution No. 20-35 – Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-35, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Consolidate a General Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, with the Statewide General Election to be Held on the Date Pursuant to Section 10403 of the Elections Code.”

6. Resolution No. 20-36 – Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidate Statements for the General Municipal Election on November 3, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-36, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Adopting Regulations for Candidates for Elective Office Pertaining to Candidate Statements Submitted to the Voters at an Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.”

7. Approval of the Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Los Angeles County and the City of Walnut Regarding the Administration and Cost Sharing for a Coordinated Integrated Monitoring Program for the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the attached MOU between Los Angeles County and the City of Walnut for cost sharing for monitoring of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed;
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 the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$26,468.92 for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

8. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Formal Bids for the Amar Road Resurfacing Project (West)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for formal bids for the Amar Road Resurfacing Project (West).

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 8

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 8; 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*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

9. Project Roomkey

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Approximately 30 residents of Walnut and nearby communities expressed their concerns and opposition to Project Roomkey and its use in Rowland Heights.

Council received letters of support for Project Roomkey from approximately 20 local agencies and organizations.

Risa Ellis, Josh Luo, Florencio Briones expressed support for Project Roomkey.

There being no further input, public comment was closed.

C/Wu recommend providing information to residents on the city's website and asked staff to check what surrounding cities are doing in response to the issue.

CM/Wisher shared information regarding a homeless outreach operation conducted by the Sheriff's Station as well as information from a Supreme Court ruling on homelessness.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding Project Roomkey.

C/Ching requested that any information provided be translated in multiple languages.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

A. Councilmembers’ report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency

C/Wu reported on a San Gabriel Valley Council of Government meeting.

M/Rodriguez shared information from a Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

M/Rodriguez shared information regarding the “Basic Box 4 U” program.

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 9:23 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak during oral communications, it was unanimously moved to close oral communications; motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 10. Resolution No. 20-05 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$23,285.46, Demand No. 100389 through No. 100389, Both Inclusive**

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Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 20-05 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

AM/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 10; seconded by AM/Ching. 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 9:25 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of June 2020.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant