

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, C/Rodriguez, 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; Finance Officer Cortez; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Public Information Officer Tep; Code Enforcement Specialist Ramos; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

CC/De Dios read three emails from Vincent Tran, Elizabeth Mason, and Chloe Martinez regarding their concerns for Proposition 16 and urging voters to vote no.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the September 9, 2020 Study Session Meeting
2. Approval of the September 9, 2020 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

3. Resolution No. 20-69 – Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of a Public Nuisance for Substandard Commercial Properties located at the “Lemon Creek Village” – 310, 330, 352, & 372 N. Lemon Avenue (APN:8720-001-018/ 021/ 031/ 032

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. 20-69 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Declaring the Following Real Properties as a Public Nuisance: Lemon Creek Village – 310, 330, 352, & 372 N. Lemon Avenue (APN: 8720-001-018/ 021/ 031/ 032); and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

CES/Ramos presented a staff report.

M/Pacheco opened public comment.

Peter Cahill, former tenant of the Lemon Creek Village shopping center, stated that he does not feel that the landlord is being treated reasonably in a pandemic situation.

Alex Flores, Lemon Creek Village shopping center representative, shared information regarding the property and a summary of the work done to help achieve compliance.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the current state of the shopping center and expressed support to move forward with the public nuisance.

Art Flores, partial owner of the Lemon Creek Village shopping center, stated that he would like to meet with someone to do a complete inspection of the center and also shared that they are not in control of the whole center.

C/Rodriguez made a motion to close public comment; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried.

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Discussion took place regarding the history of code enforcement violations on the property and the issue of reoccurring violations, the public nuisance abatement process, and the opportunity for the property owner to comply with violations.

M/Pacheco reopened public comment.

Alex Flores stated that he did not know that the community had concerns for the property and stated that he is happy to take care of the issues.

Art Flores stated that it is difficult to address issues with common areas because all owners need to be in agreeance.

C/Wu made a motion to close public comment; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

MPT/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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 5 was pulled for discussion.

- 4. Resolution No. 20-70 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$889,878.53, Demand No. 161517 through No. 161582 Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-69.

- 6. Biennial Review of the Conflict of Interest Code**

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the report finding no amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Walnut, the Successor Agency to the Walnut Improvement Agency, the Walnut Housing Authority and the Walnut Public Financing Authority is required and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Verification on the Biennial Notice

7. **Rescheduling/Cancellation of City/WHA Council Meetings for Holidays**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the rescheduling of the November 11 regular City Council meeting to Tuesday, November 10, 2020; and
2. Approve the cancellation of the November 25, 2020 and December 23, 2020 regular City Council meetings.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4, 6 & 7

C/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Items 4, 6, & 7; seconded by C/Rodriguez. 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:

5. **Public Nuisance Abatement: Appropriate Funds to Conduct a Nuisance Abatement for a Substandard Property Located at 19127 Amber Valley Drive (APN: 8735-047-034)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund Reserves to expenditure account 01-5002-6216 (Professional Services/Abatement) for a public nuisance abatement on a substandard property located at 19127 Amber Valley Drive. (APN: 8735-047-034).

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the amount of the lien.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 5; 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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

8. Business Recovery Grant Program (BRP) – Update

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file the September 23, 2020 update.

SMA/Guerra presented a staff report.

C/Tragarz thanked staff for the program and asked staff to share other programs the city has done to help businesses and residents, to which SMA/Guerra shared information regarding relief to the public.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by MPT/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Wu shared that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

M/Pacheco shared information from the Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Tragarz shared that the California Contract Cities Association is providing information regarding propositions on the ballot.

MPT/Ching thanked Senator Ling Ling Chang for donating food and medical supplies to residents and C/Tragarz for helping distribute food at a local church.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS TO THE MEETING OF THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Pacheco called the meeting to order at 8:19 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

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

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

9. **Resolution No. 20-10 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$25,902.98, Demand No. 100395 through No. 100395, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 20-10 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

AM/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 9; seconded by AM/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice 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.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of October 2020.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant