

NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – CC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance

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; Assistant City Attorney Mann; City Engineer Gilbertson; 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; Finance Analyst Russell; Public Information Officer Maio; and City Clerk De Dios.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Diwali Proclamation**

Council presented a proclamation recognizing the Diwali holiday.

Antra Shaw and Chinar Gajjar shared information with the community regarding the traditions and events of Diwali.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Harrison congratulated the candidates on the 2020 Election. He thanked Community Services staff for their food distribution efforts. He also expressed interest in increasing code enforcement staff.

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

MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the October 28, 2020 Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 2. Resolution No. 20-77 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$799,725.77, Demand No. 161730 through No. 161799 Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-77.

- 4. Tract No. 78266 Final Acceptance (19901 Valley Boulevard)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Tract No. 78266;
2. Authorize the City Clerk and City Treasurer to endorse the certificates as shown on the Final Tract Map; and
3. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

- 7. Notice of Decision – November 4, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File The “Notice of Decision” by the Commission at its November 4, 2020 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a. Site Plan/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2020-030;
 - b. SPC/AR 2020-033

MOTION ON ITEMS 2, 4, & 7

C/Wu made a motion to approve Items 2, 4, & 7; 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*

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

3. Resolution No. 20-78 – Request by Valley Vista Services for an Annual Rate Adjustment

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-78:

1. Setting fees for refuse, recycling, green waste and commercial collection within the City of Walnut;
2. Approving a 1.9% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for residential and special rates effective on or after February 1, 2020, subject to Valley Vista Services providing all customers with the required 30-day notification; and
3. Approving a one-time 10% rate increase for commercial rates effective on or after February 1, 2021, subject to Valley Vista Services providing all commercial customers with the required 30-day notification.

CSS/Barcelo presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding cost comparisons with other cities and implementing a CPI increase for commercial rates rather than the 10 percent overall increase of commercial rates.

Dave Perez, Valley Vista Services President, spoke on increases to business costs and increases in service.

C/Tragarz expressed concern regarding the 10 percent increase in commercial rates during this time.

M/Pacheco recommended that Council approve a CPI increase for commercial rates in place of the increase to overall commercial rates.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Wu made a motion to approve staff recommendations 1 and 2, but amend recommendation 3 to provide a 1.9% CPI increase to commercial rates rather than the one-time 10% rate increase; 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

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5. Final Acceptance - Butterfield Park Trail Improvements, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project No. 602199-19

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by Gentry General Engineering, Inc. for the Butterfield Park Trail Improvements, CDBG Project No. 602199-19; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion”.

CE/Gilbertson presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 5; 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*

6. Award of Bid – La Puente Road and Forecastle Avenue Traffic Signal

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a Construction Contract for the La Puente Road and Forecastle Avenue Traffic Signal Project to PTM General Engineering Services Inc. in the amount of \$339,399.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Appropriate \$10,670.00 from Measure M Fund Reserves to account 21-6162-6227;
4. Appropriate \$210,670.00 from the General Fund Reserves to account 25-6162-6227 (to be reimbursed by the City of West Covina to the City of Walnut pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) executed August 17, 2020) and appropriate the \$210,667.00 to be received from West Covina to revenue account 01-000-3970;
5. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to PTM General Engineering Services Inc. in the amount of \$339,399.00);
6. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$33,939.90) to PTM General Engineering Services, Inc.; and
7. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$48,000.00.

CE/Gilbertson presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the timeline of the project.

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MOTION ON ITEM 6

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 6; 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: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

- B. Individual Members’ comments and updates**

C/Rodriguez, C/Wu, and M/Pacheco congratulated C/Ching, C/Tragarz on re-election, and Councilmember-elect Linda Freedman for a successful election.

M/Pacheco shared information regarding upcoming Community Services events.

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 7:50 p.m.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

Jericho Amoroso expressed interest in amending the public nuisance code to allow holiday lights to be on houses year-round.

William Harrison stated that the city should be run according to code and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

There being no one further 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:

- 8. Resolution No. 20-12 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$26,795.70, Demand No. 100397 through No. 100397, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 20-12 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

VC/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by AM/Tragarz. 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 meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. in memory of all veterans.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of January 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assitant