

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Pacheco led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, C/Freedman, 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; City Planner Carlson; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Public Information Officer Maio; and Administrative Assistant Markel.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Him Djuhana from City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison thanked ASD/Ogawa for her assistance in the community, as well as Community Services and Code Enforcement for their work in the Creekside area.

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the November 10, 2020 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

2. Approval of the December 9, 2020 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Resolution No. 21-01 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$2,060,894.62 Demand No. 161916 through No. 162046, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-01.

4. Ordinance No. 20-03 - To Amend and Replace Title 6 (Planning and Zoning), Chapter 6.08, Section 6.08.210 (Accessory Housing) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 20-03, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, Amending in its entirety Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Section 6.08.210 pertaining to Accessory Housing in the City of Walnut.”

6. Approval of Contract Extensions for Maintenance Services with Athletic Field Specialists, RPW Services and Nieves Landscaping with No Rate Increases

Recommendation: That City Council Contracts Subcommittee (Pacheco/Wu) and staff recommend that the City Council:

1. Approve a three year contract extension with Athletic Field Specialists (AFS) for sports field maintenance services through June 30, 2024 with no rate increases;
2. Approve a two year contract extension with RPW Services, Inc. (RPW) for trail and right-of- way (ROW) maintenance services through June 30, 2023 with no rate increases;
3. Approve a one year contract extension with Nieves Landscaping for citywide landscape maintenance through June 30, 2022 with no rate increases; and
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Amendments on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

8. Mayor’s Agency Representatives Amendment – January 2021 to July 2021

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

9. Youth Advisory Commission Appointment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the nomination recommended by Council Member Wu to appoint Rachel Chen to the Youth Advisory Commission.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3, 4, 6, 8, & 9

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 3, 4, 6, 8, & 9; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

5. Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency (COVID-19)

Recommendation: That the City Council find the need to continue the local emergency (COVID 19) consistent with Resolution No. 20-25 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) adopted March 23, 2020 as amended by Resolution No. 20-32 adopted May 13, 2020.

CA/Leibold presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

C/Freedman made a motion to approve Item 5; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

7. Coronavirus Relief Funds – Allocation for Cities

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the January 13, 2021 update.

ASD/Ogawa presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 7; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

10. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020.

FO/Cortez presented a staff report.

Roger Alfaro, Eide Bailly representative, shared information regarding the CAFR.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: general fund balances, total fund balances, special revenue fund spending, facility funds, and unfunded pension liabilities.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

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

JANUARY 13, 2021 – CC

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, 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.

MPT/Ching shared information from a City Selection Committee meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Wu thanked Captain Reyes and the Sheriff’s department for the work they do.

C/Freedman thanked Community Services staff and asked staff to look into adding a cap for delivery service fees in the city.

M/Pacheco shared information regarding an upcoming presentation at a Council meeting.

MPT/Ching asked that the community notify him if there are any families in need.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of January 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant