

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Freedman 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; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Terrence Shay from the First Chinese Baptist Church of Walnut led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

CC/De Dios shared the emailed comments of Jonathan Hawes regarding matters concerning the City of El Monte.

CC/De Dios shared the emailed comments of Siripon Vilaiwan expressing support for approving the urgency ordinance.

Vijay Vakil shared information on the proposed development at the former Brookside Equestrian Center and expressed support for preserving portions of the site.

William Harrison stated that he would like Council to listen to the opinions of residents regarding the proposed development at the former Brookside Equestrian Center.

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Neri Garcia expressed support to preserve the land at the former Brookside Equestrian Center.

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

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the January 27, 2021 Study Session**
2. **Approval of the January 27, 2021 City Council/WHA Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

C/Wu made a motion to approve Items 1 & 2; seconded by C/Freedman. 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.

ORDINANCES:

3. **Urgency Ordinance No. 21-01 – To Establish a Temporary Limit on the Charges Imposed by Third-Party Delivery Services on Local Retail Food Establishments during the COVID-19 Pandemic and for Ninety (90) days after the County/State Order Prohibiting on-premises dining is lifted**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Hear the Staff Report;
2. Receive Public Comment;
3. City Council Discussion; and
4. Read by title only and waive further reading and adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 21-01, “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California to Establish a Temporary Limit on the Charges Imposed by Third-Party Delivery Services on Retail Food Establishments During the COVID-19 Pandemic and for 90 Days After the County/State Order Prohibiting On-Premises Dining is Lifted” (effective immediately).

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ACM/Weiner provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the specifics of the ordinance, the seven-day grace period to allow city to provide adequate notification, and the pros and cons of the ordinance.

M/Pacheco stated that he feels the ordinance would enhance the business in Walnut.

C/Freedman stated that the fees affect the business owners and not the consumers. She expressed support for the ordinance.

M/Pacheco opened public comment.

Cathleen Castaneda and Neri Garcia expressed support for the ordinance.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

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

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

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 4. Resolution No. 21-04 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$496,261.11, Demand No. 162117, through No. 162177, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-04.

- 5. Resolution No. 21-05 – To Transfer Unclaimed Check Amounts from their Respective Fund(s) to the General Fund Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50050, and 50053**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and adopt Resolution No. 21-05 and to transfer unclaimed check amounts from their respective fund(s) to the General Fund miscellaneous revenue account 01-0000-3820.

6. 2020-21 Mid-Year Request for Additional Appropriation

Recommendation: That the City Council increase revenue projections in the amount of \$270,000; and appropriate funds from the General Fund Reserves, \$87,500; to the following accounts:

1. General Fund, Revenue Account No. 01-0000-3760, increase in the amount of \$110,000 received for Plan Check Fees;
2. General Fund, Revenue Account No. 01-0000-3970, increase in the amount of \$160,000, for SB 2 Planning Grant;
3. General Fund, Expenditure Account No. 01-5000-6216, increase in the amount of \$5,000, for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Administration; and
4. General Fund, Expenditure Account No. 01-6000-6230, increase in the amount of \$82,500, for Engineering Plan Check Services.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 6

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 4 - 6; 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:

7. Request to Accept Donations of \$1,000 from Walnut Valley Water District, \$1,000 from Nieves Landscaping, and \$500 from the Chinese American Association of Walnut for the Lunar New Year Celebration

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept donations from Walnut Valley Water District of \$1,000, Nieves Landscaping of \$1,000 and Chinese American Association of Walnut of \$500; and
2. Appropriate these funds to the Walnut Lunar New Year Celebration (\$2,500 to account #01-9690-6277).

C/Tragarz requested information regarding the event.

DCSD/Jensen provided information for the Drive-thru Lunar New Year Celebration.

8. Notice of Decision – February 3, 2021 Planning Commission (PC) Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Commission at its February 3, 2021 Meeting, for the following project:
 - a. Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-002.
2. Receive and File the “Discussion” by the Commission at its February 3, 2021 Meeting, for the following Item:
 - b. Housing Element Update 2021 – 2029.

ACM/Weiner provided an update on the housing element.

MOTION ON ITEMS 7 & 8

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 7 & 8; 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: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Freedman shared information from the Foothill Transit meeting she attended.

M/Pacheco shared information from a Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Wu suggested that the item regarding the proposed development at the former Brookside Equestrian Center be heard at a meeting open to the public.

MPT/Ching thanked Valley Vista Services for their donation towards the Lunar New Year event.

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C/Freedman thanked local elementary school kids for making valentine cards for seniors.

M/Pacheco invited the community to attend the Lunar New Year event.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of February 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant