

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Tragarz 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 Paul Tam from City Blessings Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Walnut High School Teacher Karen Alorro – Black History Month Video Series**

Council thanked Karen Alorro for her video series for Black History Month.

- **Leadership and Community Service Program – Presented by Nicholas Hernandez Walnut High School Student:**

Walnut High School students provided a presentation on the Leadership and Community Service Program. Council thanked the students for their work.

- **Introduction of Diana Manzano-Garcia, Disaster Management Area Coordinator for Area D - Los Angeles County:**

Diana Manzano-Garcia introduced herself to the community and provided an update on the emergency preparedness efforts of Los Angeles County and Area D.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Vijay Vakil expressed his support for preserving the site at the former Brookside Equestrian Center.

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.

Abel Martinez stated his support for the Brookside Equestrian Center and urged City Council to listen to the opinions of the residents regarding the proposed development.

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

MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the February 10, 2021 Study Session Minutes**
2. **Approval of the February 10, 2021 City Council Minutes**

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 HEARINGS:

3. **Resolution No. 21-06 – Public Nuisance Abatement Process: Recovery of City acquired costs for nuisance abatement work performed at 19127 Amber Valley Drive (APN: 8735-047-034)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on this item;
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 21-06, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Confirming the Statement of Costs Report for the Public Nuisance Abatement Work Performed at 19127 Amber Valley Drive (8735-047-034)”

CES/Ramos provided a staff report.

M/Pacheco opened public comment.

William Harrison spoke under public comment and supported the City's efforts to clean up the property.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the property, foreclosure status of the property, costs and timeline of abatement, and the lien process, and ownership of the property.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

M/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 3; 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

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 4. Resolution No. 21-07 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$612,472.22, Demand No. 162178 through No. 162234, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-07.

- 5. Resolution No. 21-08 – Approving a Fund Exchange Agreement (FEA) of METRO Proposition A Local Return Funds Between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 21-08 Approving FEA between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood for Proposition A Local Return Funds;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
3. Authorize the exchange of \$200,000 of restricted Proposition A Local Return Funds for \$140,000 in unrestricted funds from the City of West Hollywood; and
4. Appropriate \$200,000 of Proposition A Local Return Reserve Funds to Expenditure Account 23-5307-6227, for the Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood.

6. Resolution No. 21-09 – Approving the Area D Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Walnut and the Disaster Management Area D of the Los Angeles County Operational Area

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 21-09, approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Disaster Management Area D of the Los Angeles County Operational Area and the City of Walnut for an Area D Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

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. Professional Services - Award for a contract to CASC Engineering and Consulting in order to prepare a Zoning Ordinance for the new Housing District

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to CASC Engineering in order to provide professional services in preparing a Zoning Ordinance, in the amount of \$52,023;
2. Approve said contract for approximately one (1) year beginning February 25, 2021 and expiring on February 25, 2022;
3. Reject all other proposals;
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer a Professional Services Agreement in substantially the form attached (Attachment 1), and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
5. Appropriate \$52,023 from the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant awarded by the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the overall project; and
6. Authorize Staff to issue a Purchase Order to CASC Engineering and Consulting in the amount of \$52,023.

ACM/Weiner provided the staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 7; 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*

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/Wu reported that he attended a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

C/Tragarz reported from Contract Cities meetings she attended.

M/Pacheco reported from the Sanitation District meeting he attended.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

C/Freedman thanked staff for putting on the Lunar New Year celebration and M/Pacheco for organizing the Black History Month video series.

M/Pacheco announced to the community that the senior residents could call the Senior Center for assistance in scheduling an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Pacheco called the meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY: There was no one present wishing to speak.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

8. **Resolution No. 21-02 WHA – A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$27,261.15 Demand No. 100400 through No. 100400, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 21-02 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 8; 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*

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 8:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of March 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Rosalea Layman, Senior Management Analyst