

**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; Code Enforcement Specialist Ramos; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Pastor Carlos Robles from On a Mission Church led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **National Donate Life Month Proclamation**

Council recognized April 2021, National Donate Life Month. Yazmina Rawji, OneLegacy Abassador for the City, shared information about their organization and encouraged the community to register to become donors.

- **Women’s History Month**

Council recognized March 2021, as Women’s History Month and recognized the following women who have contributed greatly to the community: Linda Argumosa, Gayle Pacheco, Cherie Lui, Jennie Choi, and Theresa Hamilton.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Ashton Abaya congratulated Gayle Pacheco for being recognized during Women’s History Month and thanked her for her contributions to the community.

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Jennifer Nicholls shared information regarding a project on her property and requested an extension.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding recent attacks on Asian Americans all over the country and expressed concerns regarding the proposed development 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 March 10, 2021 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

***C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 1; 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:**

**2. Resolution No. 21-13 - Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 20300 Carrey Road (APN: 8720-024-033 & 8720-024-034)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. Discuss amongst the City Council;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 21-13 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Declaring the Following Real Property as a Public Nuisance: 20300 Carrey Rd (8720-024-033 & 8720-024-034); and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

***C/Tragarz recused herself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.***

M/Pacheco opened the public hearing.

CES/Ramos provided a staff report.

M/Pacheco opened public comment. There being no input from the public, it was unanimously moved to close public comment.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the cost of the nuisance, violations on the property, and status of the property.

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

***MPT/Ching made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-13; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

***MPT/Ching made a motion to approve staff to begin the public nuisance abatement process; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

***C/Tragarz rejoined the meeting at 7:52 p.m.***

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Items 5 and 6 were pulled for discussion.

- 3. Resolution No. 21-14 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$709,010.55, Demand No. 162303 through No. 162364, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-14.

- 4. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA): Proposed concept for a Regional Vehicle-Mile-Travelled (VMT) Mitigation Fee Structure Program**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from the Measure “M” Reserves into Account 21-6102-6227 (Measure “M”, Contractual Services) for the Regional VMT Mitigation Fee Structure Program.

**7. Request to Accept Donation of \$500 from West Coast Arborist for the 2021 Lunar New Year Celebration**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Accept the donation from West Coast Arborists of \$500; and
2. Appropriate the funds to the Walnut Lunar New Year Celebration (\$500 to account #01-9690-6227)

**8. Annual Report: A progress report on the Walnut General Plan and Housing Element for Calendar Year 2020**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Receive and file this report; and
2. Direct Staff to transmit a copy of the Annual Report 2020 (Report) to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

**MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 4 & 7 - 8**

***C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 4 & 7 - 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***

**ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**5. Final Acceptance – Amar Road Rehabilitation Project (West Segment) - from Nogales Street to Creekside Drive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by All American Asphalt for the Amar Road Rehabilitation from Nogales Street to Creekside Drive Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion.”

CE/Gilbertson presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the project.

**MOTION ON ITEM 5**

*MPT/Ching made a motion to approve Item 5; 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

6. **Public Convenience and Necessity (PCN): Notification to the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board regarding a PCN application at 20795 Amar Road (APN: 8712-033-009)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Authorize Staff to notify ABC that the Public Convenience and Necessity would not be served by issuance of another ABC license within this area.

CP/Carlson presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the request.

**MOTION ON ITEM 6**

*C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 6; 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

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

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

**B. Individual Members' comments and updates**

C/Wu and C/Freedman stated that they attended the Stop Asian Hate rally and expressed support for the cause and community.

M/Pacheco and MPT/Ching shared information on local efforts to bring awareness and help eliminate hate crimes.

M/Pacheco introduced samples of images to promote through the city's social media as a symbol of support or pledge from residents to continue to uphold community values.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Authority Chair Pacheco called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

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

**AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None scheduled.

**AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 9. Resolution No. 21-03 WHA – A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$30,770.51 Demand No. 100401 through No. 100401, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 21-03 WHA.

**MOTION ON ITEM 9**

*VC/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 9; seconded by AM/Wu. 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.

**CLOSED SESSION:** The Housing Authority went into closed session at 8:14 p.m.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code Section 54956.9: 6 potential cases

**RECONVENE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:** The meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m. There was no reportable action.

**AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of April 2021.**

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Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant