

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MPT/Ching 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 Engineer Gilbertson; Assessment Engineer Howing; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Finance Analyst Meza, Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Tom Lay from City Blessing Church of Walnut led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation - Declaring April as Celebrating Diversity Month**

Council proclaimed April 2021 as Celebrating Diversity Month and stressed the importance of diversity and acceptance in the community.

- **Proclamation - Condemning Discrimination in All Forms**

Council presented a proclamation condemning discrimination.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the March 24, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

MPT/Ching 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 HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 3, 4, 5, and 7 were pulled for discussion.

2. Resolution No. 21-15 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$889,869.30, Demand No. 162365 through No. 162446, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-15.

6. Approval to Purchase One 2021 Ford F-450 4x2 Diesel Stake Bed Vehicle

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a Purchase Contract to Sunrise Ford of Fontana for one 2021 Ford F-450 4x2 Diesel Stake Bed vehicle in the amount of \$61,443.72; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Purchase Contract on behalf of the City in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Sunrise Ford of Fontana in the amount of \$61,443.72.

8. Notice of Decision – April 7, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its April 7, 2021 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a. West Valley Loft Mixed-Use Project;
 - b. CUP 2021-002;
 - c. SPC/AR 2020-030; and
 - d. SPC/AR 2019-068

MOTION ON ITEMS 2, 6, & 8

MPT/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 2, 6, & 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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

3. **Resolution No. 21-17 – Approving Support and Endorsement of the “Best Wishes from Walnut” Drive-Thru Celebration for High School Seniors in the City of Walnut**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Resolution No. 21-17, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Approving Support and Endorsement of “Best Wishes from Walnut” Drive-Thru Celebration Event for High School Seniors in the City of Walnut.”

ASD/Ogawa presented a staff report.

Council recognized the graduating seniors and wished them the best.

4. **Resolution No. 21-18 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Designating May as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-18 designating May as Gang Awareness and Prevention Month.

M/Pacheco shared background information regarding the resolution.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 & 4

M/Pacheco made a motion to approve Items 3 & 4; seconded by MPT/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

5. **Resolution No. 21-19 – Declaring the City’s Intention to Order Annexation No. 24 Expanding Zone 5 of the Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) No. 1 to include Parcels Created by Tract No. 49059**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-19, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, to Declare its Intention to Order Annexation No. 24 into the City’s Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) No. 1, Zone 5.

AE/Howing presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: costs associated with LOSMD, the rate increase to the zone, the annexation of the zone, and the possibility of creating a new zone.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 5; 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

7. **FY 20-21 Sidewalk Repairs Project, Award of Contract**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract for the FY 20-21 Sidewalk Repairs Project to FS Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$67,300.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to FS Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$67,300.00; and
4. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 19% of the contract award amount (\$12,700) to FS Contractors, Inc.; and
5. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$20,000.

AE/Howing presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding funding for the project.

C/Wu stressed the importance of maintaining and updating city infrastructure.

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:

9. Resolution No. 21-16 – Approving Support and Endorsement of Social Media Campaign Encouraging Unity Among Walnut Residents

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Resolution No. 21-16, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Approving Support and Endorsement of a Social Media Campaign Encouraging Unity Among Walnut Residents;” and
2. Select one of the images to proceed with the campaign.

ASD/Ogawa provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the design options.

It was Council consensus is to increase the size of “Better Together” and pair with “#Walnut United;” all of which would be the font type of the first example and color scheme of the second example.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

M/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 9; 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Wu shared information from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting as well as the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Ching stated that he would like to see action from Governor Newsom, President Biden, State Senator Newman, and County District Attorney Gascón to punish people guilty of hate crimes. He requested a letter or resolution be drafted and to place a discussion item on the next council meeting.

C/Freedman thanked the community, staff, and rally organizers for the rally last weekend, and invited the community to participate in the city’s mental health awareness event.

M/Pacheco provided information on the mental health awareness event.

CM/Wishner introduced the newly appointed captain of the Walnut Sheriff Station, Captain Steven Tousey. Council congratulated the Captain.

Captain Tousey introduced himself and provided crime numbers.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of April 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant