

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 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 Baldwin Chan from Vineyard of Harvest Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Nicole Popel - Little Free Library**

Council recognized and thanked Nicole Popel for her efforts in the creation of the city's first little free library.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding overnight parking enforcement in the Creekside neighborhood and thanked community services for their work at Creekside Park. He also shared information regarding illegal signs that were put up and taken down in a neighborhood.

There being no further input, it was moved by MPT/Ching to close oral communications; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the April 14, 2021 Study Session Meeting
3. Approval of the April 14, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 3

C/Wu made a motion to approve Items 1 & 3; 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:

4. Resolution No. 21-22 – Approving an Engineer’s Report, 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:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Close the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 21-22 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles. Ordering Annexation No. 24 into the City’s Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Zone 5, Approve an Engineer’s Report, Waive the Formal Proceedings for a Public Hearing For Hearing Objections Thereto, Ordering the Improvements, and Ordering the Levy of Assessments within the Territory for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022.”

M/Pacheco opened the public hearing.

AE/Howing provided a staff report.

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

MOTION ON ITEM 4

C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Item 4; 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:

Item 8 was pulled for discussion.

5. **Resolution No. 21-20 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,185,266.54, Demand No. 162447 through No. 162507, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-20.

6. **Resolution No. 21-21 – Approving One-Year Extension of the Walnut City Employees Association Classified and Permanent – Part Time Memorandum of Understanding**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-21, approving a one-year extension to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Walnut City Employees Association (WCEA) to June 30, 2022.

7. **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.

MOTION ON ITEMS 5 - 7

C/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 5 - 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*

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

8. **Letter of Support of the Federal and State Judicial Authority as it Relates to the Subject of Discrimination**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the letter of support.

MPT/Ching stated that he would like the letter to include language to prosecute those that commit hate and violent crime and to not down play the serious of those crimes as well as add Governor Newsom and District Attorney Gascón to the addressees.

C/Freedman expressed concerns regarding the additional wording concerning college admission and job seeking opportunities at the end of the letter.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the content of the letter.

MPT/Ching stated that it was his intent to protect everyone from the categories he added to the letter and based on the times, he felt it was appropriate to add the language.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

MPT/Ching made a motion to approve the letter as presented without modification; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco, Freedman
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/Tragarz shared that Contract Cities will be installing new officers and will be holding seminars online.

M/Pacheco shared information from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

MPT/Ching invited the community to a drive-thru prayer event at the On a Mission Church. He also shared information for a vaccination clinic provided by Tzu Chi.

C/Freedman invited the community to attend the Mental Health Awareness Drive-Thru event as well as the Walnut Unified School District 50th birthday virtual event.

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C/Wu thanked staff and sheriffs for their efforts at the vaccination clinic at the Walnut Senior Center.

M/Pacheco invited the community to attend the Mayor's Prayer breakfast on May 6th and noted that they will be recognizing graduating seniors on May 21st. He also announced that the city is now accepting applications for all city commissions.

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 7:49 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:

CA/Leibold explained that since Item 2 was a WHA special meeting, action to approve the minutes should be under the WHA meeting.

- 2. Approval of the April 14, 2021 Special WHA Meeting**
- 9. Resolution No. 21-04 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$30,856.29, Demand No. 100402 through No. 100402, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 21-04 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEMS 2 & 9

AM/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 2 & 9; seconded by VC/Ching. 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*

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 meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of May 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant