

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Pacheco called the meeting to order at 7:00 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; Assessment Engineer Howing; 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: Brother Joseph Hwa from the Agape Institute and Young Life Ministry led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Older Americans Month – Alan and Bonnie Flores**

Council recognized Alan and Bonnie Flores as 2021 “Older Americans of the Year” and thanked them for their contributions in the community.

- **Water Awareness Month Proclamation**

Council presented a proclamation for Water Awareness Month to the Walnut Valley Water District and thanked them for everything they do in the community.

- **Recognition of High School Graduates “Mustang Messages”**

Council recognized Annika Le and Nishabell Rubio for their efforts in the Mustang Messages project at Walnut High School.

- **Girl Scout Gold Award for Dangers of Vaping – Honey James**

Council recognized Honey James for her Girl Scout Gold Award earned from her “Stop Teen Vaping” project.

- **Girl Scout Gold Award for Mental Awareness for Youths – Srisai Saavarni Chilukuri**

Council recognized Srisai Saavarni Chilukuri for her Girl Scout Gold Award earned from her project to promote the importance of mental health.

- **Public Safety Annual Report**

Assistant Fire Chief Robinson and Walnut/Diamond Bar Sheriff Station Captain Tousey provided annual public safety reports.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Freddy Velasquez shared information regarding teen tobacco use and congratulated Honey James for her “Stop Teen Vaping” project.

William Harrison thanked the Walnut Sheriff Department and shared information regarding no parking signs in a neighborhood. He stated he agreed with C/Freedman in regards to the letter relating to discrimination discussed at the previous meeting and expressed concerns regarding the proposed Brookside project.

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the April 28, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Freedman made a motion to approve Item 1; 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

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **Resolution No. 21-23 - Public Hearing Regarding Setting 2021-22 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on the item;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Approve the Engineer’s Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 21-23 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, Ordering the Maintenance Work, Approving the Engineer’s Report, and Confirming the Diagrams and Assessments within Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No 1, Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 for Fiscal Year 2021-22.”

M/Pacheco opened the public hearing.

AE/Howing presented a staff report.

There being no input, M/Pacheco closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Item 2; 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:

3. **Resolution No. 21-24 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$583,070.77, Demand No. 162508 through No. 162568, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-24.

4. **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 authorize the City Manager to sign the letter of PCN for the proposed business at 20795 Amar Road.

5. Notice of Decision – May 5, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its May 5, 2021 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a. *Continuance:* West Valley Loft Mixed-Use Project;
 - b. *Continuance:* CUP 2021-003;
 - c. SPC/AR 2020-054;
 - d. SPC/AR 2020-077;
 - e. SPC/AR 2021-004;
 - f. SPC/AR 2021-050

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 – 5

C/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 5; 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*

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

None.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

Council thanked staff for their efforts at the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast as well as the Mental Health Awareness event.

MPT/Ching shared information regarding an event at City Blessing Church for how to work with local FBI to report violent crimes.

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M/Pacheco invited the community to enjoy summer recreation classes and camps offered by the city. He also shared information regarding honoring graduating seniors and information regarding upcoming recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of May 2021.

Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant