

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Freedman led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, MPT/Wu, C/Freedman, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; City Planner Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Management Analyst Ramos; Finance Analyst Meza; Planning Technician Katigbak; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Pastor Pan from the Agape Institute and Fellowship led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Introduction of new Assistant Fire Chief Tony Ramirez**

Assistant Fire Chief Tony Ramirez introduced himself; Council welcomed him to the city.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

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

**MINUTES**

1. **Approval of the July 28, 2021 City Council/WHA Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

*MPT/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. 21-43 – Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 19511 East Mira Loma Way (APN: 8735-056-015)**

**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 City Council Members;
5. Close the Public Hearing
6. Adopt Resolution No. 21-43; declaring 19511 East Mira Loma Way (APN: 8735-056-015) a Public Nuisance (PN); and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

CC/De Dios read into the record an email from Veronica Leal expressing support to begin the abatement process on the property.

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

*MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Pacheco. 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:**

3. **Resolution No. 21-44 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$126,820.04, Demand No. 162931 through No. 162939, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2020-21**

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**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-44.

- 4. Resolution No. 21-45 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$37,375.97, Demand No. 162940 through No. 162952, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-45.

- 5. Resolution No. 21-46 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$173,371.84, Demand No. 162953 through No. 162967, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2020-21**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-46.

- 6. Resolution No. 21-47 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$874,826.87, Demand No. 162968 through No. 163003, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-47.

- 7. Resolution No. 21-48 – Designating Councilmember Nancy Tragarz as the Official Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-48.

- 8. Resolution No. 21-49 – Continue to waive all applicable fees for Temporary Use Permits (TUP) for outdoor business operations, for a period of one (1) year**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-49, waiving all applicable fees for TUP(s) for outdoor business operations for one (1) year.

- 9. Ordinance 21-02 – Development Agreement (DA) for the West Valley Lofts Mixed-Use Project at 20225 Valley Boulevard (APN: 8722-010-049 & 050)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 21-02, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California approving a development agreement (DA 2021-001) for a mixed-use project located at 20225 Valley Boulevard (APN: 8722-010-049 & 050).”

- 10. West Valley Specific Plan (WVSP) - Gateway and Community Signage Project**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Walnut and Graphic Solutions, in substantially the form attached hereto, and in such final form as may be approved by the City Attorney;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the Second Amendment and any other documents necessary to effect the foregoing, on behalf of the City, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
3. Appropriate \$125,000 from the General Fund Reserves (General Plan Maintenance Fee) to account 25-5001-6216 under the Capital Improvement Fund; and
4. Direct Staff to issue a Purchase Order to Graphic Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$36,200.

**11. Waiver of Parking Restrictions on La Puente Road**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the request for a waiver of parking restrictions along La Puente Road between Pierre Road and Gartel Drive for the 2021-22 school year for Walnut High School and Suzanne Middle School events.

**12. Notice of Decision – August 4, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

- a). Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its August 4, 2021

**13. 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 3 – 13**

***MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 13; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

**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 concerts and movies in the park events.

C/Freedman shared information from a ribbon-cutting event at Collegewood Elementary and information on counseling offered by the city.

M/Ching shared information on fall recreation activities.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Council went into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case

**RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:**

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 8:23 p.m. CA/Leibold stated that there was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of August 2021.**

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Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant