

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Tragarz 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; Finance Analyst Meza; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Public Information Officer Maio; and Administrative Assistant Markel.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month**

Council presented the proclamation for Hispanic Heritage Month to Pastor Carlos Robles, Pastor Ernesto Gomez and Paula Tsukada.

- **Ramen Ken – Welcome to the City/Business Recognition**

Council welcomed owner Ken Hasegawa of Ramen Ken and thanked him for opening his business in the city.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the August 25, 2021 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Item 1; 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*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Resolution No. 21-53 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$141,685.42, Demand No. 163067 through No. 163086, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-53.

3. Resolution No. 21-54 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$260,693.85, Demand No. 163087 through No. 163096, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2020-21

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-54.

4. Resolution No. 21-55 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$676,168.99, Demand No. 163097 through No. 163143, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-55.

5. Final Acceptance – La Puente Road and Forecastle Avenue Traffic Signal

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by PTM General Engineering Services, Inc. for the La Puente Road and Forecastle Avenue Traffic Signal Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion.”

6. Notice of Decision – September 1, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

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1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its September 1, 2021 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a. Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-065 – A request to construct a new two (2) story addition with an attached two (2) car garage located at 566 Camino De Teodoro (APN: 8722-019-036).

MOTION ON ITEMS 2 – 6

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 2 - 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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

7. Return to in Person Public Meetings

Recommendation: That the City Council discuss the information provided in this report and determine whether to return to in-person public meetings, return in a hybrid format, or remain in a virtual format.

SMA/Layman provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding legislation related to virtual meetings.

MPT/Wu stated that he is in favor of in-person or hybrid meetings.

CM/Wishner recommended that Council wait until after the results of the recall election, but stated the city would be ready to return to in-person meetings if needed.

C/Pacheco stated that he thinks the city will have to wait and see what the state decides at the end of September.

C/Tragarz, C/Freedman, and M/Ching stated that they prefer to return to in-person meetings beginning the first meeting in October.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

M/Ching made a motion to go back to in-person meetings the first meeting in October provided that the city can comply with county and state regulations; seconded by C/Freedman. 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Freedman provided information regarding a Foothill Transit meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Freedman shared information on covid testing within the city.

MPT/Wu shared information regarding California’s current water drought and encouraged everyone to conserve water.

C/Tragarz shared information on Senate Bill (SB) 9 and encouraged everyone to call the Governor to veto the bill regarding zoning. ACM/Weiner provided information on SB 9.

M/Ching wished C/Tragarz a happy birthday and shared information regarding national preparedness month and a flu shot clinic at the Senior Center.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. in memory of former mayor, councilmember, and commissioner Tom Sykes.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of September 2021.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk