

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MPT/Wu 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; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** There was none.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None scheduled.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Nicholas Hernandez provided an update from the Youth Advisory Commission.

Dylan Afanador expressed concerns regarding traffic sensors on Grand Avenue near Mountaineer Road.

William Harrison thanked the Walnut Sheriff’s Department for their quick response to an incident, but asked for a greater patrol presence in the Creekside neighborhood. He also thanked code enforcement staff for their work in Creekside.

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

**MINUTES**

**1. Approval of the September 22, 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, Wu  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Tragarz  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**2. Resolution No. 21-59 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$2,065,911.29, Demand No. 163212 through No. 163312, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-59.

**3. Resolution No. 21-60 – Joint Tax Sharing Resolution**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt the joint tax sharing resolution approving and accepting the negotiated exchange of property tax revenues resulting from the annexation of specific properties into County Sanitation District No. 21.

**4. Resolution No. 21-61 – Authorizing Submittal of Application for CalRecycle Grants**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council authorize the City Engineer to execute in the name of the City of Walnut, all CalRecycle Grant applications, agreements, amendments, and requests for payment necessary to secure grant funds and to implement the approved grant project.

**5. Approval of Amendment to Facilities Joint Use Agreement between the City of Walnut and Walnut Valley Unified School District**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement between the City and Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD); and

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2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

**6. Notice of Decision – October 6, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its October 6, 2021 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
  - a) Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-007 – A request to construct a two (2) story addition with an attached three (3) car garage located at 655 N. Rodeo Way (APN: 8709-055-068).

**7. Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency (COVID-19)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council make the following findings:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19;
2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, City Staff and the public to meet safely in person; 3. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing;
3. Existing circumstances support 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 2 – 7**

***MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 2 - 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***

**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 provided information from the League of California Cities conference as well as the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority conference.

**B. Individual Members’ comments and updates**

Council thanked staff for their efforts for the Walnut Family Festival.

C/Pacheco thanked Nicholas Hernandez for providing a report to Council regarding the Youth Advisory Commission.

M/Ching thanked everyone at the Sheriff’s Department and Fire Departments for their efforts displayed at recent incidents.

C/Tragarz invited everyone to attend the Halloween event at the Senior Center on Halloween.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of October 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