

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Pacheco 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; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; City Planner Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Management Analyst Ramos; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Finance Analyst Brashear; Public Information Officer Maio; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Jimmy Nih from United Methodist Church in Walnut led the invocation

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Angie Valenzuela, Valley Vista Services community liaison for Walnut, introduced herself and stated that she looks forward to working with the City.

Michael Lin expressed his opposition to wearing masks and vaccine passports.

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the October 27, 2021 Study Session

2. **Approval of the October 27, 2021 City Council/WHA Meeting**
3. **Approval of the November 1, 2021 Special Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 - 3

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Items 1-3 with corrections; 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*

ORDINANCE:

4. **Urgency Ordinance No. 21-03 and Ordinance No. 21-04 - Amending Walnut Municipal Code, Adding Chapter 3.29 Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction**

Recommendation: It recommended that the City Council:

1. Adopt by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 21-03, “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code, to Add Chapter 3.29 “Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction”, Amend Section 2.38.190 and Delete Section 3.28.230 of Chapter 3.28 “Collection and Disposal of Refuse” and Add Section 6.52.080 to Article I of Chapter 6.52 “Water Efficient Landscaping;” and
2. Introduce by title only Ordinance No. 21-04, waive further reading and set for adoption on December 8, 2021 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code, to Add Chapter 3.29 “Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction”, Amend Section 2.38.190 and Delete Section 3.28.230 of Chapter 3.28 “Collection and Disposal of Refuse” and Add Section 6.52.080 to Article I of Chapter 6.52 “Water Efficient Landscaping”.

CSS/Barcelo presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the legislation and requirements behind the ordinance and disseminating information to the public

M/Ching inquired on how the information will be provided to the public, to which CSS/Barcelo stated that the city and Valley Vista Services will reach out to the public.

CA/Leibold advised the City Council to take two separate actions on the Urgency Ordinance No. 21-03 and Ordinance No. 21-04.

MOTION ON ITEM 4-1

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 4-1; seconded by MPT/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

MOTION ON ITEM 4-2

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 4-2; seconded by MPT/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

Urgency Ordinance No. 21-03 will take effect immediately.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 6 and 7 were pulled for discussion. C/Pacheco announced he would recuse himself from the discussion of Item 7 since he resides near the project.

5. **Resolution No. 21-64 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$339,221.78, Demand No. 163388 through No. 163458, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 21-64.

8. **Final Acceptance – Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 Maintenance Area 1 Slurry Seal Project**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by American Asphalt South, Inc. for the FY 2021-22 Maintenance Area 1 Slurry Seal Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion.”

9. **Notice of Decision – November 3, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its November 3, 2021 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a) **Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-094** – A request to construct a two (2) story addition to an existing two (2) story home located at 19968 Sunset Vista Road (APN: 8712-038-012).

10. 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;
4. 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 5, 8, 9, and 10

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 5, 8, 9, and 10; 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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

6. **Approval of the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Project and Appropriation of \$800,000 of General Funds (to be reimbursed by LA County Park Grants) and \$50,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds for the Project**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Project; and
2. Appropriate \$800,000 from General Fund Reserves to the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Project to be reimbursed by Los Angeles County Proposition A Excess Cities Funds (Proposition A) and Los Angeles County Measure A Park Grant Funds (Measure A); and
3. Appropriate \$50,000 from ARPA Fund Reserves to the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Project for sewer and water infrastructure improvements. ACM/Rooney provided a staff report.

C/Pacheco provided background on the project.

Council thanked everyone involved with the project.

MOTION ON ITEM 6

C/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 6; seconded by M/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

7. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise and Receive Formal Bids for the FY 2021-22 Green Street Project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the City Engineer to advertise to receive formal bids for the FY 2021-22 Green Street Project.

CSS/Barcelo provided a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 7; seconded by M/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Pacheco*

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 information from a special San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

C/Freedman shared information from a Foothill Transit board meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

NOVEMBER 10, 2021 – CC

Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and commended staff for the Trunk or Treat event on Halloween as well as the Veterans Day celebration.

C/Freedman commended CAPA students for their contribution of origami in honor of veterans. She also congratulated Walnut High School on winning the football game against Diamond Bar High School.

C/Pacheco commended Athena Guan and CAPA for their origami tree. He thanked Assemblyman Chen and Senator Newman for their turkey donations.

M/Ching shared crime statistics and thanked the Sheriff's Department for their efforts. He provided information on upcoming city events.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Council went into closed session at 7:54 p.m.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Gov't Code § 54957): City Manager

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 9:56 p.m. CA/Leibold stated that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of December 2021.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant