

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 Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez; Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Carlson; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Finance Analyst Brashear; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Tom Lay from City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **bb.q Chicken – Welcome to the City/Business Recognition**

Council recognized Michael and Ellen, owners of bb.q Chicken, and expressed their appreciation for bringing their business into the City.

- **Recognition of the Wolf Corporation Robotics Team**

Council recognized Wolf Corps Robotics Team #12525 from Walnut High School for their award at the 2022 California Regional Championship Tournament and wished them the best of luck at the World Festival competition in Houston.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the lack of black employees at local schools.

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A group of local business owners requested \$500,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds be awarded to local businesses that have suffered during the pandemic.

Vijay Vakil expressed concerns regarding the firm that audits the city. He also expressed concerns regarding items 7 - 8 on the consent calendar and asked the city to go out to bid for services.

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

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the March 9, 2022 Study Session Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the March 9, 2022 City Council Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve to Items 1 & 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*

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 3. Continued from the February 23, 2022 Council Meeting: Housing Element Update (HEU): The 2021-2029 Update for the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing; and
2. Hear the Staff Report; and
3. Solicit input on this Item; and
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Adopt the following Resolution(s):

Resolution 22-09: Approving the Administrative Draft Addendum to Walnut's General Plan EIR (SCH #2017101010) for General Plan Amendment 2021 – 01 Adopting the 2021-2029 Housing Element and Revising the Lan Use Element and Land Use Element Map in Order to Establish the R-4 Medium-High (MH) And R-5 High (H) Residential Zones, And Zoning Code Amendment 2021 – 01 [An Ordinance Amending the

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Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Title 6, to Establish the R-4 Medium High and R-5 High Residential Zones]; and

6. Adopt **Resolution 22-10**: Approving General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2021 – 01, adopting the 2021 – 2029 Housing Element and revising the Land Use Element and Land Use Element Map in order to establish the Medium High (MH) Density and High (H) Density Land Use Designations; and
7. Waive further reading and introduce by title only Ordinance No. 22–02, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Approving Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) 2021-01, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Title 6, Establish the R-4 Medium-High (MH) AND R-5 High (H) Residential Zones”.

M/Ching opened the public hearing.

SP/Guerra provided a staff report.

M/Ching opened public comment.

C/Tragarz shared information on the Housing Element.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Item 3; 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: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 9 was pulled for discussion.

4. **Resolution No. 22-14 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$574,306.55 Demand No. 164000 through No. 164074, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-14.

5. **Agreement for Vendor Services with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for \$35,000 for the 2022 City Fourth of July Fireworks Show**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000 for the 2022 City Fireworks Show; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000.

6. Agreement for Professional Services – Award a contract to Matrix Consulting Group in order to prepare a Development and Impact Fee(s) Study

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to Matrix Consulting Group in order to provide professional services in preparing a Development Impact and/or User Impact Fee(s) study, in the amount of \$30,000; and
2. Reject all other proposals; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer a Professional Services Agreement in substantially the form attached (Attachment 1), and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
4. Appropriate \$30,000 from the General Fund Maintenance Fee for the overall project; and
5. Authorize Staff to issue a Purchase Order to Matrix Consulting Group in the amount of \$30,000.

7. Approval of a Three-Year Contract Extension with Sparkling Cleaning Services for Citywide Janitorial Services with a 2% Rate Increase Annually

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a three-year contract extension with Sparkling Cleaning Services for janitorial services in City buildings and park restrooms with a 2% rate increase annually; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract Amendment on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

8. Approval of a Three-Year Contract Extension with Nieves Landscape, Inc. for Landscape Maintenance in Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) Zones 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 12, Parks, Medians and Civic Areas with a 3% Rate Increase Annually

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a three-year contract extension with Nieves Landscape, Inc. (Nieves) for landscape maintenance services in LOSMD Zones 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 12, parks, medians and civic areas with a 3% rate increase annually; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract Amendment on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

10. Public Nuisance Abatement: Appropriate Funds to Conduct a Nuisance Abatement for a Substandard Property Located at 415 Pierre Road, Walnut, CA 91789 (APN 8720-012-057)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$10,000 from General Fund Reserves to expenditure account 01-5002-6216 (Professional Services/Abatement) for a Public Nuisance Abatement on a substandard property located at 415 Pierre Road (APN: 8720-012-057).

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 8 & 10

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 4 - 8 & 10; 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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

9. Request for Appropriation of \$251,072 from General Fund for Purchase of a Replacement Mobile Stage from Century Industries, LLC

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Century Industries, LLC in the amount of \$251,072 for the purchase of a mobile stage (“Showmobile”); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Appropriate \$251,072 from General Fund to account 25-9100-8402; and
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Century Industries, LLC in the amount of \$251,072,

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Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding funding for the project, utilizing funds for other projects, and the need for the purchase.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

C/Freedman made a motion to approve Items 9; 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*

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

MPT/Wu shared that he attended a San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting.

C/Pacheco shared information from a Sanitation District meeting.

C/Tragarz shared information from a Contract Cities meeting.

M/Ching asked the Captain to provide a report on crime statistics.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

M/Ching invited the community to participate at an upcoming pickleball tournament and announced that the Housing Authority is accepting applications for one senior housing property for sale.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Ching called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak, it was unanimously moved by the Authority to close oral communications; motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

11. **Resolution No. 22-03 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$40,534.18 Demand No. 100416 through No. 100416, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-03 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 11

AM/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 11; seconded by VC/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION:

CA/Leibold announced Closed Session; Council went into Closed Session at 8:02 p.m.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Gov't Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiator: City Manager Tom Weiner
Employee organization: Walnut City Employees Association (WCEA)
and Unrepresented Employees**

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Council reconvened the meeting at 9:51 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April 2022.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant