

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Tragarz led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, MPT/Wu, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Freedman

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; Community Development Director Vasquez; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Carlson; Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Management Analyst Ramos; Finance Analyst Brashear; Public Information Officer Maio; and Administrative Assistant Markel.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Donate Life Month Proclamation**

Council proclaimed April 2022 as Donate Life Month and presented the proclamation to Susan Lesniak, One Legacy Ambassador for the City of Walnut.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison recognized city staff and expressed concerns regarding the lack of black employees at local schools and school districts.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications; motion carried.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the March 23, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Item 1; seconded by M/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman*

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 4 was pulled for discussion.

2. Resolution No. 22-15 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,172,559.02 Demand No. 164075 through No. 164170, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-15.

3. Second Reading: Ordinance No. 22-02 – Amending Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Title 6 (Planning and Zoning) to Establish the R-4 Medium-High (MH) and R-5 High (H) Residential Zones

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. It is recommended that the City Council adopt 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, to Establish the R-4 MH and R-5 High H Residential Zones.

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

Recommendation: That the City Council make the following findings:

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1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
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, and
3. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
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.

6. Notice of Decision – April 6, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its April 6, 2022 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
 - a. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2022-001 – A request to establish and operate a child related business (“Dance with Me” dance center) at an existing commercial building located at 20265 Valley Boulevard (Unit #D) (APN:8722-028-025).
 - b. Zone Variance (ZV) 2006-004 (Amendment to COA) – A request to modify Conditional of Approval (COA) #11 for the property located at 20135 E. Walnut Canyon Road (APN: 8709-006-039).
 - c. Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-046 – A request to construct a one (1) story addition to an existing single-story home located at 20416 Seton Hill Drive (APN: 8712-004-006).
 - d. Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-024 – A request to permit auto bodywork and one paint booth to the existing auto repair shop (Aplus Auto Tech Inc.) located at 19717 Valley Boulevard (APN: 8722-018-029).

MOTION ON ITEMS 2 - 3 & 5 - 6

C/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Items 2 - 3 & 5 - 6; seconded by MPT/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

4. **Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise for Formal Bids for the FY 21-22 City Wide Sidewalk Repair Project**

Recommendation: That this City Council:

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1. Approve the plans and specifications and authorize the City Engineer to advertise for formal bids for the FY 21-22 City Wide Sidewalk Repair Project; and
2. Appropriate \$100,000 from METRO Proposition C (Fund 13) Reserves to the Project.

CE/Gilbertson provided a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Item 4; seconded by M/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman

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 stated that he attended a San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting.

C/Tragarz stated she attended a Contract Cities executive board meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

M/Ching recognized the efforts by local law enforcement, invited the community to participate in a pickball tournament, and announced upcoming vacancies on city commissions.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

CA/Leibold announced Closed Session; Council went into Closed Session at 7:37 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 8:13 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of April 2022.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant