

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Ching led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 Planner Guerra; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Finance Analyst Brashear; Public Information Officer Maio; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Glen Taylor from Vineyard of Harvest Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Public Safety Report – Sherriff Captain Tousey**

Captain Tousey of the Walnut Sheriff Station provided information regarding recent incidents in the city and provided public safety numbers.

- **Maggie Ruiz - Older American of the Year 2022**

Council recognized Maggie Ruiz as the 2022 Older American of the Year and thanked her for her work in the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Vijay Vakil stated that he found the Mayor’s comments at a previous meeting unacceptable. He stated that all citizens should be treated equally without any favors and expressed concerns regarding RV parking on a property.

William Harrison thanked staff for their efforts. He asked that M/Ching direct staff look into the lack of diversity of staff at local school districts.

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 11, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Request for Continuance: Zone Variance (ZV) 2006-004 (Amendment to COA)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input and City Council discussion on this item;
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Continue the item to a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, off-calendar.

M/Ching opened the public hearing.

CDD/Vasquez provided a staff report.

M/Ching closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Tragarz made a motion to continue Item 2 off calendar and reschedule it when it is ready; seconded by MPT/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Pacheco*

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

- 3. Resolution No. 22-25 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$652,341.36 Demand No. 164320 through No. 164371, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-25.

- 4. FY 2021-22 Sidewalk Repairs Project – Award of Contract**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract for the FY 2021-22 Sidewalk Repairs Project to FS Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$188,350.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to FS Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$188,350.00; and
4. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$18,835) to FS Contractors, Inc.; and
5. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$25,000.

- 5. Parcel Map No. 73650 Final Acceptance (360 Camino de Teodoro)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Parcel Map No. 73650;
2. Accept on behalf of the city, the dedication of easements for public utility purposes, open space purposes, and sanitary sewer purposes so designated on the Final Parcel Map;
3. Authorize the City Clerk and City Treasurer to endorse the certificates as shown on the Final Parcel Map; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

6. **Notice of Decision – May 18, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its May 18, 2022 Meeting, for the following project(s):
 - a. **General Plan (GP) Conformity Determination**: Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-23 through 2026-27.
 - b. **Continued – Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-079**: A request to remodel an existing residence into a 4,120 square-foot, two (2) story home located at 20408 San Gabriel Valley Drive (APN: 8712-002-012).
 - c. **Annual Report**: The General Plan and the Housing Element for Calendar 2021.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 6

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 6; seconded by C/Freedman. 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:

7. **Walnut Ranch Park Tennis Court A: Pickleball Pilot Program**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve one or more of the alternatives below as the next step(s) for pickleball play in Walnut:

- a. Extend the current Tuesday/Thursday pilot program for a determined period of time.
- b. Discontinue the pilot program at the scheduled end date of June 30, 2022.
- c. Extend and expand the pilot program through the summer (May 30-September 2, 2022) opening courts for pickleball play seven days per week to evaluate community interest and impacts on tennis court use.
- d. Initiate a capital improvement study to identify a location and funds to build and maintain permanent pickleball courts.
- e. Other alternative(s) selected by the City Council

CSS/Bumia provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the usage of pickleball courts.

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C/Freedman would like to extend the pilot program to seven days a week.

M/Ching stated that extending the pilot program is logical and reasonable in order to identify what is needed in the community.

M/Ching opened public comment.

Gianna Chavez and William Harrison expressed support for extending the pickleball pilot program.

CC/DeDios read into the record an email from Ali Zarrabi opposing the pickleball pilot program.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

C/Tragarz made a motion to select Staff Recommendation C for Item 7; seconded by MPT/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

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/Tragarz and C/Freedman shared information from the Contract Cities Annual Conference.

M/Ching shared that he attended a City Selection Committee meeting and a Sanitation Districts meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Freedman thanked everyone in attendance at the Memorial Day celebration prior to the meeting, shared information on resources available to parents of students, and thanked the pickleball players in attendance for their support.

M/Ching asked County Supervisors to restore the budget of the Los Angeles County Sheriffs.

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 7:58 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:

8. **Resolution No. 22-05 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$33,364.97 Demand No. 100418 through No. 100418, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-05 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

AM/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by VC/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN:*AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Pacheco*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

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AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of June 2022.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant