

JANUARY 25, 2017 – CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, MPT/Su, C/Pacheco, C/Rodriguez, C/Tragarz
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present were City Manager Wishner; Community Development Director Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; Planning Associate Guerra; Planning Associate Vasquez; and City Clerk De Dios.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- **Noise Ordinance**

CDD/Weiner provided a powerpoint presentation on staff's research comparing decibel level restrictions of cities and reported that Walnut levels were strict if not more than other cities. He provided information relating to how other cities handle construction issues and that most other cities allow Saturday construction, Walnut does not.

M/Ching inquired how the City handles loud music or parties.

CDD/Weiner responded it is enforced by Penal Code 415 and the Sheriff's Department.

M/Ching provided hypothetical questions relating to noises coming from a motorcycle or a basketball, asking if a phrase could be added to the Code to address these types of noises.

CA/Leibold explained that the City would not restate the law; she stated that there was a measurable standard. If a noise was a nuisance then the language in the Code could be cited.

There was discussion among the City Council and staff in regards to how the current ordinance addresses loud and unruly assemblages and nuisances creating noise. The majority agreed that when the issue is between neighbors, then it must be dealt with by going to court; the City is unable to take sides in that type of case. There was no direction at this point.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Trost addressed the City Council explaining that she has had problems with her neighbor and has made attempts to speak with them, but the neighbor does not wish to engage in any discussion. She claims the Sheriff's Department has not been responsive to her complaints relating to her neighbor.

CM/Wishner explained that this was a civil matter between the two neighbors.

There being no further input, it was the consensus of the City Council to close oral communications. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 8th day of February, 2017.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk