

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MPT/Su led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present were City Manager Wishner; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; Community Development Director Weiner, Community Services Director Rooney; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; City Engineer Gilbertson; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Administrative Analyst Womble; Associate Planner Vasquez; Associate Planner Guerra; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: The invocation was led by Pastor Jimmy Nih of Walnut United Methodist Church.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Suzanne Middle School - named in the “2017 Schools to Watch” list of model middle schools in California**

Council, along with board members of the WVUSD, presented a certificate to Principal Les Ojeda and congratulated the school on its achievement.

- **Recognition of Walnut High School Future Business Leaders of America -1st place Chapter Sweepstakes award**

Council, along with board members of the WVUSD, recognized the group’s achievements and presented them with a certificate.

- **Recognition of Walnut High School Music Director, Dr. Buddy Clements for his years of service**

Council, along with board members of the WVUSD, recognized long time Walnut High School music director Buddy Clements and thanked him for his service to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison shared that he would like to commend Walnut High School Principal Brandon Dade for the outstanding job that he is doing at the school.

Cindy Ruiz invited the community to the Relay for Life Kickoff meeting at the Walnut Valley Unified School District site Saturday March 11th.

Daniel Luevanos, One Legacy ambassador, announced April is donor awareness month and the Non-profit will be having their annual Run/Walk event on April 29th.

Angie from Senator Newman’s office provided an update on two bills introduced by the Senator regarding education. She also shared that they will be taking nominations that will recognize outstanding women leaders in the community.

Allen Wilson, ambassador for Assemblyman, introduced himself to the community and provided a update on bills proposed.

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

MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the February 22, 2017 Study Session Meeting**
2. **Approval of the February 22, 2017 City Council/WHA Meeting**
3. **Approval of the February 22, 2017 City Council Special Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 - 3

MPT/Su made a motion to approve Items 1 - 3; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Su, Tragarz
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE:

4. **Ordinance No. 17-01 - Amending and restating Walnut Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 17D, regarding the use of marijuana in the City of Walnut**

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 17-01, read by title only and agendize the item for a second reading and Public Hearing on March 22, 2017, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending and Restating Walnut Municipal Code Title III, Chapter 17D, to Establish Regulations for the Use of Marijuana.”

CDD/Weiner presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding federal and state law regulations of marijuana and the impacts on local governments.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

MPT/Su made a motion to approve Item 4; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Su, Tragarz*
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

5. Ordinance No. 17-02 - Prohibiting Parking on Various City Streets in the Vicinity of Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC)

Recommendation: It is recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee that the City Council waive further reading and introduce Ordinance 17-02, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California Prohibiting Parking on Various City Streets in the vicinity of Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC).”

CE/Gilbertson presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 5; seconded by MPT/Su. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Su, Tragarz*
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

6. Resolution No. 17-12 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$680,329.17, Demand No. 152984 through No. 153073, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-12.

7. Resolution No. 17-13 - Directing the Preparation of the Engineer's Report and Filing of Report for 2017-18 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments and Setting the Time and Place for a Public Meeting and Public Hearing

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-13 initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments within the Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) No. 1 for 2017-18 and ordering the engineer to prepare a report in connection therewith; and

1. Direct staff to hold the informal public input meeting on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Walnut City Council Chambers;
2. Direct staff to set the time and place for the Public Hearing on the matter of levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-18 LOSMD assessments at the City Council meeting on May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; and
3. Direct staff to provide notice of the public meetings and Public Hearing in accordance with the law.

MOTION ON ITEMS 6 AND 7

MPT/Su made a motion to approve Items 6 and 7; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Su, Tragarz*
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

There was none.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

MPT/Su and CSD/Rooney shared information regarding efforts in gaining assistance from Supervisor Solis for funding of an aquatics center.

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M/Ching recognized Administrative Intern Calvin Melo for his years of service and wished him luck in his future endeavors. He also shared information regarding the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast; he suggested that the event be renamed to the “Prayer Breakfast” in the future.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION:

At 8:08 p.m. CA/Leibold indicated that previously published closed session has been cancelled.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Gov’t Code § 54956.9)
United Walnut Taxpayers v Mt San Antonio Community College District, et al.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. BC 576587
[Consolidated with Case Nos. BS 154389, BC 600860 and BS159593]

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2017.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant