

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Rodriguez 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; Finance Officer Cortez; City Planner Carlson; City Engineer Gilbertson; Senior Administrative Analyst Womble; Associate Planner Vasquez; Associate Planner Guerra; Management Analyst Barcelo; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** The invocation was led by Pastor Terrence Shay of the First Chinese Baptist Church of Walnut.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Recognition of the Walnut National Junior Basketball (NJB) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys All-Star basketball team – 2017 National Champions**

Council recognized and congratulated the efforts of the NJB All-star team that went undefeated en route to a national championship.

- **WHS Dance Team – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at Nationals and Back-to-Back State Champions – Kick Division**

Council recognized the Walnut High School dance team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the National Championships in Florida and that went back-to-back State Champions in the kick division.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Donna Freedman, Rowland Unified School District board member, provided an update to the community on what is going on around the schools in their district.

Jody Leep asked the Council to consider finding a location for a dog park.

Claudine Stines and Sam Leep asked Council to continue to show support for a community pool.

CSD/Rooney stated they will place an item on a future Parks and Recreation Commission agenda regarding a dog park.

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

**MINUTES:**

1. **Approval of the March 6, 2017 Joint PC/CC Meeting**
3. **Approval of the March 8, 2017 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 3**

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

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

2. **Approval of the March 8, 2017 Study Session**

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

*MPT/Su made a motion to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None scheduled.

**ORDINANCE:**

**4. Ordinance No. 17-03 – Body Treatment Related Businesses**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 17-03, read by title only and agendize the item for second reading and Public Hearing on April 26, 2017, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending and Restating the Walnut Municipal Code Title IV, Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-70(m), regarding Body Treatment Related Businesses.”

SMA/Womble presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst the City Council and Staff regarding signage restrictions as well as the conditions set for body treatment related businesses.

**MOTION ON ITEM 4**

***MPT/Su made a motion to adopt Item 4; seconded by C/Rodriguez. 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:**

**5. Resolution No. 17-18 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,099,352.97, Demand No. 153198 through No. 153330, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-18.

**6. Resolution No. 17-19 – Position Authorization Change**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-19, amending the Management Salary Schedule (Attachment 2) to add a Management Analyst/Public Information Officer. Salary Schedules for the Classified and Part-Time units will not be affected.

**7. Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Improvement Bond for Tract No. 65572 (Wu)**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council accept the public improvements related to Tract No. 65572 and release the improvement bonds.

**9. Award of Bid to Athletic Field Specialists for Trail Improvements**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Accept the bid and award a construction contract to Athletic Field Specialists for \$80,000 for trail improvements.
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Contractor Services Agreement in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.
3. Authorize Staff to issue a purchase order to Athletic Field Specialists in the amount of \$80,000.00 for trail improvements.

**MOTION ON ITEMS 5 - 7, AND 9**

*MPT/Su made a motion to approve Items 5 - 7, and 9; seconded by C/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:*

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

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**8. Authorization to Contract with GreenPlay LLC to Prepare and Complete an Operations Cost Study for the Proposed Walnut Ranch Expansion Project**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Professional Services Agreement with GreenPlay LLC in substantially the form attached and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement in such final form approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Issue a Purchase Order to GreenPlay LLC in the amount of \$68,000.00 to prepare and complete an Operations Cost Study for the Walnut Ranch Expansion Project.

MA/Barcelo provided a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the cost, aspects, and timeline of the study.

**MOTION ON ITEM 8**

*MPT/Su made a motion to approve Item 8; 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

**10. American Cancer Society 2017 Walnut Relay for Life Request and Fee Waiver for City Services and Equipment Use**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council approve the request and fee waiver for City services and equipment from the American Cancer Society Walnut Relay for Life with conditions as listed under the Staff Analysis.

C/Tragarz encouraged residents to participate in the 2017 Walnut Relay for Life.

**MOTION ON ITEM 10**

*C/Rodriguez made a motion to approve Item 10; 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*

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**11. Resolution No. 17-20 – A Resolution of the City of Walnut as Successor Agency Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,250.00 Demand No. 100536 through No. 100536 Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-20.

**MOTION ON ITEM 11**

*MPT/Su made a motion to approve Item 11; 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*

**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/Su shared that the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control is hosting a workshop on April 20<sup>th</sup> regarding mosquito abatement.

**B. Individual Members’ comments and updates**

MPT/Su asked that an item be placed on the next meeting agenda to discuss Senate Bill 231 regarding water rate taxes.

C/Pacheco thanked all that attended the Mayor Summit event.

C/Rodriguez noted that he has served on the Council for a year; he thanked the residents that gave him the opportunity to serve the community.

Council invited the community to attend the Lion’s Club Easter Egg Hunt, City Blessing Church’s Easter event, the Intergenerational Art Show at the Senior Center, and the Walnut Family Festival on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Council went into Closed Session at 8:15p.m.

- 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]

**RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m. There was no reportable action on Item A.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of May 2017.**

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Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant