

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boy Scout Troop 789 led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: MPT/Su, C/Rodriguez

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, Community Services Deputy Director Jensen; Senior Management Analyst Womble; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Lions Club Student Speaker Contest winner – Natalie Jiang**

Council congratulated Lions Club Student Speaker Contest winner Natalie Jiang.

- **Recognition of Boy Scout Troop 789 for their 25th Anniversary in Walnut**

Council expressed their appreciation to Boy Scout Troop 789 for their years of dedication and service to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Captain Reyes shared that the City of Walnut was ranked 17th safest city in California.

Rainbow Yeung shared information on the programs provided by the South Coast Air Quality Management District including the electric lawn mower rebate program.

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Hassan Sassi expressed concerns regarding projects at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC). He spoke in favor of approving item seven.

William Harrison expressed his support for increasing the salaries of management staff.

There being no further input, it was moved by C/Pacheco to close oral communications; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the May 10, 2017 Study Session Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the May 24, 2017 City Council/WHA Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Items 1 & 2; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 3. Ordinance No. 17-05 – Changing the Walnut General Municipal Election to November of Even-Numbered Years**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Hear the staff report;
2. Open the public hearing to solicit input on this item;
3. Close the public hearing; and
4. Adopt Ordinance No. 17-05, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, moving the date of the City’s General Municipal Election from the Second Tuesday in April of Even-Numbered Years to the First Tuesday After the First Monday in November of Even-Numbered Years beginning in November of 2018.”

ASD/Ogawa provided a staff report.

M/Ching opened the public hearing; there being no input, Council closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 3; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

4. Ordinance No. 17-06 – Amending the Walnut Municipal Code related to signage

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Hear the staff report;
2. Open the public hearing to solicit input on this item;
3. Close the public hearing; and
4. Adopt Ordinance No. 17-06, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Title VI, Chapter 25, Article I, Section 25-2 (Definitions), Article XXVI, Section 25-259(c), Section 25-261 (Permits), Section 25-262 (Signs Permitted in any Zone), and Section 25-263 (Subdivision Signs).

CDD/Weiner presented a staff report.

M/Ching opened the public hearing; there being no input, Council closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

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

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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Items 7 and 9 were pulled for discussion.

5. **Resolution No. 17-25 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,187,145.68, Demand No. 153615 through No. 153750, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 17-25.

6. **Approval of a Four-Year Contract with Athletic Field Specialists for Sports Field Maintenance at Creekside, Snow Creek and Suzanne Parks**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a four-year contract with Athletic Field Specialists (AFS) for sports field maintenance services at Creekside, Snow Creek and Suzanne Parks; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

8. **Request for Acceptance of Donation from the Walnut Senior Citizens Club and Appropriation of \$1,000 from the General Fund to Account 01-9697-6227 (Teen Center Contractual Services) to be reimbursed by the Donation**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept a \$1,000 donation from the Walnut Senior Citizens Club for improvements to the Teen Center; and
2. Appropriate \$1,000 from the General Fund to Account 01-9697-6227 to be reimbursed by the donation.

10. **Bingo Permit Application Submitted by the Walnut Senior Citizens Club and Request for Waiver**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the bingo permit application submitted by the Walnut Senior Citizens Club for Fiscal Year 2017-18;
2. Waive any applicable facility use fees and insurance requirements;
3. Waive the bingo permit application fee and monthly gross receipts fees; and
4. Accept a monthly donation of \$350.00.

MOTION ON ITEMS 5 - 6, 8, AND 10

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Items 5 - 6, 8 and 10; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Tragarz*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Rodriguez, Su*

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

7. Appropriation Request for Third-party Review of Environmental Documents and Studies in Response to Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC) Development Projects

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$30,000 from the General Fund reserve to account number 01-5000-6216, in order for ECORP Consulting, Inc. to provide third-party environmental and geotechnical consulting services on behalf of the City.

C/Tragarz stated that she would like to table the item.

CDD/Weiner presented a staff report.

CA/Leibold stated that comments for the EIR for the physical education project at Mt. SAC are due on July 3rd.

Discussion took place regarding the project and issues presented as well as the contract for the consulting, and the scope of the work that needs to be done in related to the project.

C/Tragarz expressed concerns in regards to spending \$30,000 on the physical education project, having the contract already signed, and the cost per hour of the consultants. She would like to discuss the issues with the full Council.

CM/Wishner stated that Community Development is asking for help due to technical aspects to the work.

C/Tragarz inquired into the total costs relating to Mt. SAC litigation; to which ASD/Ogawa stated that is approximately \$155,000.

M/Ching inquired into the impacts if the item is tabled until the June 28th meeting; to which CDD/Weiner stated that staff would have to formulate the response for the EIR without the help of the consultant.

CM/Wishner shared that C/Tragarz concerns are warranted in regards to cost, but staff will always ask for assistance if they feel it is necessary.

CA/Leibold stated that staff has only begun to review the documents produced by the school and shared the issues that she feels merit review.

Council opened up the item for discussion.

Hassan Sassi spoke in support of contracting a consultant to review the document.

MOTION

C/Tragarz made a motion to table Item 7; motion failed due to lack of second.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 7; seconded by M/Ching. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

The item was approved.

9. Bi-Annual Sport Group and Tournament Field Use Request – Fall 2017

Recommendation: The Walnut Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the City Council:

1. Approve the Bi-Annual Use Agreements in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney for Fall 2017 for American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), Walnut Youth Softball, Walnut Pony Baseball, Walnut Valley Junior All-American Football & Cheer, and DBWV-FC Man United for the following use requests; and
2. Approve the following Sunday Use and Tournament requests.

Field Use Requests:

- a) Use of **Butterfield Park** by DBWV-FC Man United Soccer Club from August 1, 2017 through December 3, 2017;
- b) Use of **Creekside Park** by Walnut Valley Pony Baseball from August 28, 2017 through November 18, 2017;
- c) Use of **Snow Creek Park** by Walnut Valley Pony Baseball from August 28, 2017 through November 18, 2017; and by Walnut Valley Junior All-American Football from July 31, 2017 through December 28, 2017 (Tryouts to be held June 17 and July 8, 2017);
- d) Use of **Suzanne Park** by Walnut Youth Softball from August 2, 2017 through November 18, 2017; and by FC Man United Soccer from August 1, 2017 through December 3, 2017;
- e) Use of **Walnut Ranch Park** by AYSO from August 1, 2017 through December 2, 2017; and by FC Man United Soccer Club (the south half Field D) from August 1, 2017 through December 3, 2017 and Sunday use as approved in previous years for FC Man United Soccer Club;
- f) That the request for Sunday use of **Walnut Ranch Park** be approved as in previous years for DBWV-FC Man United Soccer; and
- g) That the tournaments be approved as requested

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Sunday Use and Tournaments Requests:

Waivers for Sunday use have been approved following consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council, and again, are being requested by DBWV-FC Man United from August 1 through December 3, 2017 at Walnut Ranch Park.

The Facility Use and Allocation Policy states that “Sports organizations with approved Facility Use Permits are limited to two tournaments per year.” The following youth sports groups have requested tournaments at the following parks: **Walnut Ranch Park** by DBWV-FC Man United on August 4, 5, and 6, 2017.

C/Pacheco shared that the Walnut Valley Unified School District is going to expand some of their fields for sports groups.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 9; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

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

M/Ching provided information from the Independent Contract Cities conference.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Tragarz thanked all of the staff that helped with the Relay for Life event.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Council went into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (GOV'T CODE § 54957.6):**
City designated representative: City Manager Rob Wishner
Unrepresented Employees: Management

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m. The City Council directed the City Manager and Director of Administrative Services to incorporate the salary adjustments for unrepresented employees, which constitute 21 employees and 14 positions, into the budget at four (4) percent increase.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2017.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant