

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Planner Carlson; Finance Officer Cortez; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Public Information Officer Tep; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Andrew Pan of Agape Renewal Ministry led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Spring 2019 Business of the Quarter – Lemon Creek Cleaners**

Chuck Kim of Lemon Creek Cleaners accepted the certificate for the Spring 2019 Business of the Quarter.

- **Water Awareness Month Proclamation for May 2019 presented to the Walnut Valley Water District**

Council presented a proclamation to members of the Walnut Valley Water District board of directors designating May 2019 “Water Awareness Month.”

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison thanked staff for their efforts in the Creekside neighborhood and stated that he feels that the Walnut Valley School District is not diverse amongst its teachers.

Greg Agey shared information regarding a tentative agreement between the Los Angeles County Sanitation District management and employees.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the April 10, 2019 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 1; seconded by MPT/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Resolution No. 19-19 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$843,264.60, Demand No. 158062 through No. 158135, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-19.

3. Ordinance No. 19-04 - Francesca Development Agreement (DA) for the project at 780 & 808 Francesca Drive: A request for approval of a DA pursuant to Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 6.112 (Development Agreements) and California Government Code Sections 65864 *et seq.* in connection with the development of a residential project consisting of thirty-six (36) single-family homes at 780 & 808 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-169 & 170).

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance 19-04, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, Approving a Development Agreement for the Francesca Specific Plan Residential Project Located at 780 & 808 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-169 & 170).”

6. 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 \$115,000.00 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; and
3. Authorize Staff to issue a purchase order to Athletic Field Specialists in the amount of \$115,000.00 for trail improvements.

7. Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the surplus of City Vehicles and equipment to be disposed of through a public auction.

MOTION ON ITEMS 2, 3, 6, & 7

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 2, 3, 6, & 7; seconded by MPT/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

4. Appropriation Request for third-party review of environmental documents and studies in response to the long-range development plan for the Mt. SAC 2018 Educational Facilities Master Plan - ECORP

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$15,980 from General Fund Reserve to Account number 01-5000-6216; and
2. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$15,980 to ECORP Consulting, Inc.

C/Wu shared information regarding the work to be performed by ECORP.

M/Tragarz opened public comment.

Hassan Sassi expressed concerns regarding aspects of the EIR.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close public comment.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

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

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

5. Approval of a Three-Year Contract Extension with West Coast Arborists for Tree Trimming and Tree Maintenance Services

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a three-year contract extension with West Coast Arborists (WCA) for tree trimming and tree maintenance services through June 30, 2022;
2. Approve the rate increases depicted in Attachment B for FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 and flat rates for FY 2021-22; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Maintenance Services in substantially the form attached in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

CSS/Barcelo presented a staff report.

Discussion took place among staff and Council regarding going out to bid for the contract as well and the rates and services performed in the contract.

M/Tragarz opened public comment.

William Harrison stated that he would like to see an increase in performance if the contact price is increased.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close public comment.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

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

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu*
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

C/Wu shared information from the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

M/Tragarz shared information from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

MPT/Rodriguez congratulated XLB Dumpling Bar for being featured on Food Insider.

C/Ching shared information regarding sporting events held at Walnut High School and the recovered peace bell that was stolen from the Tai Ji Men Academy.

M/Tragarz announced the upcoming vacancies for city commissions and encouraged residents to apply for the Youth Advisory Commission, the Planning Commission, the Senior Citizens Commission, and the Parks and Recreation Commission. She also invited the community to attend the Intergenerational Art Show and the Peddlers Market event at the Senior Center

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS TO THE MEETING OF THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak during oral communications, it was VC/Rodriguez to close oral communications; seconded by AM/Ching. Motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

8. Resolution No. 19-04 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$22,515.16, Demand No. 100375 through No. 100375, Both Inclusive

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 19-04 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by VC/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: AGENCY MEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: AGENCY MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: AGENCY MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: AGENCY MEMBERS: None

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: The City Council went into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

- A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
(Gov't Code § 54957 (b))
Title: City Manager
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
(Gov't Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiator: City Manager Rob Wishner
Employee organization: Walnut City Employees Association (WCEA)

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION

APRIL 24, 2019 – CC/WHA

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m. in memory of former Walnut High School Teacher and Coach, Jim Polite.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of May 2019.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant