

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Ching led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Finance Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Finance Analyst Meza; Management Analyst Ramos; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Dion Kurniadi from City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclaiming the Month of July 2022 as “Parks and Recreation Month”**

Council proclaimed July 2022 as “Parks and Recreation Month” and presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Pollalis.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison thanked M/Ching for his time as mayor and thanked staff for their efforts.

Nicolas Hernandez thanked M/Ching for his service as mayor.

Vijay Vakil stated that he is looking forward to working with the new mayor.

M/Ching thanked Council and staff for their support during his term as mayor.

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

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:

1. Annual Reorganization of the City Council to Select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Recommendation: That the City Council select a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the prescribed nomination procedures.

CA/Leibold opened the floor for nominations for Mayor of the City of Walnut.

M/Ching nominated MPT/Wu for mayor.

VOICE VOTE FOR DR. ALLEN WU AS MAYOR

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

There being no further nominations for mayor and it being a majority vote, CA/Leibold declared Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor of Walnut.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva administered the Oath of Office to M/Wu.

M/Wu thanked Council and recognized the dignitaries in attendance.

M/Wu opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

C/Ching nominated C/Tragarz for mayor pro tem; seconded by M/Wu.

VOICE VOTE FOR NANCY TRAGARZ AS MAYOR PRO TEM

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

There being no further nominations for mayor pro tem and it being a majority vote, CA/Leibold declared Nancy Tragarz, Mayor Pro Tem of Walnut.

Ken Tragarz administered the Oath of Office to MPT/Tragarz.

M/Wu shared his goals for the City of Walnut.

Council congratulated M/Wu and MPT/Tragarz, and thanked C/Ching for his time as mayor.

M/Wu called for a recess at 7:50 p.m.; the meeting reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

MINUTES

2. Approval of the June 22, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. Continuance – Public Nuisance Abatement Process: Recovery of City acquired costs for nuisance abatement work performed at 415 Pierre Road (APN: 8720-012-057)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on this item;
4. Continue Public Nuisance Abatement Process: Recovery of City acquired costs for nuisance abatement work performed at 415 Pierre Road (APN: 8720-012-057) to the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of August 10, 2022.

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

M/Wu opened public comment. There being no input, public comment was closed.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 3; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

4. Continuance: Resolution No. 22-34: Amending Fees and Charges for Services Provided by the Community Development Department

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Receive testimony on this item; and
4. Continue the Public Hearing to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on July 27, 2022 to allow ample review and opportunity to comment on the Cost of Services Study and proposed updated User Fee Schedule.

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

PCEM/Guerra presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

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

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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

5. Resolution No. 22-35 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,057,021.23 Demand No. 164519 through No. 164623, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-35.

6. **Resolution No. 22-36 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$90,932.75 Demand No. 164624 through No. 164649, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-36.

7. **Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tract No. 52324 (Leming)**

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the public improvements related to Tract No. 52324 (Leming) for the 10-lot residential development on Gartel Drive

8. **Waiver of Parking Restrictions on La Puente Road**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the request for a waiver of parking restrictions along La Puente Road between Pierre Road and Gartel Drive for the 2022-23 school year for Walnut High School and Suzanne Middle School events.

9. **Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency (COVID-19)**

Recommendation: That the City Council make the following findings:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, City Staff and the public to meet safely in person, and
3. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
4. Existing circumstances support the need to continue the local emergency (COVID-19) consistent with Resolution No. 20-25 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) adopted March 23, 2020 as amended by Resolution No. 20-32 adopted May 13, 2020.

MOTION ON ITEMS 5 - 9

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 5 - 9; seconded by MPT/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu

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

None.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Tragarz thanked staff for recent city events.

C/Freedman thanked staff for their efforts in promoting the city through social media.

C/Ching thanked the sheriffs for their efforts in a recent arrest.

M/Wu thanked staff and encouraged the community to attend upcoming city events.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of August 2022.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant