

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

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

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Lydia Sohn, from Walnut United Methodist Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Kaylee Law – Mt. San Antonio College Graduate**

Council recognized Kaylee Law for being the youngest graduate for the Class of 2022 at Mt. San Antonio College as well as achieving three Associate in Arts Degrees; they wished her success in her future endeavors.

- **Recognition of Outgoing Youth Commissioners**

Council recognized the following outgoing Youth Advisory Commissioners: Chloe Young, Hudson Dy, Kyle Yeh, Rachel Chen, Anna Cai, Nicolas Hernandez, and Vianna Lai. They expressed their appreciation for their service to the City of Walnut.

- **Recognition of Dylan-Diego Villagrana – Eagle Scout Rank**

This presentation was rescheduled to a future meeting.

- **Walnut Pony 7U All Stars World Series Championship – 2nd Place**

Council recognized the players and coaches for winning 2nd place at the All Star World Series and expressed their congratulations to the team for their hard work and dedication.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison recognized a sheriff deputy, city staff, and shared concerns regarding public safety and code enforcement.

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

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the July 13, 2022 Study Session meeting**
2. **Approval of the July 13, 2022 City Council Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2

C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 1 and 2; seconded by C/Pacheco. 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: 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. Solicit Public Input on this Item;
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 22-34, “Amending Fees and Charges for Services Provided by the Community Development Department (CDD).”

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

PCEM/Guerra presented a staff report.

M/Wu opened public comment.

William Harrison expressed support for increasing code violation fees.

Kat Kasinada stated that property owners pass along fines to the business owners.

Discussion took place regarding the code fines and code enforcement protocols.

M/Wu closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to approve Item 3; seconded by C/Pacheco. 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. 22-41 - 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 Public Input and City Council discussion on this Item;
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 22-41, confirming the “Statement of Costs” for the Public Nuisance Abatement performed at 415 Pierre Road (APN: 8720-012-057).

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

The owner of 415 Pierre Road spoke through an interpreter during the meeting. He stated that he was not clear on what the violations were.

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Discussion took place amongst Council, staff, and property owner regarding the history of the property and violations.

Zack Lee, property renter, stated that he feels there were many miscommunications between the city and property owner regarding the property.

M/Wu closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

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

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

ORDINANCE:

- 5. Ordinance No. 22-04 - Amending Walnut Municipal Code Chapter 3.29 - Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction to Allow for Commercial Generator Waivers**

Recommendation: That the City Council introduce and read by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 22-04, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code, Adding Section 3.29.041 to Chapter 3.29 Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction” and set for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on August 24, 2022.

DCSD/Barcelo presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed ordinance.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

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

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

6. Ordinance No. 22-05 - Amending Walnut Municipal Code Chapter 3.48.130 Park and Recreation Area Regulations

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Determine whether or not to amend Ordinance No. 22-05, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Amending Section 3.148.130(H) of the Parks and Recreation Area Regulations” in order to allow City Council to make discretionary decisions regarding alcohol at certain events in the parks; and if the Council wishes to amend the ordinance; and
2. Introduce and read by title only and waive further reading Ordinance No. 22-05, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Amending Section 3.148.130(H) of the Park and Recreation Area Regulations” and set for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on August 24, 2022.

CSS/Bumia presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst the City Council and staff regarding the proposed ordinance.

MPT/Tragarz and C/Ching expressed concerns regarding allowing alcohol at city events.

C/Freedman spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that the ordinance promotes economic development of local businesses and gives the Council discretion to allow or not allow alcohol at events.

C/Pacheco spoke in favor of the ordinance.

CA/Leibold read into the record additional language she suggested incorporating into the ordinance if approved.

M/Wu opened public comment.

William Harrison, Andrew Rodriguez, Justin Mazorlig, and Kat Kasinada spoke in support of the ordinance.

MOTION ON ITEM 6

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 6 with proposed modifications; seconded by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman, Pacheco, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Tragarz

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

7. **Resolution No. 22-37 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$196,162.20 Demand No. 164655 through No. 164696, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-37.

8. **Resolution No. 22-38 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$242,380.47 Demand No. 164650 through No. 164720, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-38.

9. **Resolution No. 22-39 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$532,187.64 Demand No. 164721 through No.164723, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-39.

10. **Resolution No. 22-40 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,024,323.92 Demand No. 164724 through No. 164733, Both Inclusive; Demand No. 164764 through Demand No. 164771, Both Inclusive; Demand No. 164772 through 164807, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-40.

11. **Resolution No. 22-42 – Approving the Fund Exchange Agreement of METRO Proposition A Local Return Funds Between the City of Walnut and the City of Beverly Hills**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 22-42, approving a Fund Exchange Agreement between the City of Walnut and the City of Beverly Hills for Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize the exchange of \$500,000 of restricted Proposition A Local Return Funds for \$350,000 in unrestricted funds from the City of Beverly Hills; and
4. Appropriate funds in the amount of \$350,000 to Account 01-0000-3558 to account for revenue received from Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange between the City of Walnut and the City of Beverly Hills.

12. Vendor Services Agreement (VSA) – Approval of a VSA with Western Audio Visual & Security (WAV) for the Upgrade to the Audio/Video System(s) within the City of Walnut Council Chambers

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the VSA with WAV in the amount of \$98,770.05 for the purchase, installation, programming, and applicable Staff training for the proposed upgrade to the audio/video system(s) within the City Council Chambers (Chambers);
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;
3. Appropriate \$10,000 from Cable TV Education Fund (35) Reserves to the FY 2022-23 City Council Chambers audio/visual upgrade Project in order to cover a new audio/video room computer, back-up laptop, and any additional contingency costs associated with the upgrade; and
4. Authorize Staff to issue a Purchase Order to WAV for \$98,770.05.

13. Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group for \$544,446.14 to Purchase and Install LED Lighting at Walnut Ranch Park Soccer Fields, Tennis Courts, and Pathways

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group in the amount of \$544,446.14 for the purchase and installation of LED Lighting at Walnut Ranch Park soccer fields, tennis courts, and pathways;
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; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Facility Solutions Group in the amount of \$544,446.14

14. Removal of the Four Call Boxes located in City Parks

Recommendation: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the City Council approve the removal of the four call boxes located in City parks.

15. Diversity Plaza Word Layout

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council approve the words to be depicted on the Diversity Plaza (Attachment A).

16. Walnut Ranch Park Tennis Court A: Extend the Pickleball Pilot Program to December 30, 2022 and Determine Cost and Location for Permanent Courts

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

1. Extend the seven day a week pilot program through December 30, 2022.
2. Explore the feasibility and develop cost estimates to either (a) convert Court A for pickleball play or (b) add pickleball courts to the park property located immediately east of Court C (photo attached).

17. Mayor’s Agency Representatives

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this informational report.

18. Notice of Decision(s) – July 20, 2022 & August 3, 2022 Planning Commission Meetings

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its July 20, 2022 Meeting, for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - a. **Planning Commission Reorganization;**
 - b. **Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2022-002** – A request to provide therapy services to children at an existing business (“Empowered for Life”) located at 18800 Amar Road (unit B5/B6) (APN:8735-026-056).
2. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its August 3, 2022 Meeting, for the following Items(s)/Project(s):
 - a. **Continuance: Development Agreement (DA) & Site Plan Case and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-053** – A request to recommend City Council approval for a DA on Buckskin Drive and Paddock Court (APN: 8709-076-068 TO 077).
 - b. **Development Agreement (DA), Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 82967 & Site Plan Case and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-025** – A proposal to construct a Mixed-Use project consisting of five (5) residential unit(s), two (2) commercial space(s) and other related on-site improvements at an existing, 0.34 acre, vacant site off Valley Boulevard (APN(s): 8722-015-015 and -016
 - c. **Continued: Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2016-056** (City Blessing Church of Walnut) – A request to construct a new two (2) story multi-purpose building with a total building area of 20,630 square feet at 18901 Amar Road (APN: 8735-003-039).

19. 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 7-19

C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 7-19; seconded by C/Pacheco. 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:

20. Mount San Antonio College (Mount SAC) Recreation Facility Use for Residents

Recommendation: The Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that City Council conduct an open discussion with the Mount SAC Board of Trustees with the aim of improving and expanding both fee based and open recreational use hours for the new athletic facilities. To achieve this, staff recommends selecting one or both of the alternatives below:

1. Select a representative Council Member or a Council subcommittee of two to meet with members of the Mount SAC Board of Trustees to discuss this topic.
2. Send a written formal request from the Walnut City Council to the Mount SAC Board of Trustees with stated objectives to expand the ease of recreational use, establish lower fees for recreational users, and schedule open public use hours for some facilities.

ACM/Rooney provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff.

M/Wu appointed C/Freedman to meet with Mt. SAC to discuss the topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Freedman shared information from an installation dinner for the League of California Cities.

M/Wu shared information from a Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Freedman shared information from National Night Out and apologized for cancelling the July 27, 2022 City Council meeting.

C/Ching shared information regarding public safety.

C/Pacheco shared a letter regarding his decision to not seek re-election in the upcoming election and thanked the city for allowing him to serve.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 9:04 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak, it was unanimously moved by the Authority to close oral communications; motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

21. **Resolution No. 22-07 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$49,247.29 Demand No. 100420 through No. 100420, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2021-22**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-07 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 21

AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 21; seconded by VC/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Freedman, Ching, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN:*AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September 2022.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant