

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Ching 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; Administrative Services 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; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Joe Lin from the Formosan Evangelical Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation**

Council recognized Hispanic Heritage Month and presented commendations to the following individuals that have contributed greatly to the community: Frank Argumosa, Betsy Castellanos, and Mario Robles.

- **City of Walnut Arbor Day Proclamation**

Council proclaimed October 8, 2022, Arbor Day in the City of Walnut. Councilmember-Elect and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Richie Cajulis accepted the proclamation.

- **SoCalGas Public Affairs Manager, Lanae O’Shields – Introduction & SoCalGas Overview**

The presentation was rescheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison commented on the presentations and thanked staff for their efforts. He asked that City codes be better enforced.

Walnut Sheriff Deputy Stanford introduced himself to the community.

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

MINUTES:

1. September 14, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 1; 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:

2. Resolution No. 22-47 – Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 1048 Countryside Drive (APN: 8709-075-011)

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. 22-47 and declare the following property as a Public Nuisance, 1048 Countryside Drive (APN: 8709-075-011)

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

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Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the current state of the property, safety and legal concerns, the public nuisance legal process, and adding to section 2 of the resolution.

M/Wu opened public comment.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding possible legal action taken against the City because of the property.

CC/De Dios read into the record an email from Yaseen Gomez expressing support to declare the property a public nuisance.

C/Pacheco stated that he would like to add to section 2 of the resolution.

CA/Leibold suggested adding the following language to section 2 of the resolution: The City Manager or designee is directed to take all appropriate action to abate the nuisance by having all public nuisance removed including, but not limited to entering upon the property to abate the nuisance and the construction of any improvements necessary to remedy the threat to public safety and abate the nuisance.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Item 2 with the additional resolution language suggested by the City Attorney; 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:

- 3. Resolution No. 22-48 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,745,512.57 Demand No. 165096 through No. 165163, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-48.

- 4. Resolution No. 22-49 - Biennial Review of the Conflict Interest Code**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

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1. Adopt Resolution No. 22-49. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Amending Resolution No. 18-57 Updating the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Walnut;
2. Direct the City Clerk to file the 2022 Local Biennial Notice with the City Council of the City of Walnut as the code reviewing body.

5. Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group for \$673,853.72 to Purchase and Install LED Lighting at Creekside Park, Snow Creek Park and Suzanne Park

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group in the amount of \$673,853.72 for the purchase and installation of LED Lighting at Creekside Park, Snow Creek Park, and Suzanne Park;
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 \$673,853.72.

6. First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Walnut and VCS Environmental

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Walnut and VCS Environmental, in substantially the form attached hereto, and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer the First Amendment and any other documents necessary to affect the foregoing, on behalf of the City, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

7. Acceptance of Public Improvements and Release of Improvement Bonds for Tract No. 82205 (780 Francesca)

Recommendation: That the City Council accept the public improvements related to Tract No. 82205 (780 Francesca) and release of the improvements bonds.

8. FY 21-22 Sidewalk Repairs Project – Final Acceptance

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by FS Contractors, Inc. for the FY 2021-2022 Concrete Repair Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion.”

9. **Notice of Decision – September 21, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its September 21, 2022 Meeting, for the following Item(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. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2022-003 – A request to operate a child related business (“MA-Trainer Studio”) at an existing commercial building located at 376 Lemon Creek Drive, Suite H (APN: 8722-038-009).
 - c. Site Plan and Architectural Review SPC/AR 2022-061 – A request to construct a one (1) story addition to an existing two (2) story home located at 19233 Lindsay Circle (APN: 8735-053-017).

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 9

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 9; 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: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

M/Wu shared information from a Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Tragarz shared information from an event at Mt. San Antonio College and invited the community to check out the school’s the Mountie Maker Space.

C/Freedman shared information from her presentations to local schools regarding local government, pickleball in the city, and local schools featured on the news.

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C/Pacheco extended his prayers and thoughts to those effected by the hurricane in Florida. He shared information on an upcoming Taste of Walnut event. He wished his daughter a happy birthday.

C/Ching thanked Council and staff for allocating funds for the special needs community. He shared information from the Hispanic 100 organization.

M/Wu invited the community to attend the Family Festival.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 8:28 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:

- 10. Resolution No. 22-10 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$29,519.51 Demand No. 100423 through No. 100423, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-10 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 10; seconded by AM/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

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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 regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of October 2022.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant