

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Freedman 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; Assistant City Attorney Mann; Community Development Director Vasquez; Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Public Information Officer Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel, and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Joseph Lee from Young Life Ministry led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None scheduled.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Suzanne Viegas and resident expressed concerns regarding issues with a house in their neighborhood.

Ed Dagani expressed concerns regarding issues in the Walnut Grove residential area.

Jim Dixson Jr. addressed an issue at a previous City Council meeting.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding allowing gated communities in the city.

Vijay Vakil commented on the State legislature SB 1425 regarding open space.

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

**MINUTES**

1. **Approval of the September 28, 2022 City Council Special Meeting**
2. **Approval of the September 28, 2022 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 2**

*C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 1 and 2; 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*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None scheduled.

**ORDINANCE:**

3. **Ordinance No. 22-06 – Electronic & Digital Signatures**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 22-06, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, adding Chapter 1.08.085 (Electronic AND DIGITAL Signatures) to Title 1 (GENERAL PROVISIONS AND ADMINISTRATION) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) relating to electronic and digital signatures on documents used and accepted by the City of Walnut” and set for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on October 26, 2022.

AA/Markel presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the ordinance.

**MOTION ON ITEM 3**

*MPT/Tragarz made a motion to approve Item 3; 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*

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 6 was pulled for discussion.

- 4. Resolution No. 22-50 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,004,775.77 Demand No. 165164 through No. 165265, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-50.

- 5. Resolution No. 22-51 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Authorizing Destruction of Certain Records Pursuant to Resolution No. 01-18**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-51.

- 7. Disposal of Surplus Equipment**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the declaration of certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus and approve the disposal of the surplus items through a public auction.

- 8. Award of Bid – Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Improvement Project**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract for the Diversity Plaza Project to Act 1 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,699,809.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Appropriate \$80,000.00 from Measure W Fund Reserves (29) to the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Park Project for storm water infrastructure improvements;
4. Appropriate \$430,000.00 from General Fund Reserves (01) to be reimbursed by Los Angeles County Measure A Park Grant Funds (Measure A);
5. Appropriate \$580,000.00 from Park In-Lieu Fund Reserves (06) to the Diversity Plaza-Creekside Park project;
6. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Act 1 Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,699,809.00;
7. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$169,980.90) to Act 1 Construction, Inc.; and
8. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$144,179.00

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council make the following findings:

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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.

**10. Notice of Decision – October 5, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its October 5, 2022 Meeting, for the following Items(s)/Project(s):
  - a) Continued: Reddy Mixed-Use Project on Valley
  - b) Continued: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2022-003
  - c) The Terraces at Walnut
  - d) Tentative Tract Map No. 53924 (Harijanto) Time Extension Request
  - e) Amendment 1 to Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2020-054
  - f) Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-019

**MOTION ON ITEMS 4, 5, 7 - 10**

***C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 4, 5, 7 - 10; seconded by M/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

**ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:**

**6. Approval and Park Funding to Convert Walnut Ranch: Tennis Court C into Four Pickleball Courts**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve converting Walnut Ranch Park Court C from a tennis court to four pickleball courts; and
2. Appropriate \$200,000 from Park In-Lieu Fund Reserves to the Pickleball Court Project

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DCSD/Barcelo provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the usage of the pickleball pilot program and the proposed pickleball court.

M/Wu opened public comment.

A resident commented on tennis court usage at Walnut Ranch Park and suggested converting high school tennis courts instead.

MPT/Tragarz noted that the school district has jurisdiction over the high school tennis courts.

Vijay Vakil and William Harrison expressed support for the pickleball court.

**MOTION ON ITEM 6**

***MPT/Tragarz made a motion to approve Item 6; 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***

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:** None scheduled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):**

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

MPT/Tragarz shared information from a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting and a Contract Cities seminar regarding emergency preparedness.

**B. Individual Members’ comments and updates**

Council thanked staff for their efforts at the Family Festival.

C/Freedman thanked Council for approving the pickleball item and invited everyone to attend the Walnut/Diamond Bar football game.

C/Ching spoke on public safety and encouraged everyone to vote at the upcoming election.

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M/Wu shared information from a Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting and a Mayor’s Advisory Committee meeting. He invited everyone to the City’s Halloween event.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of October 2022.**

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Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant