

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Wu 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; Management Analyst Ramos; Public Information Office Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION: Father Tony from St. Lorenzo Parish led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Mansfield Collins Sr. – Civil Rights Activist and Veteran**
Council posthumously recognized Mansfield Collins Sr. for his service as a veteran, civil rights activist, and pastor. His family thanked Council for the recognition.
- **Recognition of the College Connect Program at Rowland Unified School District**
Council congratulated Rowland Unified School District for their College Connect Program.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS:

- **Oath of Office Administered to Mayor Dr. Allen Wu**
M/Wu’s family administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Dr. Allen Wu

- **Oath of Office Administered to Councilmember Ritchie Cajulis**

Father Tony administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Ritchie Cajulis

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

A resident expressed concerns regarding safety in Walnut.

William Harrison shared information on the Rowland Unified School District.

Obie Obiacoro invited the community to a fundraising banquet for local schools.

Residents of the Belgate community in Walnut expressed public safety concerns

CC/De Dios read an email into the record from Melanie Song regarding public safety concerns in the Belgate community.

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

MINUTES: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Reddy Mixed-Use Project on Valley:

Development Agreement – A request for approval of a DA pursuant to Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 6.112 (Development Agreement) and California Government Code Sections 65864 et seq. in connection with the development of a mixed-use project off Valley Boulevard consisting of commercial space(s), residential unit(s), and other related on-site improvements (APN(s): 8722-015–015 and – 016).

Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 82967 – A subdivision of approximately 0.34 acres of land/air-space into commercial and residential unit(s) and other related on-site improvements at an existing vacant site off Valley Boulevard, within the West Valley Specific Plan (WVSP) area (APN(s): 8722-015– 015 and – 016).

Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-025 - A proposal to construct a Mixed-Use project consisting of residential unit(s), commercial space(s) and other related on-site improvements at an existing, vacant site off Valley Boulevard (APN(s): 8722-015– 015 and – 016).

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;

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3. Receive testimony from the Applicant and any other members of the Public regarding the Project;
4. Discuss amongst Council Members;
5. Close Public Hearing; and
6. Approve the following:
 - a. Ordinance No. 22-09 – Approving the DA in substantial form (Exhibit A)
 - b. Resolution No. 22-54 – Approving TTM 82967 and SPC/AR 2022–025, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval (COA) in Exhibit B.

M/Wu opened the Public Hearing.

PCEM/Guerra provided a staff report.

M/Wu opened public comment.

Andrew Rodriguez and William Harrison spoke in favor of the project.

Discussion took place between Council and staff regarding parking availability at the site and the types of commercial units for the project.

M/Wu closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 1; seconded by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 5 was pulled for discussion.

2. **Resolution No. 22-55 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,110,031.77 Demand No. 165345 through No. 165439, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-55.

3. Resolution No. 22-56 – Salary Schedules

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-56, amending the City of Walnut Salary Schedules (Attachment 2) to comply with State of California minimum wage requirements.

4. Ordinance No. 22-07 - A Request to Rescind Sections 3.48.190 and 3.48.200 of Chapter 3.48 (Offenses) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council waive further reading and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 22-07 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, rescinding sections 3.48.190 and 3.48.200 of Chapter 3.48 (Offenses) of the Walnut Municipal Code.”

6. Approval of Citywide Internal Computer Replacement Project

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of eighty (80) fully programmed computers (i.e. towers) and ten (10) monitors from GovConnection, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000;
2. Authorize the City Manager to issue a Purchase Order to GovConnection, Inc. for \$100,000;
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order in the amount of \$19,000 for Microsoft 365 Business Standard;
4. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Purchase Order in the amount of \$11,000 for DUO Multi-Factor Authentication licenses; and
5. Appropriate \$143,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds (08) to Computer Services (08-4502-8402) for miscellaneous equipment related items needed and associated labor cost(s) with the purchase and set-up of the City’s replacement computers.

7. Appointment to San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Trustees

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council appoint Dr. Allen Wu to the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District Board of Trustees for a two-year term through calendar years 2023 and 2024.

8. Approval of Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Advertise and Receive Formal Bids for the FY 2022-23 Green Street Project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the plans and specifications and authorize the City Engineer to advertise to receive formal bids for the FY 2022-23 Green Street Project.

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

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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 2-4 & 6-9

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 2-4 & 6-9; seconded by MPT/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

5. **Ordinance No. 22-08 – Approving the First Amendment to the Development Agreement (DA) for “The Terraces at Walnut” Project**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council Adopt, by title only, and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 22 – 08, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California approving the First Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Terraces at Walnut project located north of Valley boulevard (APN: 8709-023-006/007/008)”

PCEM/Guerra provided a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council, staff and the applicant regarding the development agreement, pedestrian access to the development, and clarification of the ordinance.

William Harrison asked that Council take the funds from the project to help improve public security.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

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

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

C/Freedman attended a Foothill Transit Meeting and provided a report.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Tragarz complimented staff on the City’s Halloween event and provided information on an event at St. Lorenzo.

C/Ching made comments on the City’s public safety efforts.

Council thanked former C/Pacheco for all of his service to the City.

M/Wu invited the community to the City’s Winter Jam event.

Council wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December 2022.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Rosalea Layman, Senior Management Analyst