

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/Cajulis, C/Ching, C/Freedman
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; 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; Building Official Tao; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst/PIO Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Kenneth Kwan from Vineyard of Hope Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Employee Retirement Recognition of Mary Rooney for her 20 years of service**

Council recognized Mary Rooney for her years of service and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to the City of Walnut.

ACM/Rooney expressed her appreciation to the City Council, staff, and residents.

- **SoCalGas Public Affairs Manager, Lanae O’Shields: Introduction and Overview**

Ms. O’Shields introduced herself and provided information on the latest at SoCalGas.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison expressed support to increase the standards at the schools in the Rowland Unified School District.

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

MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the October 26, 2022 City Council Meeting**
- 2. Approval of the November 9, 2022 City Council Special Meeting**
- 3. Approval of the November 9, 2022 City Council Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1-3

C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Item 1-3; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 4. Urgency Ordinance No. 22-10 – Adoption by Reference of the 2023 Los Angeles County Building, Residential, Plumbing, Mechanical, and Electrical Codes with Local Amendments and the 2022 California Green and the 2022 Existing Building Code with Local Amendments**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive the staff report;
3. Receive public testimony;
4. City Council discussion;
5. Close the public hearing; and
6. Introduce Urgency Ordinance No. 22-10, read by title only, waive further reading and adopt effective January 1, 2023 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code Title 2, Chapter 2.04 through 2.26 and Adopting by Reference the Los Angeles County Building Code, 2023 Edition, the Los Angeles County Residential Code, 2023 Edition, the Los Angeles County Electrical Code, 2023 Edition, the Los Angeles County Mechanical Code, 2023 Edition, the Los Angeles County Plumbing Code, 2020 Edition, the California Green Building Code, 2022 Edition, and the California Existing Building Code, 2022 Edition.”

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M/Wu opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

BO/Tao presented a staff report.

There was no discussion by the public or City Council.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

- 5. Development Agreement (DA) and Site Plan/Architectural Review - A request to approve a DA consistent with the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 6.112 (Development Agreement) and California Government Code Section(s) 65864 et seq., and Site Plan/Architectural Review in conjunction with a proposed residential Project on Buckskin Drive and Paddock Court (APN: 8709-076-068 to 077)**

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Receive testimony from the Applicant and any other member(s) of the Public regarding the Project;
4. Discuss amongst Council Members;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Approve the following:
 - a) Ordinance No. 22-11: “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, approving a Development Agreement (DA) for Residential Project located at Buckskin Drive and Paddock Court (APN(s): 8709-076-068 to 077)” in Substantial Form (Exhibit A).
 - b) Resolution No. 22-60: Approving Site Plan/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-053, subject to the attached Condition(s) of Approval (COA) in Exhibit B.

M/Wu opened the public hearing at 7:51 p.m.

PCEM/Guerra presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the project.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

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

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

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 9 was pulled by staff and it will be brought back at a meeting in January 2023.

6. **Resolution No. 22-57 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$584,511.63 Demand No. 165440 through No. 165505, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-57.

7. **Resolution No. 22-58 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,249,997.71 Demand No. 165506 through No. 165610, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-58.

8. **Resolution No. 22-59 – Request by Valley Vista Services for an Annual Rate Adjustment**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-59:

1. Setting fees for refuse, recycling, green waste and commercial collection within the City of Walnut; and
2. Approving a 5% Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase for residential, commercial, and special rates effective on or after February 1, 2023, subject to Valley Vista Services providing all customers with the required 30-day notification.

10. **Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Walnut and Walnut Valley Water District to Accept the Donation of a Bottle Refill Station at the Walnut Gymnasium**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Walnut and Walnut Valley Water District (WVWD) and accept the donation of a bottle refill station to be installed in the Walnut Gymnasium; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract (Attachment A) on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

11. Award of Bid – FY 2022-23 Green Street Project

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award a construction contract for the FY 2022-23 Green Street Project to Gentry Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$203,975.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Appropriate \$4,413.00 from available Measure W Fund Reserves (Fund 29);
4. Authorize staff issue a Purchase Order to Gentry Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$203,975.00; and
5. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$20,398.00) to Gentry Brothers Inc.; and
6. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$30,040.00.

12. Mayor’s Agency Representatives

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this is informational report.

13. Tract No. 78210 Final Map Acceptance (Terraces)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve Tract No. 78210;
2. Accept on behalf of the City, the dedication of easements for pedestrian access, fire lane, public utility, sanitary sewer, and ingress and egress purposes so designated on the Final Tract Map;
3. Authorize the City Clerk and City Treasurer to endorse the certificates as shown on the Final Tract Map; and
4. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

14. 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

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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.

15. Notice of Decision(s) – November 16, 2022 and December 7, 2022 Planning Commission Meetings

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its November 16, 2022 Meeting for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - a) Tentative Tract Map (TTM) No. 82852 Time Extension Request
2. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its December 7, 2022 Meeting for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - b) Site Plan/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-104: A request for the Planning Commission to approve a Tree Permit to remove tree(s) at an existing, vacant lot with a previously approved Tentative Tract Map (TTM) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

MOTION ON ITEMS 6-8, 10-15

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Items 6-8 & 10-15; seconded by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

9. Agreement for Vendor Services with Moore United Construction to Construct Pickleball Courts on Court C and resurface, repair and enhance Tennis Courts A and B at Walnut Ranch Park

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Moore United Construction in the amount of \$178,541.27 to convert Tennis Court C into four pickleball courts and renovate and resurface Tennis Courts A and B;
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 Moore United Construction in the amount of \$178,541.27.

There was no action taken by City Council. Staff will bring back in January 2023

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

16. Economic Development (Special Event): Taste of Walnut

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Discuss entering into a one (1) time partnership with a local non-profit (Walnut Educational Foundation) to host an Economic Development Special Event: Taste of Walnut (TOW).
2. Approve one (1) or more of the options listed below:
 - a. Authorize Staff to work in conjunction with the Walnut Educational Foundation in planning the Special Event, and to authorize the appropriation of \$35,000 (not to exceed) from the collected Development Agreement Fund(s) (24-2200); and
 - b. Allow for a beer and wine garden at and during the TOW as outlined in Ordinance No. 22-05; or
 - c. Provide further feedback and direct Staff as deemed appropriate.

MA/Ramos and CSS/Bumia presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the partnership for the event.

CA/Leibold made clarifications on the co-sponsorship.

MOTION ON ITEM 16

C/Freedman made a motion to approve options A, B, and C of Item 16; seconded by C/Cajulis. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Ching, Freedman, Wu*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Tragarz*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

MPT/Tragarz and C/Freedman provided information on California Contract Cities Association and League of California Cities holiday events.

M/Wu spoke on a Sanitation District and SGV Mosquito and Vector Control meeting with no action to report at either meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

Council thanked staff for the Winter Jam event.

Council wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year.

C/Freedman thanked staff for the Council Chamber upgrades, congratulated the Walnut High School football team on their CIF Championship, and congratulated Common Corners on their one-year anniversary event.

M/Wu requested that Captain Tousey join the staff table at future Council meetings.

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 8:10 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:

17. **Resolution No. 22-12 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$67,371.83 Demand No. 100426 through No. 100427, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-12 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 17

VC/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Item 17; seconded by AM/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Cajulis, Ching, Freedman, 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 regular meeting at 8:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of January 2023.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant