

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wu called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Wu led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Wu, MPT/Tragarz, C/Ching, C/Freedman
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Cajulis (Excused)

Also present: City Manager Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez; Community Services Director Barcelo; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Deputy Community Services Director Bumia; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst/PIO Maio; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Him Djuhana from City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Kyle Miller, representative for State Senator Bob Archuleta, introduced himself to Council and the community.

William Harrison gave his condolences for the County of Riverside Sheriff deputy that passed away in the line of duty and shared some safety issue concerns.

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

MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the December 14, 2022 Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Cajulis*

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **Resolution No. 23-01 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$745,032.75 Demand No. 165612 through No. 165687, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-01.

3. **Resolution No. 23-02 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$5,429,350.84 Demand No. 165688 through No. 165736, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-02.

4. **Ordinance No. 22-11 - Development Agreement (DA) for the Project on Buckskin Drive and Paddock Court (APN: 8709-076-068 to 077)**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 22-11, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, approving a DA for the Project on Buckskin Drive and Paddock Court (APN: 8709-076-068 to 077)

5. **Donation of \$500 from Cool Pai Inc. and Appropriation towards the City of Walnut’s 2023 Lunar New Year Event**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Accept the donation from Cool Pai Inc. of \$500; and
2. Appropriate the funds towards supplies purchased for the City of Walnut’s 2023 Lunar New Year Event

6. **Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council ratify the appointment of Alger Brion to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

7. Re-Appropriation of Unspent Funds for Capital Improvement Plan Projects from Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Fiscal Year 2022-23

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Re-Appropriate \$27,610 from Capital Equipment Replacement Fund Reserves (25) to the City-wide Sidewalk Project (25-6127-6227);
2. Re-Appropriate \$169,020 from Proposition C Fund Reserves (13) to the City-wide Sidewalk Project (\$158,350 to 13-6127-6227 and \$10,670 to 13-6217-6216);
3. Re-Appropriate \$184,050 from Measure W Fund Reserves (29) to the NPDES Storm Water Project (29-6137-6227);
4. Re-Appropriate \$196,630 from General Fund Reserves (01) to the Ashley Park Renovation Project (01-9325-6227) to be reimbursed by Proposition 68 Grant Funds;
5. Re-Appropriate 138,790 from Park In-Lieu Reserves (06) to the Ashley Park Renovation Project (06-9325-6227); and
6. Re-Appropriate \$251,080 from Capital Equipment Replacement Fund Reserves (25) to the purchase of the replacement Showmobile (25-9100-8402).

8. 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 2 - 8

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 2 - 8; seconded by MPT/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

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 California Contract Cities Association event in Sacramento.

M/Wu shared information from a Puente Basin Water Agency meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Freedman thanked staff for taking care of maintenance issues caused by the weather. She thanked Sheriff Captain Tousey and Deputies. She announced that Collegewood and Westhoff Elementary schools earned the distinguished school honor. She wished everyone a happy lunar new year.

C/Ching thanked Pastor Djuhana for providing the invocation and serving the community, Mr. Harrison for bringing up sheriff safety issues, and CM/Weiner for his leadership. He shared information on a fundraiser for an injured sheriff trainee.

M/Wu invited the community to attend the city’s Lunar New Year event and thanked the sheriff deputies and Pastor Djuhana.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of January 2023.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Management Analyst