

**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/Cajulis, C/Freedman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Ching

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Community Development Director Vasquez, Community Services Director Barcelo, Assistant City Attorney Mann; Deputy Community Services Director Bumia; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Public Information Officer Maio; Senior Finance Analyst Meza; Finance Analyst Rashad; Sheriff Captain Tousey; Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Pastor Tom Lay of City Blessing Church led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Recognition of Collegewood, Westhoff, and Walnut Elementary Schools for their 2023 Distinguished School Honors**

Council recognized Collegewood, Westhoff, and Walnut Elementary Schools for achieving distinguished school honors.

- **Recognition of Margaret Lee – 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidate**

Council recognized and congratulated Margaret Lee for being named a candidate for the 2023 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

- **Recognition of Nogales High School BSU**

Council recognized BSU (Brothers and Sisters United) from Nogales High School for their Black History Month celebration event. Student Brittney Bryant shared a personal poem about her life experiences.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

William Harrison commended staff, shared information regarding an archbishop who passed away, and mentioned how he wants to see diversity better recognized in the community.

Valerie Su congratulated the distinguished schools. She expressed interest in the city working with the community to collect excess fruit from trees and distribute to those in need.

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

**MINUTES:** None scheduled.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Resolution No. 23-08 – Amending the Current Development Services Fee(s) Schedule to Incorporate the approved Tobacco Retail License fee(s)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing; and
2. Hear the Staff Report; and
3. Solicit input on this Item; and
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 23-08, “Amending the current Development Services Fee(s) Schedule to incorporate the approved Tobacco Retail License fee(s).”

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

PCEM/Guerra provided a staff report.

There being no discussion, M/Wu closed the public hearing.

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

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

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

**ORDINANCE:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

2. **Resolution No. 23-09 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$925,328.36 Demand No. 165887 through No. 165960, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-09.

3. **Resolution No. 23-10 - Approving a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Funded by Senate Bill (SB) 1: Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds (RMRA)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-10, approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 SB 1 RMRA Project List.

4. **Resolution No. 23-11 - Approving the Fund Exchange Agreement of METRO Proposition A Local Return Funds between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-11, approve a Fund Exchange Agreement between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood for Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange; and
  2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
  3. Authorize the exchange of \$300,000 of restricted Proposition A Local Return Funds for \$210,000 in unrestricted funds from the City of West Hollywood; and
  4. Appropriate funds in the amount of \$210,000 to Account 01-0000-3558 to account for revenue received from Proposition A Local Return Fund Exchange between the City of Walnut and the City of West Hollywood
5. **Resolution No. 23-12 – Restricting Parking on Marcon Drive and Tri Net Court to “Resident – Permit Parking Only”**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution 23-12, restricting parking to “resident – permit parking only” for a temporary ninety (90) day period on Marcon Drive and Tri Net Court”.

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**6. Resolution No. 23-13 – Termination of Local Emergency (COVID-19)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-13 Terminating the Proclamation of Local Emergency in Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

**7. Agreement for Professional Services – Award a Contract to Placeworks in Order to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Technical Studies for a Proposed Future Warehousing Project off of Valley Boulevard, East of Lemon Avenue**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to Placeworks in order to provide environmental services in the amount of \$260,295; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute and administer a Professional Services Agreement in substantially the form attached (Attachment 1) and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize Staff to issue a Purchase Order to Placeworks in the amount not to exceed \$260,295.

**8. Notice of Decision – February 15, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its February 15, 2023 Meeting for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
  - a. Site Plan/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-100

**MOTION ON ITEMS 2 - 8**

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

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

**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 meeting.

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C/Freedman shared information from a Foothill Transit meeting and b invited the community to attend their bus rodeo event.

M/Wu stated that he attended a SGV Mosquito and Vector Control meeting as well as a Sanitation District meeting.

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

C/Cajulis stated that he is looking forward to the Taste of Walnut event and the Walnut Pony Baseball opening day on March 4th.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None.

**RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Authority Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 7:57 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:**

- 9. Resolution No. 23-02 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$30,390.09 Demand No. 100429 through No. 100429, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 23-02 WHA.

**MOTION ON ITEM 9**

*VC/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Item 9; seconded by AM/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

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

**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, M/Wu adjourned the regular meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2023.**

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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, Management Analyst