

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Tragarz led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Wu, MPT/Tragarz, C/Cajulis, Ching, C/Freedman
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Dr. Charlyn Hiebert of Harvest Rock International Ministry led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the February 8, 2023 Study Session Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

2. Approval of the February 8, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 2; 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*

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Resolution No. 23-15 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,077,858.83 Demand No. 165961 through No. 166052, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-15.

4. Resolution No. 23-14 - Directing the Preparation of the Engineer's Report and Filing of Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments and Setting the Time and Place for a Public Meeting and Public Hearing

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-14, initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments within the Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) No. 1 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and ordering the engineer to prepare a report in connection therewith;
2. Direct staff to hold an informal Community Meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Walnut City Council Chambers;
3. Direct staff to set the time and place for the Public Hearing on the matter of levying assessments for Fiscal Year 2023-24 LOSMD assessments at the City Council Meeting on May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.; and
4. Direct staff to provide notice of the public meeting and Public Hearing in accordance with the law.

5. Agreement for Vendor Services with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for \$38,500 for the 2023 Walnut Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$38,500 for the 2023 City Fireworks Show;
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 Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. in the amount of \$38,500.

6. Grant Contracts between the City of Walnut and State Department of Parks and Recreation regarding Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds for the Ashley Park Renovation Project

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Proposition 68 (Prop 68) Per Capita Grant Contracts No. C9801356 and No. C9802153 between the City of Walnut and State Department of Parks and Recreation for the Ashley Park Renovation Project totaling \$196,624; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and all implementing documents including those required for issuance of reimbursement in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

7. Acceptance of \$43,076.00 from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept SB 1383 Local Assistance Grant Program Funds from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle);
2. Appropriate \$43,076.00 from General Fund Reserves to account 01-5600-6280 to expend grant funds for eligible expenses which support implementation of Senate Bill (SB) 1383; and
3. Appropriate \$43,076.00 into revenue account 01-0000-3820 to receive the grant funding and reimburse General Fund Reserves.

8. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Green Street Project – Final Acceptance

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the work performed by Excel Paving Company for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Green Street Project; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to file the proper “Notice of Completion”.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 8

C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 8; 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*

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

None.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Tragarz shared information on a city excursion and invited the community to attend future city excursions.

C/Freedman thanked the Sheriffs and Fire Department for the information provided at a joint meeting, thanked our volunteers on patrol, shared information from the Mt. SAC president forum as well as funding proposals by the city, and recognized International Women’s Day.

C/Ching commended staff under the direction of CM/Weiner.

C/Cajulis commended the city staff and public safety for keeping the city safe.

M/Wu shared information from the joint public safety meeting, a Mayor’s Advisory Committee meeting, and an AAPI discussion meeting.

Council invited the community to attend the Taste of Walnut event and the grand reopening of Ashley Park.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

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CLOSED SESSION:

CA/Mann announced the Council Session item. Council went into Closed Session at 7:19 p.m.

- A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Conference With Labor
Negotiator (Gov't Code §§ 54957(B); 54957.6)
Unrepresented Employee: City Manager**

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

The City Council reconvened at 8:54 p.m. with no reportable action

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2023.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Management Analyst