

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Ching led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Community Development Director Vasquez; Community Services Director Barcelo; Finance Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; 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:** There was no invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Women’s History Month Proclamation**

Council recognized Women’s History Month and presented the proclamation to the Walnut Valley Women’s Club.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Gregg Fritchle shared information on AB 1236 relating to electric vehicles and SB 671; he asked Council to take a stand on the two issues.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the Brookside project.

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

**MINUTES:**

C/Ching requested for the City Attorney to clarify if he could vote on these items even though he was not present.

CA/Leibold explained that C/Ching may vote if he wishes to do so.

1. **Approval of the February 22, 2023 City Council/WHA meeting**
2. **Approval of the March 2, 2023 Joint City Council/Fire/Sheriff Department meeting**
3. **Approval of the March 8, 2023 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEMS 1 & 3**

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None scheduled.

**ORDINANCE:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

4. **Resolution No. 23-16 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,234,273.23 Demand No. 166053 through No. 166127, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-16.

5. **Resolution No. 23-17 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Approving the First Amendment to Employment Agreement with the City Manager**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-17, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut approving the first amendment to employment agreement with the City Manager.

6. **Vendor Services Agreement – Triton Communication, Inc.**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Triton Communication, Inc. in the amount of \$106,000 for the replacement and consolidation of the City’s current phone line service(s), and coordinate phone system maintenance and support, as needed; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement and issue Purchase Order(s) to Triton Communication, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$37,600 for the first year of service, and \$34,200 for the remaining two (2) years of service as outlined in the Agreement.

7. **Approval of a Five Year Contract Renewal with RPW Services, Inc., for Trail and Right of Way Maintenance with a 3.5% Rate Increase Annually**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve a five-year contract with RPW Services Inc. (RPW) from trail maintenance and right of way (ROW) maintenance services for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 with a 3.5% rate increase annually; and
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.

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

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its March 15, 2023 Meeting, for the following Items(s)/Project(s):
  - a. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2023-032;
  - b. Housing Element Annual Progress Report (APR) for 2022

**MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 8**

***C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 4 - 8; seconded by C/Freedman. 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 Contract Cities meeting and a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

M/Wu stated that he attended the Sanitation District meeting.

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

M/Wu shared information on the following events: Taste of Walnut, Ashley Park ribbon cutting, and a shredding event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He commented on the EV charging stations and stated that he has been discussing this item at his mayor’s advisory meetings.

CSD/Barcelo provided information the potential EV charging station project.

C/Freedman shared information on EV charging stations, a meeting with members of the Youth Advisory, and an empowerment breakfast hosted by Supervisor Solis. She commended staff for handling the problems caused by the rain and announced that the upcoming Taste of Walnut event is sold out.

C/Ching commented that although the consent calendar mentions many costs he assured that the finances are being well maintained under the direction of the City Manager Tom Weiner.

**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 7:34 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. 23-03 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$35,607.22 Demand No. 100430 through No. 100430, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 23-03 WHA.

**MOTION ON ITEM 9**

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

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

**NOES:** *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

**ABSTAIN:***AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

**ABSENT:** *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Cajulis*

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:** None scheduled.

**AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CLOSED SESSION:** The City Council went into closed session at 7:35 p.m.

- A. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
**Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code Section 54956.9: 1 potential case**

**RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The City Council reconvened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with no reportable action.

**MARCH 22, 2023 – CC/WHA**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, M/Wu adjourned the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of April 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