

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wu called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Freedman 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; City Attorney Leibold; 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; Senior Finance Analyst Meza, Finance Analyst Rashad; Public Information Officer Maio; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Munoz; Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor James Sudarsono of City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

• **WYB Girls All-Star Team – 2nd Place in SCMAF Championship**

The City Council presented the Walnut Youth Basketball (WYB) Girls All-Star team with certificates for their 2nd Place in SCMAF Championship.

• **City of Walnut Business Feature – Settlers Jerky Inc.**

The City Council presented the owner of Settlers Jerkey Inc., who have been based in Walnut for 10 years, with a certificate and congratulated him on his successful business.

• **Donate Life Month Proclamation – One Legacy**

The City Council presented Susan Lesniak, who is an Ambassador of the One Legacy, with a proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as “Donate Life Month.”

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gayle and Bob Pacheco expressed their appreciation to staff for their participation and assistance at the Taste of Walnut event; they said they look forward to making it an annual event.

William Harrison mentioned the event and Brookside, and wants the City to recognize Bob Pacheco, Mary Rooney, and himself for being instrumental in the Diversity Plaza project; he also requests for more patrolling in the City and more resident watchfulness.

MPT/Tragarz mentioned that there was a bill being considered to depopulate the jails and encouraged residents to be active.

Director Tang of the Walnut Valley Water District extended an invitation to all residents to attend a water conservation festival hosted by them on April 22nd.

Andrew Wang and various members of the three oaks community spoke requesting fair treatment in regards to LOSMD taxes; they would like to meet with staff and Council to have their concerns heard and addressed.

M/Wu thanked the residents for being present and bringing their concerns to the City Council. He will arrange for staff to set up a meeting to meet with the residents concerning three oaks.

MPT/Tragarz stated there was an LOSMD Meeting with the residents on March 27th and staff did provide information to the residents.

CM/Weiner suggested to have a 2nd meeting to address the concerns being mentioned.

CA/Leibold stated that this item is not on the agenda this evening and may not be discussed. She explained that the formulation of the zone for three oaks and can only be changed by an election.

After discussion, Mayor Wu requested staff to set up a meeting with residents of Three Oaks to meet with the City Manager, staff and himself to discuss the concerns brought up this evening.

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

MINUTES:

- 1. Approval of the March 22, 2023 City Council/WHA 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: Ching, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu*
NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*
ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis*
ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. **Resolution No. 23-18 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,258,677.06 Demand No. 166128 through No. 166232, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-18.

3. **Resolution No. 23-19 - Opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-19, opposing the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (Initiative No. 21-0042A1)

4. **Youth Sports Field Use Requests – Spring 2023 – Sunday Use**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the following Youth Sports Organizations requests for Sunday use through the Spring 2023 season:

- a.) Creekside Park and Snow Creek Park by Walnut Pony Baseball; and
b.) Suzanne Park by Walnut Youth Softball.

MOTION ON ITEMS 2 - 4

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 2 - 4; seconded by C/Tragarz. 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 stated the Taste of Walnut was a great event.

C/Freedman thanked the community for engaging this evening; thanked the Sheriffs for more visibility in the Creekside area; shared she attended the Mt. SAC ribbon cutting ceremony; stated the Taste of Walnut event was great and thanked city staff for participation.

C/Ching commented on the release of criminals and said residents need to go and vote to oppose this.

C/Cajulis thanked staff and the Sheriff Department for all their hard work, he spoke on his ride along with a deputy and was very impressed; and complimented a healthy City budget.

M/Wu said he received pleasant comments on the Taste of Walnut event.

Captain Tousey reported that crime has gone down 6%, he introduced his new Lieutenant Andrew Dale. He also announced there will be an Open House scheduled on April 22, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of April 2023.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk