



**A G E N D A**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**21201 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA 91789**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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# WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Tragarz

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** C/Ching

**ROLL CALL:** M/Tragarz, MPT/Freedman, C/Cajulis, C/Ching, C/Wu

**INVOCATION:**

*In permitting a nonsectarian invocation, the City does not intend to proselytize, advance, or disparage any faith or belief. Neither the City nor the City Council endorses any particular belief or form of invocation.*

**PRESENTATIONS:** None scheduled.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Under Government Code Section 54954.3, any person wishing to address any item or issue not on the agenda or any item on the Consent Calendar may do so under Oral Communications. There will also be an opportunity to speak on Discussion or Public Hearing items when the items are scheduled for consideration.

The Council may listen but may not act on items that are not already on the agenda.

Speakers are asked to limit their comments to three minutes and to present them in a constructive manner. The Council, City staff, and other citizens present have the right to be treated with respect, courtesy and openness. In return, the members of the Council and Staff commit to conduct themselves at all times with civility and courtesy.

**MINUTES**

1. [Approval of the August 9, 2023 Study Session Meeting](#)
2. [Approval of the August 9, 2023 City Council Meeting](#)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

3. [Resolution No. 23-50 - Public Nuisance Abatement – Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 856 Nogales Street, Walnut, CA 91789 \(Oilmen 2\) \(APN: 8735-026-035\)](#)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. Discuss amongst the City Councilmembers;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 23-50 and declare 856 Nogales Street, Walnut, CA 91789 (Oilmen 2) (APN: 8735-026-035) as a Public Nuisance.

**ORDINANCE:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:** The Consent Calendar items listed below are considered and acted upon under one motion unless an individual item or items are removed by a Councilmember for further consideration or explanation.

There will be no dialogue/debate unless a Council Member requests otherwise on the following matters:

4. [Resolution No. 23-51 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \\$2,182,172.05 Demand No. 167030 through No. 167132, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year, 2023-24](#)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-51.

5. [Resolution No. 23-52 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Authorizing Destruction of Certain Records Pursuant to Resolution No. 01-18](#)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-52.

6. [Agreement for Professional Services – Award a contract to ECORP Consulting, Inc. in order to prepare an Environmental Impact Report \(EIR\) and technical studies for a proposed, mixed – use project at the southeast corner of La Puente Road and Grand Avenue](#)

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Award a contract to ECORP Consulting Inc. in order to prepare an EIR, in the amount of \$149,200; 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 ECORP Consulting Inc. in the amount (not to exceed) \$149,200.

7. **Increase to the Employee Medical Benefits Package**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the proposed increase/modification to the Employee Medical Benefits Package (Cafeteria fund) as follows:

- General/Management – from \$1,125/month to \$1,800/month
- Executive – from \$1,425/month to \$2,100/month
- Implement a Cash Out Tier system:
  - Employee’s hired before January 1, 2024 will have the cash out option of \$1,225/month (General/Management) or \$1,525/month (Executive)
  - Employee’s hired after January 1, 2024 will have a cash out option of \$600/month (General/Management) or \$900/month (Executive)

8. **2023 Holiday Closure – City Facilities**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the cancellation of the November 22, 2023 and December 27, 2023 City Council meetings, and approve the closure of City facilities on December 26-28, 2023 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):**

- A. **Councilmembers’ report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency**
- B. **Individual Members’ comments and updates**

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** No action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the posted agenda except upon a determination by four-fifths of the Council Members that an emergency exists.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 21201 La Puente Road, Walnut, California.

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2. United States Post Office, 280 S. Lemon Avenue, Walnut, CA
3. Public Library, Walnut Branch, 21155 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA
4. Walnut Senior Center, 21215 La Puente Road, Walnut, CA
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