

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MPT/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; 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; Assessment Engineer Howing; Public Information Officer Maio; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Munoz; Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Pastor Baldwin Chan of Vineyard of Hope Church led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **City of Walnut Business Feature – Animal Hospital of Walnut**

The City Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Otterson from the Animal Hospital of Walnut for her services to the community.

- **Air Quality Updates Presentation by South Coast Air Quality Management District – Michael Cacciotti, Governing Board Vice Chair**

Michael Cacciotti provided a presentation on the air quality updates from AQMD

- **SoCalREN & City of Walnut Energy Efficiency Incentive Presentation**

Minh Tran, Courtney Owens, and Fernando Craig provided the City with information on Energy Efficiency Incentives and presented a check to the City of Walnut.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

There being no person wishing to speak, the City Council closed oral communications.

**MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of the April 26, 2023 City Council/WHA meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

*C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 1; 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*

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**2. Resolution No. 23-22 - Public Hearing Regarding Setting 2023-24 Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 (LOSMD) Assessments**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit Input on the Item;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Approve the Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 23-22 Ordering the Maintenance Work, Confirming the Diagram, Assessments, and All Other Matters Set Forth in the Engineer's Report, Setting the Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District No. 1 Assessments for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 12.

M/Wu opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

AE/Cody Howing presented a staff report.

After a brief discussion of item 2, M/Wu closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

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

**ORDINANCE:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

3. **Resolution No. 23-23 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$444,193.59 Demand No. 166302 through No. 166394, Both Inclusive**

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

4. **Ordinance No. 22-09 – A Development Agreement (DA) for a Mixed-Use Project Located on Valley**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 22-09, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Approving a Development Agreement for a Mixed-Use Project Located on a Vacant Site Off of Valley Boulevard (APN: 8722-015-015/016).

5. **Agreement for Vendor Services with FS Contractors Inc. for Trail Improvements Along La Puente Road – Retaining Wall**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with FS Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00 for the construction of a retaining wall along the trail on La Puente Road;
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;
3. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 20% of the contract award amount (\$18,000) to FS Contractors, Inc.; and
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to FS Contractors Inc. in the amount of \$90,000.00.

**6 Approval of Additional Scope for Pickleball Conversion and Tennis Court Renovation Project and Appropriation of \$100,000 of Restricted Park In-Lieu Funds to the Project**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$100,000 from Park In-Lieu Fund Reserves (06) to the Walnut Ranch Park Pickleball Conversion and Tennis Court Renovation Project; and
2. Authorize staff to issue change orders in the amount of \$100,016 to Moore United Construction for additional scope needed to complete the project.

**7. Approval to Purchase Reflective Street Signs from Safeway Sign Company**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Safeway Sign Company, in the amount of \$69,373.73 for the replacement of City-wide reflective street signs;
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;
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Safeway Sign Company in the amount of \$69,373.73;
4. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$69,373.73) to Safeway Sign Company; and
5. Authorize Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to install street signs City-wide.

**MOTION ON ITEMS 3 -7**

***C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 3 - 7; 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***

**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 the SCAG conference.

C/Freedman shared information from a commission related to the L.A. Board of Supervisors meeting. She reported that Congresswoman Sanchez hosted community office hours. She announced that Supervisor Solis held a Safety Workshop at Nogales High School. She attended the Walnut Valley Water District's event today and shared information from a Foothill Transit meeting at the fair.

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

Council thanked staff for their efforts on the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

C/Ching gave a shout out to staff for saving energy and helping residents.

C/Cajulis thanked staff for their hard work.

M/Wu thanked staff and Sheriffs for working on the Mayor's Breakfast and complimented today's event at the Water District. He also announced there is a new bank coming into the city and wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day weekend.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:**     None scheduled.

**CLOSED SESSION:**         None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of May 2023.**

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Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk