

**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, C/Freedman  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Ching

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; Sheriff Captain Tousey; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Munoz; Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Pastor Carlos Robles from On a Mission Church provided the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation**

Mayor Wu and Council proclaimed the month of May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Jason Moss, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of the Greater San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, spoke on Item 3 of the consent relating to Resolution No. 23-25, Denouncing Antisemitism and Condemning all forms of hatred. He asked the City Council to adopt the resolution to help eradicate antisemitism and all forms of hatred.

William Harrison complained on the poor service provided by Frontier.

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

**MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of the May 10, 2023 City Council meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

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

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *Cajulis, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu*

**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

**ABSTAIN:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None scheduled.

**ORDINANCE:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Item 5 was pulled for discussion.

- 2. Resolution No. 23-24 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,022,582.04 Demand No. 166395 through No. 166481, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-24.

- 3. Resolution No. 23-25 – Denouncing Antisemitism and Condemning All Forms of Hatred**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-25, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Denouncing Antisemitism and Condemning All Forms of Hatred.”

- 4. First Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Walnut and Eide Bailly LLP**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

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1. Approve the First Amendment to the agreement for Professional Services between the City of Walnut and Eide Bailly LLP, in substantially the form attached hereto, and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
2. Authorize the City Manager the execute and administer the First Amendment and any other documentations necessary to affect the foregoing, on behalf of the City, in such final form as approved by City Attorney.

**6. Bingo Permit Application and Request for Waiver – Submitted by the Walnut Senior Citizens Club**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Approve the bingo permit application submitted by the Walnut Senior Citizens Club Fiscal Year 2023-24;
2. Waive any applicable facility use fees and insurance requirements;
3. Waive the bingo permit application fee and monthly gross receipts fees; and
4. Accept a bi-monthly donation of \$350.00.

**7. Notice of Decision(s) – May 17, 2023 Planning Commission Meetings**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its May 17, 2023 Meeting for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
  - a) General Plan (GP) Conformity Determination
  - b) Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 83657 and Site Plan Case/Architectural Review(s) (SPC/Ars) 2023-012 & 2023-013;
  - c) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2023-003;
  - d) Eight (8) – Unit Residential Project on Valley Boulevard.

**MOTION ON ITEMS 2-4 and 6-7**

***C/Freedman made a motion to adopt Items 2-4 and 6-7; seconded by C/Cajulis. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

***AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu***

***NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***

***ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None***

***ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching***

**PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**5. Multi-Way Stop Warrant Results – Francesca Senior Housing**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council received and file this report.

M/Wu opened public comment.

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Mr. Lee, lives at the senior housing complex, he challenged the Traffic Safety Committee on their recommendation; he believes there should be a stop sign install to prevent accidents.

William Harrison confirmed there is speeding at location in question and requested for a stop sign to be placed.

Jimmy, mentioned there is also a Kindergarten school near the location and suggested a Stop sign.

Vijay Vakil questioned why the City does not want to place a stop sign.

CE/Gilbertson explained that stop signs are not used for slowing traffic. He explained his reasoning and data to backup the committee's decision, the City's liability, and state and county road standards.

There was discussion amongst the City Council and staff.

Mr. Lee expressed he felt he was being discriminated against and argued why there could not be a stop sign placed at the location and asked what the City can do to help the residents in that community.

CA/Leibold said these are State mandated guidelines; they are uniform policies and State mandates that have to be followed.

MPT/Tragarz reiterated the City Attorney's comments. She explained there were already speed bumps in place.

William Harrison commented that the 2024 election was coming up and to remember who the residents were voting for.

CE/Gilbertson provided information on speed bumps installed and the guidelines followed by the City.

M/Wu asked if they had been evaluated, to which CE/Gilbertson responded yes.

C/Cajulis asked CE/Gilbertson if they will be reassessed in the future to which CE/Gilbertson responded yes.

MPT/Tragarz added that the speed was posted.

**MOTION ON ITEM 5**

***M/Wu made a motion to install the stop sign; motion failed for lack of a second.***

**MOTION ON ITEM 5**

*C/Freedman made a substitute motion to adopt staff's recommendation to receive and file; seconded by MPT/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following vote:*

**AYES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *Cajulis, Freedman, Tragarz*

**NOES:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *Wu*

**ABSTAIN:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

**ABSENT:** COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching*

M/Wu requested that the City Manager reach out to the residents and see what alternatives may be available.

**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 Contract Cities conference.

C/Freedman shared information from the Contract Cities conference and congratulated MPT/Tragarz for being appointed to the executive board. She also attended a Foothill Transit meeting.

M/Wu shared he attended the SGV Mosquito and Vector Control meeting and the Sanitation District meeting and there was nothing to report. He congratulated MPT/Tragarz for being appointed to the CCCA Board.

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

C/Freedman commended staff for the Mental Wellness workshop and the Memorial Service that was held prior to the Council meeting. She mentioned that tomorrow is the Walnut High School graduation and congratulated the class of 2023.

C/Cajulis mentioned that he supported the tip-a-cop fundraiser by the sheriff station.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Authority Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 8:15 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:**

8. Resolution No. 23-06 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$32,092.06 Demand No. 100432 through No. 100432, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 23-06 WHA.

**MOTION ON ITEM 8**

*AM/Freedman made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by AM/Cajulis. Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

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

**NOES:** AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

**ABSTAIN:** AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

**ABSENT:** AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Ching

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

**AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, M/Wu adjourned the regular meeting at 8:16 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of June 2023.**

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Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk