

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/Ching
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Freedman

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; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Dr. Charlyn Hiebert from Harvest Rock International Ministry led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **City of Walnut Business Feature - Crossfit Insurgent Walnut**

Council presented a Certificate of Recognition to Crossfit Insurgent Walnut.

- **Recognition of the Together Against Crime Foundation (TACF)**

Council recognized and thanked the members of the TACF for their efforts in making the community a safer place.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Mr. Harrison commended CSD/Barcelo and staff from the Senior Center for the symposium held at the Senior Center. He expressed his concerns on not enough food being provided to the seniors in Walnut and wants to know what the City Council will be doing to address this issue.

Mr. Lee commented on item 7 of the consent calendar and expressed his disapproval of staff's recommendation.

David Suggs explained he was representing members of his community that are being affected by noise nuisance created by a business located on Lemon Avenue and Paseo Del Prado; he wanted to bring awareness to Council and would like to discuss it in a future meeting.

CM/Weiner explained that the City has been aware of problems with this particular business and staff has been addressing this problem. He mentioned that staff will reach out to Mr. Suggs to set up a meeting to address the issue.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the May 24, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

ORDINANCE:

2. Urgency Ordinance No. 23-01 and Ordinance No. 23-02; Adding Chapter 3.68 (Trespass on Designated Conservation Areas) and Chapter 3.72 (Trespass on City Property) to Title 3 (Public Health, Safety and Welfare) of the Walnut Municipal Code

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 23-01 “An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Adding Chapter 3.68 (Trespass on Designated Conservation Areas) and Chapter 3.72 (Trespass on City Property) to Title 3 (Public Health, Safety and Welfare) of the Walnut Municipal Code; and

2. Introduce by title only Ordinance No. 23-02, waive further reading and set for adoption on June 28, 2023, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Adding Chapter 3.68 (Trespass on Designated Conservation Areas) and Chapter 3.72 (Trespass on City Property) to Title 3 (Public Health, Safety and Welfare) of the Walnut Municipal Code”.

CA/Leibold provided a staff report and reported the urgency ordinance will take effect immediately if adopted. The second ordinance will be introduced and brought back at a future meeting for second reading and adoption and will take effect 30 days thereafter.

C/Ching inquired if there are arresting powers with this ordinance.

CA/Leibold explained this would be treated as a misdemeanor and law enforcement may issue a citation.

MOTION 1 ON ITEM 2

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to adopt recommendation 1 of Item 2; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

MOTION 2 ON ITEM 2

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to adopt recommendation 2 of Item 2; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. **Resolution No. 23-26 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$971,400.41 Demand No. 166482 through No. 166590, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-26.

5. **Resolution No. 23-28 – Approving Participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Program**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 23-28, approving the City of Walnut’s participation in the Los Angeles County Program and receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Cooperation Agreement and any related documents necessary, for participation in the Los Angeles Urban County Program on behalf of the City.

6. 2023 Investment Policy

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the attached 2023 Investment Policy reaffirming its support of the current City Treasurer operations which provides safety, liquidity, and yield for the City funds.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3, 5, and 6

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 3, 5, and 6; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

4. Resolution No. 23-27 – Designating January 28 as “Stand Against Hate Action Day”

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-27, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, “Designating January 28 as Stand Against Hate Action Day.”

MA/Ramos provided a staff report and mentioned a representative was present.

Nicolas Hernandez spoke on behalf of Act Against Hate Alliance, an initiative started by former Senator Bob Huff and his wife Mei Mei Huff. The group works with many entities to spread awareness of hate crimes of all groups. He expressed his appreciation to staff and City Council for placing this item on the agenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Huff spoke on this item.

Each of the Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for bringing awareness to the community.

MOTION ON ITEM 4

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 4; seconded by C/Cajulis. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Ching, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman

7. Approval of Traffic Safety Measures on Francesca Drive

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the following traffic safety measures on Francesca Drive:

- a. Extending the red curb by 75', increasing the restricted parking area on the east-side of the driveway;
- b. Removal of the entryway hedge on the east-side of the driveway to be coordinated with the Senior Housing HOA; and
- c. Installation of two (2) W-70 "Cross Traffic Ahead" warning signs, one (1) eastbound and one (1) westbound

CE/Gilbertson provided a staff report and addressed some of the concerns that were raised earlier by a resident from Francesca.

There was discussion amongst Council and staff about visibility, liability against city, signs and flashing signs, and making the area a safe place for the residents.

CA/Leibold explained that the City complies with the uniform standards.

Sheriff representative explained that if the City decides to add a stop sign at the location in question, it will not be enforceable.

M/Wu asked staff and City Engineer to review the visibility issue at the location. CE/Gilbertson agreed to meet with M/Wu.

Discussion continued amongst the City Council regarding item 7

CSD/Barcelo explained that staff received feedback from residents in the area that it would be a far distance to walk.

CM/Weiner requested clarification if the motion was to approve additional language.

C/Ching explained that the motion was to adopt staff's recommendation as proposed.

MOTION ON ITEM 7

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to adopt staff recommendations; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSTAIN: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *None*

ABSENT: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Freedman*

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

A. Councilmembers’ report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency

M/Wu attended the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control meeting and announced that the budget was approved.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Tragarz wished all fathers a Happy Father’s Day.

C/Ching requested an update from Captain Tousey of the Sheriff’s Department on the decrease in crime in the City.

Captain Tousey announced there will be a new mandarin watch deputy to assist our residents and also encouraged residents to volunteer their time.

M/Wu expressed his appreciation to the Captain and Sheriff’s Department for all their hard work.

C/Cajulis announced he attended the symposium and thanked staff for coordinating.

M/Wu said he attended the symposium and thanked staff.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:46 p.m. in memory of former mayor and councilmember June Wentworth.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2023.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk