

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wu called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Freedman led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Wu, MPT/Tragarz, C/Cajulis, C/Ching, C/Freedman
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

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; Senior Finance Analyst Meza; Finance Analyst Rashad; Sheriff Captain Tousey; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Munoz; Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Paul Tan from City Blessing Church provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Sheriff Volunteers on Patrol Training Officers**

Council recognized the following training officers for the volunteers on patrol program at the Walnut Sheriff Station: Ann Hobbs, Dan Marostica, and Angelo Margiotta.

- **Recognition of - Alyssa “Ali” Ibarra – NBC’s “The Voice” Contestant**

Council congratulated Ali Ibarra for her accomplishments while on this season of NBC’s “The Voice” and wished her success in her career.

- **Recognition of the Mayor’s Advisory Committee**

Mayor Wu and Council expressed their appreciation to the members of the Mayor’s Advisory Committee. The following members were present: Johnny Chua, Nicolas Hernandez, and William Harrison.

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M/Wu and Council recognized members of the Together Against Crime Foundation (TACF) and thanked them for helping keep the City safe.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison, expressed the following concerns: Creekside neighborhood not being maintained, Juneteenth holiday not being recognized throughout the City, and not enough senior lunches being provided in the City.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the June 14, 2023 City Council 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, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. Resolution No. 23-29 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Fiscal Year 2027-28 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 23-29, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Fiscal Year 2027-28.”

SFA/Meza presented a staff report.

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

William Harrison inquired as to which areas of the City the projects would take place.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the CIP.

M/Wu closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

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

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

ORDINANCE:

3. Ordinance No. 23-03 – Adoption of the 2023 Los Angeles County Fire Code and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Permitting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 23-03, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, To Amend the Walnut Municipal Code by Amending Title 3, Chapter 3.16 (Fire Prevention) Adopting by Reference the Los Angeles County Fire Code, 2023 Edition, and Adding Chapter 2.42 (Expedited Permitting for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations) to Title 2;” and.”
2. Set a public hearing to be held on July 26, 2023 for second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 23-03 and direct the City Clerk to publish notice accordingly.

BO/Tao presented a staff report.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to approve Item 3; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 9 was pulled for discussion.

4. **Resolution No. 23-30 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$571,768.96 Demand No. 166591 through No. 166668, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-30.

5. **Resolution No. 23-31 – To establish the 2023-24 Appropriation Limit**

Recommendation: That the City Council approve and adopt Resolution No. 23-31, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit in the Amount of \$35,344,687 for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

6. **Resolution No. 23-33 – Authorized Positions and Salary Schedule**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-33, approving the Executive, Management, Classified and Part-Time Schedule of Authorized Positions and Salary Schedules for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

7. **Resolution No. 23-34 – Prohibiting all parking on Alisu Court for a period of ninety (90) days.**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-34, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, Prohibiting Parking, Including Trucks and Trailers, for a Temporary Ninety (90) Day Period on Alisu Court.

8. **Ordinance No. 23-02 – Adding Chapter 3.68 and Chapter 3.72 to Title 3 of the WMC. – Second Reading**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 23-02 “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.”

10. **Notice of Decision – June 21, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its June 21, 2023 Meeting, for the following Items(s)/Project(s):
 - a. Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-109;
 - b. Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-118

MOTION ON ITEMS 4-8 and 10

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 4-8 and 10; 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*

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

9. **Commission Appointments to the Planning, Parks and Recreation, Senior Citizens, and Youth Advisory Commissions**

Recommendation: That the City Council appoint the nominees recommended by each City Council Member to the Planning, Parks and Recreation, Senior Citizens, and Youth Advisory Commissions:

Planning Commission

Eric Wang (M/Wu); Stephen Sam (MPT/Tragarz); Fernando Perez (C/Cajulis); Heinrich Dy (C/Ching); Mark Fernandez (C/Freedman).

Parks & Recreation Commission

Dino Pollalis (M/Wu); Tom Pedersen (MPT/Tragarz); Alger Brion (C/Cajulis); Gloria Munguia (C/Ching); Jodi Lepp (C/Freedman).

Senior Citizens Commission

Lisly Lee (M/Wu); Joanne Sharon Miller (MPT/Tragarz); Flora Coday-Lamb (C/Cajulis); Jean Sherwood Scott (C/Ching); Agnes Gonzales (C/Freedman).

Youth Advisory Commission

Evan Shi, Evelyn Kung (M/Wu); Kelly Zhu, Tyler Wu (MPT/Tragarz); Muezette Shahid, Ruby Wu (C/Cajulis); Athena Guan, Yiming (Christina) Wang (C/Ching); Phillip Tang, Harris Song (C/Freedman).

C/Ching thanked all of the commission appointees and applicants.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

C/Ching made a motion to approve Item 9; seconded by MPT/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:

- 11. Resolution No. 23-35 – An Amendment to the Development Services Fee(s) Schedule to repeal the General Plan Maintenance Fee and incorporate a Building Permit Fee Surcharge**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-35, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, Amending the Development Services Fee(s) Schedule to Repeal the General Plan Maintenance Fee and Incorporate a Building Permit Fee Surcharge.”

PCEM/Guerra presented a staff report; she clarified a change on the resolution.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding item 11.

MOTION ON ITEM 11

C/Ching made a motion to approve Item 11; 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*

- 12. Resolution No. 23-32 – Adopting the 2023-24 Annual Budget**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-32 approving the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

FD/Ogawa presented a staff report.

M/Wu opened public comment.

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William Harrison spoke in favor of salary increases for city staff.

Council and CM/Weiner thanked staff for their efforts with the budget.

MOTION ON ITEM 12

C/Ching made a motion to approve Item 12; 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Freedman shared information regarding Foothill Transit.

M/Wu shared that he attended a Sanitation District meeting

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

Council invited the community to attend the 4th of July event and Concerts and Movies in the Park events.

C/Freedman shared information regarding updates at Mt. San Antonio College. She thanked the Volunteers on Patrol and Ali Ibarra for attending tonight.

C/Ching thanked CA/Leibold and staff for their efforts.

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 8:29 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:

- 13. Resolution No. 23-07 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$32,072.44 Demand No. 100433 through No. 100433, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 23-07 WHA.

- 14. Adoption of the 2023-24 Walnut Housing Authority (WHA) Budget**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Walnut Housing Authority (WHA) Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24. The annual budget includes \$12,300 in resources and \$544.660 in total appropriations.

MOTION ON ITEMS 13 & 14

VC/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Items 13 & 14; seconded by AM/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, M/Wu adjourned the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July 2023.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Raymond Markel, Management Analyst