

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Wu 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; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez, Community Services Director Barcelo, Deputy Community Services Director Bumia; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Senior Finance Analyst Meza, Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Markel; Management Analyst Munoz; and City Clerk De Dios.

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

PRESENTATIONS: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison, commended staff for the fantastic July 4th event. He congratulated Mayor Wu for his work during his Mayor term and he looks forward to working with the new Mayor Nancy Tragarz. He expressed his appreciation to staff in the Community Services and the Community Development Department for their services and addressing his concerns.

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

M/Wu expressed his appreciation for the opportunity in serving as Walnut Mayor this past year. He appreciates the support received from the City Council, Citizens and staff in order to make improvements in the public safety and public works. He also thanked Captain Tousey and his staff in the Sheriff's Department.

Each of the City Councilmembers expressed their appreciation for all his accomplishments and service during his term as Mayor.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION:

1. Annual Reorganization of the City Council to Select the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

Recommendation: That the City Council select a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the prescribed nomination procedures.

CA/Leibold opened the floor for nominations for Mayor of the City of Walnut.

M/Wu nominated MPT/Tragarz for mayor.

CA/Leibold congratulated Dr. Wu for his term of Mayor and she explained the process.

VOICE VOTE FOR NANCY TRAGARZ AS MAYOR

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

There being no further nominations for mayor and it being a majority vote, CA/Leibold declared Nancy Tragarz, Mayor of Walnut.

M/Tragarz’s family administered the Oath of Office to M/Tragarz.

M/Tragarz opened nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

C/Ching nominated C/Freedman for Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by M/Wu.

VOICE VOTE FOR LINDA FREEDMAN AS MAYOR PRO TEM

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

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

There being no further nominations for mayor pro tem and it being a majority vote, CA/Leibold declared Linda Freedman, Mayor Pro Tem of Walnut.

C/Freedman’s family administered the Oath of Office to MPT/Freedman.

Each of the City Councilmembers expressed their congratulations to Mayor Tragarz and Mayor Pro Tem Freedman.

MINUTES: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING:

2. **Resolution No. 23-36 - Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for a Substandard Property located at 20153 – 20159 Paseo Del Prado, Walnut, CA 91789 (APN: 8722-038-017 (Cool Pai)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input on this Item;
4. City Council Discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 23-36 and declare the following property as a Public Nuisance: 20153-20159 Paseo Del Prado, Walnut, CA 91789 (APN: 8722-038-017)

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the public nuisance.

M/Tragarz closed the public hearing.

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*

3. **Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 84043 – Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-116 – Development Agreement (DA)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Receive testimony from the Applicant and any other member(s) of the Public regarding the Project;
4. Discuss amongst Council Members;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and

6. Approve the following:
 - a) Resolution No. 23-37: Approving Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 84043 and Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2022-016, subject to the attached Condition(s) of Approval (COA) in Exhibit A.
 - b) Introduce by title only and waive further reading of Ordinance No. 23-04, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Approving a Development Agreement (DA) for a Residential Project Located on Valley Boulevard (APN(s): 8722-015-009 and 8722-015-032).”

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

PCEM/Guerra presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed project.

M/Tragarz closed the public hearing at 7:41 p.m.

MOTION ON ITEM 3a

C/Ching made a motion to adopt recommendation 6a of Item 3; seconded by M/Freedman. 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 3b

C/Ching made a motion to adopt recommendation 6b of Item 3; seconded by MPT/Freedman. 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:

4. **Resolution No. 23-38 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,283,301.66 Demand No. 166669 through No. 166753, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-38.

5. **Resolution No. 23-39 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$45,159.29 Demand No. 166684 through No. 166777, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2023-24**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-39.

6. **Resolution No. 23-40 – Confirmation Staff has the Authority to Make Non-Substantive Updates to the Housing Element 2021-2029**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 23-40, confirming that Staff has the authority to make non-substantive updates to the Housing Element 2021-2029, necessary to address revisions requested by the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)

7. **Approval of Second Amendment to Facilities Joint Use Agreement between the City of Walnut and Walnut Valley Unified School District**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Second Amendment to the Joint Use Agreement between the City of Walnut and Walnut Valley Unified School District (WVUSD); and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the Second Amendment on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4- 7

C/Ching made a motion to adopt staff recommendations; seconded by C/Wu. 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**

M/Tragarz attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the 57/60 flyover to relieve some of the freeway congestion.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Freedman expressed her appreciation to being appointed as Mayor pro tem. She commended staff for the great Fourth of July Event and the hard work by staff. She also mentioned the Concerts in the Park and encouraged residents to attend. She spoke of the ribbon cutting of the Pickleball courts at Walnut Ranch that happened earlier today and commended staff for a great job.

C/Ching attended the ribbon cutting of the pickleball courts at Walnut Ranch Park.

C/Wu congratulated to Mayor Tragarz and Mayor Pro Tem Freedman. He also commented on the Fourth of July event that he received positive comments. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony of the pickleball courts.

C/Cajulis congratulated staff on coordinating a great Fourth of July event it was very successful and only positive feedback was received. He also mentioned the Pickleball courts ribbon cutting and is looking forward to learning the new sport. He encouraged all residents to play the new sport at Walnut Ranch Park.

M/Tragarz echoed on the wonderful Fourth of July event at Suzanne Park and she commended staff for a great show. She also commented on the Concerts in the Park and encouraged all residents to attend on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. along with a movie at night all taking place at Suzanne Park this year. She mentioned a free class of compost on Saturday, July 15th.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of July 2023.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk