

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez, Community Services Director Barcelo, Deputy Community Services Director Bumia; City Engineer Gilbertson; Building Official Tao; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Senior Finance Analyst Meza, Associate Planner Katigbak; Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Markel; Management Analyst Munoz; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Lydia Sohn led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **City of Walnut Business Feature – Versus the Limit Barbershop**

Council recognized and thanked Brenda Orellana and Versus the Limit Barbershop for doing business in the City of Walnut.

- **2023 San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Update (SGVCOG)**

Kevin Lai of the SGVCOG provided an update on SGVCOG projects and programs going on in the surrounding communities.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison, spoke on the Diversity Project and mentioned the City Council and staff that should be acknowledged for their involvement in the project; he expressed his appreciation to FD/Ogawa for assistance with the Black History month; he complained about the gravel along Creekside that has not been cleaned up since months ago.

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Walnut school parents were present to complain about statements made by a councilmember at a public event; they are requested a public apology and a retraction on the statements made at the community event by the councilmember.

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

MINUTES

1. Approval of the August 23, 2023 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

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

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

2. Approval of the September 13, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES:

3. Ordinance No. 23-06 - Prohibition of Short – Term Rentals (STRs)

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; and

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6. Introduce by title only and waive further reading Ordinance No. 23-06, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Amending Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Title 1 (General Provisions and Administration) Section 1.12.010 (Misdemeanor/Infraction Penalty) and Title 3 (Public Health, Safety and Welfare), Section(s) 3.36.030 (Definitions) and 3.36.060 (Public Nuisance), to incorporate the prohibition of short – term rentals and finding the action to be exempt from CEQA”, and agendaize for second reading and adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of October 11, 2023.

M/Tragarz opened public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

AP/Katigbak provided a staff report.

William Harrison expressed his opposition to short term rentals.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: the proposed ordinance, short term rental definition, fines associated, protocol for dealing with short term rentals, and the ordinances approved by other cities regarding the matter.

M/Tragarz closed public comment at 7:53 p.m.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 3; 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

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. **Resolution No. 23-53 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,392,334.76 Demand No. 167133 through No. 167201, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No.23-53.

5. **Tract No. 53924 Final Acceptance (Sunny Brook Trail)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve Tract No. 53924;

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2. Accept on behalf of the city, the dedication of easements for Hiking and Equestrian trail, storm drain, sanitary sewer, natural open space purposes so designated on the Final Tract Map;
3. Accept the right to restrict direct vehicular ingress and egress from Lot 3 onto Cantel Place so designated on the Final Tract Map;
4. Authorize the City Clerk and City Treasurer to endorse the certificates as shown on the Final Tract Map; and
5. Authorize the Mayor to execute the Subdivision Agreement.

6. Notice of Decision(s) – September 20, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission (PC) at its September 20, 2023 Meeting, for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - a. Marcon Subdivision – Request for Continuance
 - b. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) 2023-005
 - c. Site Plan Case and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2023-047
 - d. City of Walnut Town Center Discussion

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 6

C/Ching made a motion to adopt items 4 - 6; 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*

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/Freedman mentioned that she attended the League of California Conference in Sacramento along with C/Cajulis and M/Tragarz.

C/Cajulis attend the AQMD meeting last week and shared his experience in attending the conference in Sacramento.

M/Tragarz attended the Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Ching announced that he was working with a group of non-profit pastors and staff in promoting a 5K walk to promote awareness for public safety, mental wellness, and suicide prevention event and all expenses will be paid by the organizer.

C/Wu mentioned he will be attending an autumn festival in the City of Diamond Bar.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Tragarz called the meeting order at 7:58 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:

- 7. Resolution No. 23-10 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$67,827.81 Demand No. 100436 through No. 100437, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 23-10 WHA.

- 8. Budget Appropriation: Appropriation Funds from the Walnut Housing Authority (WHA) Reserves Account for Personnel**

Recommendation: That the Walnut Housing Authority appropriate \$53,010 from the WHA Reserves to the WHA Personnel Account(s) (41-5850-5102; 41-5850-5107; and 41-5850-5110).

MOTION ON ITEMS 7 and 8

*AM/Ching made a motion to adopt Items 7 and 8; seconded by AM/Cajulis.
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

CLOSED SESSION: The City Council and Housing Authority went into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

A. City Council Closed Session:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL--ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Gov't Code Section 54956.9: 1 potential case

B. WHA Closed Session:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1 potential case

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

The City Council and Housing Authority met in closed session and there were no reportable actions on both Items A and B.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Housing Authority adjourned the regular meeting to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m. to the next regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of October 2023.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk