

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:01 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; Administrative Services Director Carlson; Finance Manager Meza, Finance Analyst Rashad; Public Information Office Maio; Senior Management Analyst Ramos; Senior Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Peter Wang of New Hope Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Jenny Cheng, Walnut Librarian – Recognition of her Service to the community**

The City Council recognized Jenny Cheng, Walnut Librarian for her service to the community. Each of the Councilmember expressed their appreciation and congratulations on her retirement.

- **City of Walnut Arbor Day Proclamation**

The City Council presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Community Services Director Melissa Barcelo. She expressed her appreciation to the City Council and community and said there were approximately 13,000 trees throughout the City.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Captain Tousey of the Sheriff’s Department provided an update on the crime statistics in the City of Walnut. He reported there was a decrease from last year’s report and added there is a motor unit along Amar making stops and citing vehicles.

Speaker commented on item #7 on the Consent Calendar and provided background information on the non-profit organization and urged the City Council to approve the solicitation permit.

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

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the Study Session December 13, 2023 Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

*MPT/Freedman made a motion to approve 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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Resolution No. 24-01 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$975,184.78 Demand No. 167583 through No. 167671, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2023-24

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-01.

3. Resolution No. 24-03 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$531,289.97 Demand No. 167672 through No. 167716, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2023-24

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-03.

4. Resolution No. 24-02 – Transfer Unclaimed Check Amounts from their Respective Fund(s) to the General Fund Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 50050 and 50053

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-02 to transfer unclaimed check amounts from their respective fund(s) to the General Fund miscellaneous revenue account 01-0000-3820.

5. Resolution No. 24-04 - Acceptance of Credit/Debit Card Payments and Credit/Debit Card Convenience Fee

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 24-04, authorizing the acceptance of electronic forms of payment including credit and debit cards for the payment of city fees, charges, fines, and building permits with a transaction limit to not exceed \$5,000 and authorizing the City to charge a credit/debit card convenience fee of 2.22%; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Merchant Agreement with Bank of America for electronic payment processing, including fees for merchant related services, in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

6. Acceptance and Appropriation of Sponsorship Donations Totaling \$47,500 for the City of Walnut’s 65th Birthday Bash – Special Event

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the monetary donations from the following sponsors for the City’s 65th Birthday Bash – Special Event:
 - a. Sunjoint Development of \$30,000
 - b. Valley Vista Services of \$12,500
 - c. Animal Pest Management Services of \$2,000
 - d. Nieves Landscape Inc. of \$2,000
 - e. West Coast Arborist, Inc. of \$500
 - f. RPW Services Inc. of \$500; and
2. Appropriate the funds towards to 01-4801-6227 to be used for the City of Walnut’s 65th Birthday Bash-Special Event.

7. Request by Care for the Children for a Non-Profit Solicitation Permit and Waiver of the Business License Tax

Recommendation: That the City Council deny the non-profit solicitation permit for Care for the Children (CFC) and not waive the business license tax pursuant to 4.12.050 of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC).

8. Notice of Decision – December 20, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its December 20, 2023 Meeting, for the following project(s):
 - a. Continuance: Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 83846
 - b. Five (5) Lot Subdivision on Camino De Teodoro
 - c. Site Plan and Architectural Review 2023-037
 - d. Site Plan and Architectural Review 2022-105

MOTION ON ITEMS 2 - 8

C/Wu made a motion to approve Items 2 - 8; 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 DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

9. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Walnut receive and file the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2023.

FD/Ogawa provided a staff report.

David Preciado, Audit Manager from the Eide Baily Audit Firm, provided some highlights and results of the audit ending June 30, 2023. He reported here were no difficulties or disagreements with management staff through the course of the audit.

Each of the City Council thanked staff for their hard work, creative solutions, and collective work during this process.

M/Tragarz inquire on OPEB and how it fits in with Medicare.

FD/Ogawa explained the OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefit) fund pertains to the medical side not retirement; the City is required to allocate a portion of the medical expenses every year which is part of the agreement with PERS.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

MPT/Freedman made a motion to approve staff's recommendation on Item 9; 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

C/Cajulis attended a conference in Sacramento and met with legislators to discuss current issues. He also expressed his appreciation to the Sheriff’s Department for their hard work.

M/Tragarz attended the Holiday Dance in December at the Senior Center and commented it was a great event. She also attended the Sacramento Conference and met with legislators to discuss various topics such as public safety and homeless issues. She invited everyone to attend the Walnut Birthday Bash.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Freedman wished everyone a Happy New Year 2024. She hopes to see everyone at the Walnut’s 65th Birthday Bash on January 20, 2024.

C/Ching shared the City and sheriff’s immediate response to an individual exposing himself in areas of the city.

Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of January 2024.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk