

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** M/Tragarz 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, Finance Director Ogawa; Administrative Services Director Carlson; Deputy Community Services Director Bumia; Senior Finance Analyst Meza, Finance Analyst Rashad; Public Information Office Maio; Senior Management Analyst Ramos; Management Analyst Munoz; and City Clerk De Dios.

**INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL:** Dr. Curtis Hiebert of Harvest (Rock) International Ministry led the invocation.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Presentation by Tzu Chi Education Foundation and Elementary School**

The City Council recognized the Tzu Chi Education Foundation and Elementary School for their “Go Green Pledge” presentation by the Tainan Tzu Chi Senior High School students of Taiwan. Each of the Councilmember expressed their appreciation and congratulations on their presentation and bringing awareness on going green.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

Wen Wen Zhang, Interim Walnut Librarian, provided an update on upcoming events at the Walnut Library.

Marc Saunders shared information relating to traffic and expressed the need for a motorcycle deputy to help with the traffic speed.

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

**MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of the December 13, 2023 City Council/WHA Authority**

**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*

**2. Approval of the January 10, 2024 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

*C/Ching made a motion to approve 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. Resolution No. 24-05 – Selection of Projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 (50<sup>th</sup>) Program Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input relative to the FY 2024-2025 (50<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Adopt Resolution No. 24-05, approving the 2024-2025 (50<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program as follows:
  - a. Housing Rehabilitation (\$147,521.82)
  - b. Senior Activities (\$19,098.00); and
6. Authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare, execute, and submit the Planning Summary, Agreements, and all required documents for the 2024-25 (50<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program.

M/Tragarz opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

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C/Ching inquired if the funds for the Senior Activities were sufficient.

CSD/Barcelo responded these were portions of monies used to subsidize transportation for senior excursions and noted staff will monitor funds, but it is sufficient at the time.

M/Tragarz closed the public hearing at 7:35 p.m.

**MOTION ON ITEM 3(Recommendation 5)**

*C/Ching made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-05; 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*

**MOTION ON ITEM 3(Recommendation 6)**

*C/Ching made a motion to authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare, execute, and submit the Planning Summary, Agreements and all required document for the 2024-25 (50<sup>th</sup> Year) CDBG Program; 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 CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- 4. Resolution No. 24-06 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$583,766.21, Demand No. 167717 through No. 167763, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2023-24**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-06.

- 6. Notice of Decision – January 17, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its January 17, 2024 Meeting, for the following project(s):
  - a) Continuance: Site Plan and Architectural Review 2023-037

**MOTION ON ITEMS 4 and 6**

*C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 4 and 6; 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*

**ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION**

**5. Resolution No. 24-07 – Approving the Acceptance of \$250,000 of General Fund Grant Funds for the Snow Creek Park Accessibility Project**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 24-07, accepting General Fund Grant Funds from California Natural Resources Agency to receiving funding for the Snow Creek Park Accessibility Project; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the grant contract and all implementing documents including those required for issuance of reimbursement in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

M/Tragarz said she was grateful that the City received funding for the Snow Creek Park Accessibility Project.

**MOTION ON ITEM 5**

*C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 5; 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**

C/Ching attended the City Selection Committee meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> and a number of committee members were appointed.

C/Wu attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> and there was no reportable items.

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M/Tragarz attended the Sanitation District meeting. She also attended an event at Mt. SAC along with C/Cajulis and she was very impressed with the apps created by the students.

**Individual Members' comments and updates**

MPT/Freedman said she was unable to attend the rescheduled Walnut Birthday Bash on January 27<sup>th</sup> due to schedule conflict though she hopes everyone in the community comes out to celebrate. She reminded residents that the sampling of the rails along La Puente are only a sampling for residents to view.

CSD/Barcelo said staff will have samples of the rails at the Birthday Bash event and clarified only one color will be chosen. She will bring back another study session to the Council in the near future to review these items.

C/Cajulis attended a congressional app challenge award ceremony at Mt. SAC to honor students for their use of new technology. He wished the City a Happy Birthday.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** None scheduled.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Authority Chair Tragarz called the meeting to order at 7:45 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. 24-01 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$35,847.04 Demand No. 100441 through No. 100441, Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 24-01 WHA.

**MOTION ON ITEM 7**

*C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 7; 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*

**AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:**        None scheduled.

**AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS:**        None scheduled.

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**CLOSED SESSION:**        None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:46 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of February 2024.**

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Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk