

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Tragarz, MPT/Freedman, C/Cajulis, C/Ching
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Wu

Also present: City Manager Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez, Community Services Director Barcelo, Finance Director Ogawa; Administrative Services Director Carlson; Finance Manager Meza, Finance Analyst Rashad; Public Information Office Maio; Management Analyst Munoz; Senior Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Tom Lay of City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognizing Outgoing Youth Advisory Commissioners**

Council recognized the following outgoing Youth Advisory Commissioners: Evelyn Kung; Tyler Wu, Athena Guan; Yiming Wang; Evan Shi; Kelly Zhu; Muezette Shahid; Ruby Wu; Harris Song; Phillip Tang. Each of the students received a certificate in appreciation for their service to the community.

- **Recognizing Edison Scholarship Recipient – Ruby Wu**

Council recognized Ruby Wu for being the recipient of the Edison Scholarship STEM Program. Marissa Castro, Edison Representative presented a \$50,000 scholarship award to Ruby Wu. She encouraged all students to apply for these scholarship programs.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Muoy Li, library manager, spoke of the current activities taking place at the Walnut Library and encouraged residents to visit the library’s website to get more information on their programs.

William Harrison congratulated the youth recognized at the meeting, commended the Sheriff’s Department for super job, commended CDS/Barcelo and her staff for the landscaping maintenance; he requested that he receive a returned call from certain City Councilmembers relating to the approved gate at the terraces project.

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

MINUTES: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. **Resolution No. 24-31 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$684,316.57 Demand No. 168318 through No. 168395, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2023-24**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-31.

2. **Adoption of Ordinance No. 24-02: Prohibiting Stopping on the South Side of Shadow Oak Drive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 24-02, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut Amending and Restating Walnut Municipal Code Section 3.32.060 Pertaining to Parking, Standing, or Stopping Restrictions on Shadow Oak Drive in the City of Walnut.”

3. **Animal Care & Control Services Agreement: Renewal of the Five (5) Year City-County Agreement with the County of Los Angeles**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve a five (5) year City-Council Municipal Services Agreement for Animal Care & Control Services with the County of Los Angeles for the period beginning on July 1, 2024, expiring June 30, 2029; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute said Agreement.

4. Award of Bid - Snow Creek Bridge Reconstruction Project

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a Construction Contract for the Snow Creek Bridge Reconstruction Project to ACE Capital Engineering in the amount of \$115,888.18;
2. Appropriate \$181,280.00 from METRO Measure R Fund Reserves (Fund 16) to the project;
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to ACE Capital Engineering in the amount of \$115,888.18;
4. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 15% of the contract award amount (\$17,383.23) to ACE Capital Engineering; and
5. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$48,000.

5. Request for Appropriation: Housing Rehabilitation Program

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Appropriate \$52,000 of unallocated funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) reserves, into the expenditure budget 12-5216 (CDBG – Housing Rehab.), to allow for more project grants and the facilitation of those projects under the Housing Rehabilitation program.

6. Appropriate \$2,000 from Beverage Container Recycling Grant Reserves for the Installation of a Water Refill Station at City Hall

Recommendation: That the City Council appropriate \$2,000 from Beverage Container Recycling Grant Fund Reserves (Fund 33) for the installation of a water refill station at City Hall.

7. Approval of Vehicle Purchase – 2024 Honda Accord Hybrid

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a Purchase Contract to Diamond Honda Puente Hills for (1) 2024 Honda Accord Hybrid in the amount of \$41,142.58;
2. Appropriate \$20,000 from Capital Improvement Fund Reserves (Fund 25) to 25-9100-8402;
3. Appropriate \$20,000 from AQMD Subvention Fund Reserves (09 Funds) to 09-9100-8402;
4. Authorize the City Manager to sign a Purchase Contract on behalf of the City in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
5. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order and payment to Diamond Honda Puente Hills in the amount of \$41,142.58.

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 - 7

*C/Ching made a motion to approve Items 1 through 7; seconded by C/Cajulis.
Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

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

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/Cajulis attended the Contract Cities conference and thanked the sheriffs for all they do for the City.

M/Tragarz attended the Contract Cities conference; spoke of property taxes; mental illness, attended sanitation district meeting and announced they will be having an event on June 8th public tour;

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Freedman commended staff for organizing the Memorial Day event. She attended a conference organized by JPIA and congratulated all the seniors that are graduating this year and wished them well.

C/Ching expressed his appreciation to Blossom Shoes along with two volunteers that donated shoes to those in need.

M/Tragarz thanked staff for the Memorial Day presentation this afternoon. She congratulated all students who are graduating this month. She invited the public to attend the Creekside Diversity Plaza event on June 5th

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 7:35 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:

8. **Resolution No. 24-05 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$41,586.03 Demand No. 100445 through No. 100445, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 24-05 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

AM/Ching made a motion to approve Item 8; seconded by VC/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

NOES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Wu*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: The City Attorney announced the closed session and recessed the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

- A. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Conference With Labor Negotiator (Gov't Code § § 54957(b); 54957.6) Unrepresented Employee: City Attorney**

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

The meeting was reconvened at 9:20 p.m. with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of June 2024.

Nancy Tragarz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk