

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Freedman called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez, Finance Director Ogawa, Public Works Director Barcelo, Administrative Services Director Carlson; Community Services Director Bumia; Finance Manager Meza; Community Services Superintendent Martinez; Community Relations Officer Maio; Administrative Services/Human Resources Officer Ramos; Senior Management Analyst Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Joe Lin of Formosan Evangelical Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Pet of the Month Video – Yolanda the Husky**

Staff prepared a video highlighting Yolanda the Husky. M/Freedman reported the City has partnered with Baldwin Park Animal Shelter and this is where Yolanda the Husky may be found, she is very playful and is looking forward to a new home.

- **Recognition of Public Health Advocate and Cancer Survivor - Angela Unayan**

The council recognized Ms. Angela Unayan for being a Public Health Advocate and a cancer survivor.

- **Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation**

Council recognized Hispanic Heritage Month and presented the proclamation to Nicolas Hernandez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Diana Zhao congratulated both Angela Unavan and Nicolas Hernandez for having been recognized under Presentations this evening. She also promoted an upcoming event for Lunar Year at Suzanne Park.

Muoy Li, Walnut Library manager, provided an update on the programs and events at the library and encouraged residents to visit the library's website for more information.

Gary Chow spoke in favor of Measure B that is being proposed by Mt. SAC in the November ballot and asked for support from the City Council to endorse the measure.

Rachel Perez, Mt. SAC student and part of the student government expressed her support of Measure B.

William Harrison acknowledged city staff and feels they should be recognized for their hard work.

Nicolas Hernandez announced the Rotary Club will be hosting a candidate forum at the Walnut Senior Center on September 30th and mentioned all Walnut candidates will be in attendance.

Vijay Vakil expressed concerns regarding electric bikes used throughout the city.

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

MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the August 28, 2024 City Council/WHA Meeting**
2. **Approval of the September 11, 2024 Study Session Meeting**
3. **Approval of the September 11, 2024 City Council Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1-3

MPT/Ching made a motion to approve items 1 – 3; second by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following vote:

<i>AYES:</i>	<i>COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Cajulis, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu</i>
<i>NOES:</i>	<i>COUNCILMEMBERS: None</i>
<i>ABSTAIN:</i>	<i>COUNCILMEMBERS: None</i>
<i>ABSENT:</i>	<i>COUNCILMEMBERS: None</i>

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. **Resolution No. 24-54 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,406,566.17 Demand No. 169030 through No. 169097, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-54.

5. **Resolution No. 24-55 - Biennial Review of the Conflict Interest Code**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 24-55 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Amending Resolution No. 22-49 Updating the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Walnut; and
2. Direct the City Clerk to file the 2024 Local Biennial Notice with the City Council of the City of Walnut as the code reviewing body.

6. **Resolution No. 24-56 – Designating Council Member Ritchie Cajulis as the Official Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-56.

7. **Approval of the Public Works Vehicle Purchase – 2024 GMC Sierra 2500 with Utility Body**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Award a Purchase Contract to Thorson Motor Center for one 2024 GMC Sierra Extended Cab 4x2 Truck with Utility Body in the amount of \$68,668.69; and
2. Appropriate \$68,700 from General Fund Reserves to 01-9100-8402 for the purchase of the vehicle; and
3. 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
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Thorson Motor Center in the amount of \$68,668.69

9. **2024 Holiday Closure – City Facilities**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council approve the cancellation of the November 27, 2024, and December 25, 2024, City Council meetings; and approve the closure of City facilities on December 26, 30, and 31, 2024 in observance of the Christmas holiday.

10. Notice of Decision – September 18, 2024, Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its September 18, 2024 Meeting for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - a. Site Plan Case & Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2023-130;
 - b. Site Plan Case & Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2024-026; and
 - c. Site Plan Case & Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2023-045.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4-7 & 9-10

MPT/Ching made a motion to approve Item 4-7 & 9-10; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

8. Approve the Purchase of Replacement Pine Tree at Fire Station 61

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the purchase of a replacement pine tree to be installed at Fire Station 61 on La Puente Road;
2. Appropriate \$31,040 from General Fund Reserves to 01-6206-6290 for the removal of existing tree, purchase and planting of the replacement tree.

PW/Barcelo provided a staff report and shared that the tree was originally donated by the Women’s Club.

CSS/Martinez shared the history of the tree as well as concerns surrounding the current state of the tree.

Sharon Altman, president of the Women’s Club, shared that the tree was donated by Keith Walton when Dee Holt was president of the Women’s Club.

There was discussion amongst the City Council and staff regarding the tree.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

C/Wu made a motion to approve staff’s recommendations; seconded by MPT/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

11. Mt. San Antonio College - Pedestrian Bridge Sign and Alternatives

Recommendation: That the City Council discuss the City of Walnut sign to be installed on Temple Avenue and provide staff with direction.

PW/Barcelo presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the renderings provided for the bridge and alternatives, wording on the monument.

CM/Weiner stated that staff will bring back renderings of the bridge for the City Council to consider at a future meeting.

MOTION ON ITEM 11

M/Freedman made a motion to bring back second renderings showing monument and bridge to see both at the next discussion; seconded by MPT/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Cajulis, 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 contract cities meeting.

C/Wu attended the SGV Mosquito Vector Control meeting with no reportable action.

M/Freedman reported she attended the SGVCOG and Sanitation District meetings. She reported that the Sanitation District would be having a tour for public on Saturday, October 12th to see how trash is processed

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

MPT/Ching spoke on the comments made by Mr. Harrison regarding staff.

C/Tragarz shared that she attended the ribbon cutting of the Walnut High School Gym.

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C/Wu encouraged residents to attend the candidate forum on September 30th.

M/Freedman thanked staff for putting together the video of the pet adoption.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Freedman called the meeting to order at 8:15 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:

- 12. Resolution No. 24-10 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$37,813.29 Demand No. 100450 through No. 100450, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2024-25**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 24-10 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 12

VC/Ching made a motion to approve Item 12; seconded by AM/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

NOES: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

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AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 8:16 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of October 2024.

Linda Freedman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk