

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

M/Cajulis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

M/Cajulis led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez, Public Works Director Barcelo; Community Services Director Bumia; Finance Director Merkel; Deputy Director of Community Development Guerra; Senior Management Analyst Garcia; Assistant City Clerk Markel; Senior Management Analyst Ramos; Community Relations Officer Maio; Administrative Specialist Cortez; Assistant City Clerk Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION– NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Deacon Brian Miller from St. Lorenzo Ruiz Catholic Parish led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Introduction of Walnut Sheriff Station Operations Lieutenant Pete Gomez**

Captain Tousey provided a brief overview of recent crime statistics and introduced Lieutenant Pete Gomez.

Lieutenant Gomez shared that he was excited to work with the City of Walnut; Council welcomed Lieutenant Gomez and thanked him for his service.

- **Recognition of 100 year-old resident: Carmen Vogel**

The City Council wished Carmen Vogel a happy birthday.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

LV Frazier, Library Manager at Walnut Library, provided an update on upcoming activities and programming. She encouraged residents to go onto the Library's website for more registration information.

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William Harrison spoke regarding Wallace's Chicken, Code Enforcement, and development in Walnut.

Youth Commissioner Jia Shun Chen spoke regarding upcoming events including the Senior Prom on April 17, 2026.

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

MINUTES:

1. **Approval of the February 25, 2026 City Council Meeting**
2. **Approval of the March 11, 2026 City Council Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 and 2

C/Freedman made a motion to approve Items 1 and 2; second by C/Law. Motion carried by the following vote:

<i>AYES:</i>	<i>COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Wu, Freedman, Law, Tragarz</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:

3. **Resolution No. 26-16 - Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget – City-Wide Sign Replacement Program**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-16 amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget for the City-Wide Sign Replacement Program.

4. **Resolution No. 26-17 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,543,438.64, Demand No. 201345 Through No. 201411, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-17.

5. **Resolution No. 26-18 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, Authorizing Destruction of Certain Records Pursuant to Resolution No. 01-18**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 26-18.

6. Ordinance No. 26-04 – Regulating Electric Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt, Ordinance No. 26-04, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Adding Section 3.32.145 to Chapter 3.32 “Motor Vehicles and Traffic) of the Walnut Municipal Code Regulating Electric Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, and Motorized Scooters.”

7. Ordinance No. 26-05 – To Amend and Replace in its Entirety, Title 6 (Planning and Zoning), Chapter 6.08 (Zoning Provisions in General), Section 6.08.210 (Accessory Housing) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs)

Recommendation: That the City Council waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-05, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, to amend in its entirety Walnut Municipal Code (WMC), Title 6 (Planning and Zoning), Chapter 6.08 (Zoning Provisions in General), Section 6.08.210 (Accessory Housing), Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Dwelling Units and Determining the Ordinance to be Exempt from CEQA”.

8. Ordinance No. 26-06 – 2025 Citywide Speed Survey Establishing Speed Limits on Certain Streets in the City of Walnut

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 26-06 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, Amending Walnut Municipal Code Section 3.32.030 of Chapter 3.32 of Title III Thereof, Revising the Speed Limit on Certain Streets.”

9. Annual Report – The General Plan and Housing Element for Calendar Year 2025

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file this report; and
2. Direct Staff to transmit a copy of the Annual Progress Report 2025 (Report) to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

10. Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Recommendation: That the City Council declare certain City property as surplus and authorize Staff to dispose of the surplus items.

11. Notice of Decision – March 18, 2026 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and file the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its March 18, 2026 Meeting, for the following Item(s)/Project(s):
 - a. **Site Plan Case & Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2025-120;**
 - b. **Housing Element – 2025 Annual Progress Report (APR).**

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 - 11

C/Law made a motion to approve Items 3 - 11; second by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

MPT/Wu stated that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District meeting on March 13, 2026 as well as the Together Against Crime Foundation meeting in Diamond Bar on March 14, 2026. He further stated that he attended the Suzanne Middle School Music Building ceremony on March 18, 2026 and the San Gabriel Valley COG event on March 19, 2026.

C/Tragarz stated that she attended the Suzanne Middle School Music Building ceremony.

C/Freedman stated that she attended the Honor Roll School Awards that was hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as the Walnut Valley Water District new headquarters Grand Opening.

C/Law stated that she attended Congress Woman Linda Sanchez’s Women’s History Month Breakfast, the Together Against Crime Foundation meeting, Walnut Valley Water District new headquarters Grand Opening, the Suzanne Middle School Music Building ceremony, the Contract Cities Board Meeting and the Cal Cities Connections Seminar.

M/Cajulis stated that he attended the Suzanne Middle School Music Building ceremony and the LA County Sanitation Board Meeting.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

DCS/Bumia stated that the California Parks and Recreation Society Awards and Installation Banquet would be taking place on Thursday, March 26, 2026. She further stated that the City of Walnut will be recognized for the Snow Creek Park ADA Project, and that City Staff Members Justine Romano and Marissa Ceja will also be recognized as they are installed into the new Board.

C/Law stated that she was interviewed by local Boy Scouts from Troop 777.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY

WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Cajulis called the meeting to order at 7:23 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. 26-03 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$42,780.67 Demand No. 100516 through No. 100517, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 26-03 WHA.

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MOTION ON ITEM 12

AM/Law made a motion to approve Item 12; seconded by AM/Freedman. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: *AUTHORITY MEMBERS: Cajulis, Wu, Law, Freedman, Tragarz*
NOES: *AUTHORITY MEMBERS: None*
ABSTAIN: *AUTHORITY MEMBERS: None*
ABSENT: *AUTHORITY MEMBERS: None*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

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 7:24 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

Ritchie Cajulis, Mayor

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jackie Cortez, Administrative Services Specialist