

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MPT/Wu led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Cajulis, MPT/Wu, C/Law, C/Tragarz,
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Freedman (excused)

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

INVOCATION– NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Rian Emano from Vineyard of Hope Church, Walnut led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Pets of the Month – Spunky – 5-year-old Male Tabby Cat
Fish – 8-week-old Male Domestic Shorthair Cat**

City Staff presented a video on the Pets of the Month, Spunky and Fish.

- **Kabob Station – Welcome to Walnut**

Council presented a certificate of recognition for Kabob Station and welcomed them to the City. Staff shared a video welcoming the business to Walnut.

- **Public Safety Update – Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department**

Captain Tousey provided the quarterly public safety update.

- **Public Safety Update – Los Angeles County Fire Department**

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Gamble provided the quarterly public safety update.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

William Harrison spoke regarding ethnic heritage months, Helen Hall, and Bob Pacheco.

C/Tragarz thanked PWD/Barcelo for her hard work with the Snow Creek park improvements.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the September 24, 2025 City Council/WHA meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Law made a motion to approve Item 1; second by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. Approval of the October 8, 2025 City Council meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Law made a motion to approve Item 2; second by M/Cajulis. Motion failed by the following vote:

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

ACA/Mann stated that Item 2 would be brought back at a future meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ORDINANCE: None.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

3. Resolution No. 25-52 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,208,198.64 Demand No. 200557 through No. 200620, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2025-26

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 25-52.

4. October 15, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Cancellation

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File this report.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3-4

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Items 3-4; second by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Law, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman*

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/Tragarz stated that she attended the Walnut Valley Unified School District’s Salute to Teachers event, the Contract Cities meeting, the League Conference and luncheon, and the JPIA Conference. She encouraged residents to attend Mostly Ghostly on Saturday, October 25, 2025.

C/Law stated that she attended: Walnut High School football game, the Industry Hills Pro Rodeo, the WVUSD Salute to Teachers event, the Contract Cities Board Meeting, and a St. Lorenzo Ruiz event. She thanked the Fire and Sheriff’s Departments for their hard work and encouraged residents to attend Mostly Ghostly.

M/Cajulis stated that he attended the Salute to Teachers event, Contract Cities Board of Directors meeting, St. Lorenzo Ruiz event, and the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Board Meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Wu wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

M/Cajulis encouraged residents to visit the City’s new website, and thanked Staff for their hard work. He lastly encouraged residents to attend Mostly Ghostly.

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 7:40 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:

5. **Resolution No. 25-11 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$54,135.46 Demand No. 100506 Through No. 100507, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2025-26**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 25-11WHA

MOTION ON ITEM 5

VC/Wu made a motion to approve Item 5; second by AM/Law. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Law, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Freedman*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of November 2025.

Ritchie Cajulis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Jackie Cortez, Administrative Services Specialist