

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor 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, C/Freedman, C/Law

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: MPT/Wu, C/Tragarz

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Acting City Attorney Mann; Community Development Director Vasquez, Public Works Director Barcelo, Administrative Services Director Carlson; Community Services Director Bumia; Finance Director Merkel; Deputy Director of Community Development Guerra; City Engineer Gilbertson; Senior Management Analyst Munoz; Administrative Services/Human Resources Officer Ramos; Senior Management Analyst Markel; Admin Services Specialist Cortez and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION– NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Former Councilmember and resident Eric Ching of City Blessing Church provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Lt. Daniel Dail on his Retirement**

M/Cajulis and the Council presented Lieutenant Dail with a certificate of recognition and thanked him for his service.

- **Walnut Pony Baseball – 4U Team**

M/Cajulis and the Council presented the Walnut Pony Baseball 4U Allstars team with certificates of recognition to celebrate making it to the Championship game.

- **Infiniti Dragon Boat**

M/Cajulis and the Council presented the Infiniti Dragon Boat Team with certificates of recognition to celebrate their silver medal in the Annual Long Beach Dragon Boat Race.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Eliana Garcia from South Coast Air Quality Management District spoke regarding the Invest Clean Funding Program and stated that more information is available on the website www.aqmd.gov.

William Harrison congratulated Mayor Cajulis and spoke regarding National Heritage Month. He further stated that he would like to see an Employee of the Month and Employee of the Year program.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the September 10, 2025 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Freedman made a motion to approve item 1; seconded by C/Law. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Cajulis, Freedman, Law

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wu, Tragarz

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

2. Resolution No. 25-51 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,073,926.18 Demand No. 200482 through No. 200556, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2025-26

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 25-51.

3. Ordinance No. 25-05 - Prohibiting Parking, Standing, and Stopping on Alley Ways

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 25-05, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut amending the Walnut Municipal Code to Add Section 3.32.065 pertaining to parking, standing, and stopping restrictions on alley ways in the City of Walnut.”

4. Agreement for Vendor Services with Western Audio Visual & Security for the Walnut Senior Center Audio/Visual System Upgrade

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Western Audio Visual & Security in the amount of \$52,828.64 for the upgrade of the audio/visual system at the Walnut Senior Center;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached, subject to final approval as to form by the City Attorney;
3. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 20% of the contract award amount (\$10,565.72) to Western Audio Visual & Security; and
4. Authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Western Audio Visual & Security in the amount of \$52,828.64.

5. Re-Appropriation of Unexpended Funds to Fiscal Year 2025-26 for Citywide Traffic Signal Battery Backup Project

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the City Council re-appropriate \$314,070 from METRO Measure R Fund Reserves (Fund 16) to the Citywide Traffic Signal Battery Backup Project (16-2004-6227).

6. Award of Bid – La Puente Road Rehabilitation Project – Federal Project No. STPL. 5353(011)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Award a Construction Contract for the La Puente Road Rehabilitation Project to Copp Contracting, Inc. in the amount of 858,738.00;
2. Reject all other bids;
3. Appropriate \$212,000.00 from Road Maintenance Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Fund Reserves (Fund 03) to the project;
4. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Copp Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$858,738.00;
5. Authorize staff to issue change orders not to exceed 10% of the contract award amount (\$85,873.80) to Copp Contracting, Inc.; and
6. Approve a Purchase Order to RKA Consulting Group in the amount of \$116,400.00.

7. Mayor’s Agency Representatives

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file this informational report.

MOTION ON ITEMS 2-7

C/Freedman made a motion to approve items 2-7; seconded by C/Law. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

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/Freedman stated that the first School Districts Committee Meeting of the year had taken place on October 7, 2025, and was very successful. She further stated that she attended a Local Governmental Services meeting in Los Angeles and the Coffee with a Cop Day on October 1, 2025.

C/Law stated that she attended the following events: LA County Film Industry event, Neighborhood Watch potluck, Total Swiss grand opening, California JPIA Conference, USC Executive Education Forum, and LA County Division Conference lunch.

M/Cajulis stated he attended the Neighborhood Watch and Coffee with a Cop events and thanked City Staff for their hard work.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 7:40 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