1. OPENING

Mayor Cindy Silva called the meeting to order. Barbara Pennington, President of Walnut Creek School District Governing Board, welcomed the City Council and staff.

   a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   b. ROLL CALL – Councilmember Simmons was absent due to a planned vacation.

Brief introductions were provided by the City Council, School Board and staff.

City of Walnut Creek staff present: Ken Nordhoff, City Manager; Brian Hickey, Assistant City Attorney; Lorie Tinfow, Assistant City Manager; Steve Skinner, Interim Police Chief; Sandra Meyer, Community Development Director (CDD); Heather Ballenger, Public Services Director; Sally Rice, Assistant Administrative Services Director; and Suzie Martinez, City Clerk.

Walnut Creek School District (WCSD) staff present: Patricia Wool, Superintendent, Ed.D; Stuart House; Kevin Collins, Ed.D; Lisa Cheney; Peter Simack; Jim Freese; and Linda Loeliger.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

President Pennington reported that public comment would occur during consideration of the item.

3. INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH WALNUT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

WCSD’s Report on Current Activities
Superintendent Wool noted the last day of school was on Friday, June 7. District Staff is working a 4-10 schedule, with Friday’s off. She noted various construction projects will be underway during the
summer at all sites. The District is under new national standards which have been adopted by 43 states; implementation is underway, with full implementation planned for by 2014-2015. Additionally, the District has revisited their Strategic Plan as a result of the new standards.

**City’s Report on Current Activities**
Mayor Silva provided a brief report. She reported the primary focus of the City this year is on Fiscal Sustainability. Many housing are projects underway, as well as two major commercial development proposals – Safeway property at corner of Oak Grove and Ygnacio Valley Road and at Broadway Plaza. The expansion of a secondhand smoke ordinance is being explored. The City will celebrate its centennial in 2014 and Community Service Day is Saturday, September 28.

**Topics of Mutual Interest**
Superintendent Wool discussed WCSD boundaries and enrollment. She provided statistics on enrollment during the past eleven years, noting the District is very full. Portables are being added due to the high enrollment.

Dr. Collins provided an overview of the WCSD budget for the 2012-13 school year. General Fund revenues amount to $25.9 million, while General Fund expenses total $26.5 million. The District has healthy reserves but also deficit spending. He discussed the ramifications of the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) versus the Revenue Limit. Several years out, the District will benefit from LCFF.

City Manager Nordhoff reported on the City’s Fiscal Sustainability strategic priority. He stated the City’s fiscal problem – the programs, services and facilities the City provides to the community will no longer be fiscally sustainable at current levels beginning with the 2014-2016 budget. He discussed work to date, the service review process underway and noted the next steps and meetings. City Manager Nordhoff also made mention of crossing guard services and the crisis counselor program as they were discussed as part of the “Schools, Non-Profit and Other Agency Support” service category at the Council’s May 7 meeting.

President Pennington introduced the item of school safety. Interim Chief Skinner provided input. He discussed active shooter training and the use of GIS mapping in the event of an emergency situation. Walnut Creek has significant response capabilities due to the combined efforts of three tactical teams – Walnut Creek, Martinez and San Ramon. He reported that the department is working closely with local fire and emergency response staff to be better prepared to deal with emergency situations. The City serves as the County seat for the regional Bomb Squad, allowing for greater capabilities in dealing with explosives and booby-traps. It was reported that police vehicles are equipped with the keys to the various schools. Interim Chief Skinner also provided an overview of the East Bay Regional Communications System. Superintendent Wool requested information on dealing with individuals displaying erratic behavior in order to better educate the school principals.

CDD Director Meyer provided a housing policy update, including information on the Housing Element for 2015-2022; the Association of Bay Area Governments regional plan called the “Sustainable Communities Strategy;” and the West Downtown Specific Plan.

CDD Director Meyer provided an update on multi-family housing projects underway. She shared a list of projects with appropriate details including the number of bedrooms and status. Additionally, a map was presented identifying the residential development projects in relation to the District.

Public Services Director Ballenger provided a summary of capital improvements near Buena Vista Elementary School.
Public Services Director Ballenger reported on the proposed drop off and parking area adjacent to Marshall Drive for a combined Shell Ridge Open Space / Indian Valley School use. This proposal was identified as a solution to improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian access in the immediate area of Indian Valley Elementary School by District-hired consultant Fehr & Peers. Public Services Director Ballenger reported that the project is costly and no funding exists.

Public Communications

Steven Heathcock and Bill Anderson, commented on traffic issues on Marshall Drive and discussed the possibility of an additional parking area at Shell Ridge Open Space.

Lastly, Public Services Director Ballenger provided an update on the South Broadway Sound Wall Renovation project adjacent to Murwood Elementary School. Mitigation efforts are planned for construction as school will be in session. Weekend work will be scheduled and a temporary fence will be erected to protect students from the construction zone.

4. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Suzie Martinez
City Clerk of the City of Walnut Creek

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Cindy Silva
Mayor of the City of Walnut Creek

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