

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: MPT/Pacheco led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Rodriguez, MPT/Pacheco, C/Ching, C/Wu
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Tragarz (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

Staff present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner, Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; Assistant City Attorney Mann; City Planner Carlson; City Engineer Gilbertson; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Public Information Office Tep; Administrative Assistant Markel; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Abbot Hui Dong of the Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple**

Council recognized Abbot Hui Dong of the Fo Guang Shan Hsi Lai Temple and Alex Wu of the Buddha's Light International Association for all of their contributions to the community.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Lolly expressed concerns regarding the prevalence of coyotes in local neighborhoods.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the conditions of the Walnut Village Shopping Center as well as coyotes in local neighborhoods.

Carmen Robles expressed concerns regarding speeding on Camino De Teodoro and requested speed bumps be installed.

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There being no further input, it was moved by C/Ching to close oral communications; seconded by MPT/Pacheco. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. Approval of the July 24, 2019 City Council/WHA Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

C/Ching moved to approve Item 1; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Rodriguez, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Tragarz

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. Resolution No. 19-43 – First Amendment to the adopted 2013-2021 Housing Element of the Walnut General Plan

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input and City Council discussion on the item;
4. Close the Public Hearing; and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 19-43 approving the first Amendment to the 2013-2021 Housing Element of the Walnut General Plan (WGP)

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

SP/Vasquez presented a staff report.

There being no input, it was moved by MPT/Pacheco to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Ching moved to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Tragarz

3. The Terraces at Walnut Development (49 Acres): A proposal to subdivide a 49-acre property for the purposes of developing residential units, a commercial center, pocket parks, and open space (APN: 8709-023-006/007/008)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input and City Council discussion on the item;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Adopt the following Resolutions, approving the corresponding item(s):
 - a. Resolution No. 19-44: Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) with findings;
 - b. Resolution No. 19-45: General Plan Amendment (GPA) 2016-02; Zone Change (ZC) 2016-02; “The Terraces at Walnut” Specific Plan (SP);
 - c. Resolution No. 19-46: Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 78210; Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2018-097, 2018-109, 2019-060 and 2019-061 (Grading).
6. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 19-06 approving (in substantial form) the Development Agreement (DA) 2019-01; and agendize for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of September 11, 2019.

Mayor Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

John Danvers, Shea Homes representative, presented information regarding the project. He stated that they have made adjustments to accommodate the Planning Commissions concerns regarding parking and park size.

Suzanne Huerta, Rincon Consultants representative, provided information regarding the environmental impact report (EIR) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements.

C/Tragarz arrived to the meeting during the discussion at 7:38 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding the final EIR and the Planning Commission recommendations of the project.

Mayor Rodriguez opened public comment.

Gordon Nichols, Hassan Sassi, Jerry Lee, Ricky Chen, William Harrison, and Fernando Perez expressed support for the project.

William Harrison asked that Council address issues with the Creekside neighborhood.

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Paul Yen and Brenda Whitney expressed concerns regarding issues created by increased housing in Walnut.

Discussion took place regarding the following: mitigation efforts, traffic concerns, potential property tax and sales tax revenues, and state housing requirements.

C/Wu stated that he was not in favor of the following: increasing park size or retail space, a pedestrian walkway from the neighborhood to the retail space, and the extension of pedestrian access on Roundup Drive. He suggested mitigation for transportation and traffic issues.

C/Tragarz stated that she was in favor of increasing commercial size in the development as well the pedestrian access to Roundup Drive, and the increased size of “Park F.”

C/Rodriguez asked that the pedestrian access to Roundup Drive extend to the public right of way rather than the lot line, to which John Danvers agreed. Staff stated that they would add the condition.

There being no further input, it was moved by M/Rodriguez to close the public hearing; seconded by MPT/Pacheco. Motion carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

MPT/Pacheco moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-44, Resolution No. 19-45, and Resolution No. 19-46 with modifications to the Conditions of Approval; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Wu
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

MOTION ON ITEM 3

MPT/Pacheco moved to waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 19-06; seconded by M/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. **Resolution No. 19-47 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$75,752.49, Demand No. 158830 through No. 158836 Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-47.

5. **Resolution No. 19-48 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$20,369.74, Demand No. 158837 through No. 158850 Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-48.

6. **Resolution No. 19-49 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$564,858.46, Demand No. 158851 through No. 158878 Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-49.

7. **Resolution No. 19-50 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$861,872.80, Demand No. 158879 through No. 158951 Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-50.

8. **Resolution No. 19-51 – Designating Mayor Pro Tem Bob Pacheco as the Official Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-51.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 8

C/Ching moved to adopt Items 4 - 8; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

9. Coyotes – Citywide Management Options

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Direct Staff to implement Citywide management options (identified below) in response to coyote encounters; and
2. Appropriate \$10,000 from the General Fund Reserves to facilitate and implement the identified practices in response to coyote encounters.

SMA/Guerra presented a staff report.

Discussion took place regarding the following: the recommended appropriation, coyote management plan, coyote deterrents and staff protocol for coyote complaints.

M/Rodriguez opened public comment.

Norman Owashi, Isabelle Owashi, Paul Chen, Laurie Jimenez, Jim Lolly, and Resident expressed concerns regarding coyote prevalence in residential neighborhoods.

Resident stated that he feels the coyote issue is a statewide issue and that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife needs to provide more resources.

Resident thanked Council and staff for their efforts to address the coyote matter.

Jerry Bastille expressed concerns regarding an animal that he feels is larger than a coyote that has been present near his residence.

There being no further input, it was moved by MPT/Pacheco to close public comment; seconded by M/Rodriguez. Motion carried.

C/Ching asked staff to bring the item back if the coyote issue remains prevalent.

C/Tragarz stated that she is in favor of having staff monitor the issue and bring the item back if there is a need.

MOTION ON ITEM 9

MPT/Pacheco moved to adopt Item 9 and have an item related to coyote management placed on the City Council agendas for the next two months; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Pacheco, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Rodriguez, Tragarz

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/Wu shared information regarding a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

C/Tragarz stated that she is in favor of the plan for coyote management, but is not in favor of bringing the item back every two weeks.

C/Ching shared information on meetings with state senators and assembly members regarding issues facing Walnut.

M/Rodriguez shared information regarding fall registration for recreation classes and that he will be hosting office hours on August 15th.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September 2019.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant