

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: M/Rodriguez led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Rodriguez, MPT/Pacheco, C/Tragarz, C/Wu
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: C/Ching

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

INVOCATION - NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Paul Tan of City Blessing Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Marissa Castro-Salvati, Southern California Edison representative, shared information regarding their wildfire mitigation plan.

Suzanne Cotes, Samantha Shim, and Jimmy Lolly expressed concerns regarding the prevalence of coyotes in local neighborhoods.

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

MINUTES: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. **Resolution No. 19-55 - Public Nuisance Abatement: Declaration of Public Nuisance for Substandard Parcels located on Buckskin Drive (APN: 8709-076-068/069/070/071/072/073/074/075/076/077)**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. City Council discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 19-55 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Declaring the Following Real Undeveloped Parcels as a Public Nuisance: Buckskin Drive Vacant Parcel(s):APN 8709-076-068/069/070/071/072/073/074/075/076/077); and
7. Authorize Staff to begin the “Public Nuisance Abatement” process, as prescribed in Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Chapter 3.36 (Nuisance).

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Robert Baker, Jean Romero, and William Harrison shared information regarding the property and supported declaring the property a public nuisance.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the state of the property as well as the public nuisance abatement process.

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

MOTION ON ITEM 1

MPT/Pacheco moved to adopt Item 1; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching

2. Ordinance No. 19-07 – Amending the Walnut Municipal Code to establish the School and Public Institution Zoning Ordinance and Zone(s) for consistency with the adopted Walnut General Plan (WGP)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. City Council discussion;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Adopt Resolution No. 19-56, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California Approving the Adoption of Negative Declaration (ND) NO. 2018-01 for the School and Public Institution Ordinance Code and Zoning Map Amendment;” and
7. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 19-07 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, California, County of Los Angeles, Amending the Walnut Municipal Code and Adopting the School and Public Institution Zoning Ordinance and Amending the Walnut Zoning Map to Establish the School and Public Institution Zones in the City of Walnut” and agendaize for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of September 25, 2019.

M/Rodriguez opened the public hearing.

ACM/Weiner presented a staff report.

Layla Abou-Taleb expressed concerns regarding the parking facilities portion of the ordinance and requested that parking structures be under city jurisdiction.

Gary Gecum expressed support for the zoning ordinance.

Discussion took place regarding the ordinance including: setback distances for parking lots and parking structures, the effects and future protocols of the ordinance, and definitions within the code.

It was the consensus of Council to amend the ordinance to reflect the following: parking lots would be a permitted use and require 300ft setbacks and parking structures, defined as two levels of parking or more, would be a conditionally permitted use requiring a conditional use permit and would require 400ft setbacks.

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 2

MPT/Pacheco moved to adopt Item 2 with amendments; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

ORDINANCES: None scheduled.

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 8 was pulled for discussion.

3. **Resolution No. 19-57 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$42,199.90, Demand No. 159056 through No. 159071, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-57.

4. **Resolution No. 19-58 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$41,725.18, Demand No. 159072 through No. 159076, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2018-19**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-58.

5. **Resolution No. 19-59 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$696,590.86, Demand No. 159077 through No. 159150, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 19-59.

6. **Ordinance No. 19-06 – The Development Agreement (DA) for “The Terraces at Walnut” Project**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Ordinance 19-06, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, State of California, Approving a Development Agreement for the Terraces at Walnut Project Located North of Valley Boulevard (APN: 8709-023-006/007/008).”

7. Recreation Program and Sport League Fee Structure Review

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Establish a non-resident fee for recreation program registration; and
2. Increase the resident and non-resident per player fees for Sport league groups.

9. Update on Coyote Control Management

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this update.

MOTION ON ITEMS 3 – 7 & 9

C/Wu moved to adopt Items 3 – 7 & 9; seconded by MPT/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Pacheco, Rodriguez, Tragarz, Wu

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching

ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

8. Acceptance of Public Roadway Easements and Temporary Construction Easements on Valley Boulevard and Execution of Agreement for Acquisition of Roadway Easement for the City of Industry's Required Mitigation at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Lemon Avenue

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Accept the public roadway easements and temporary construction easements on Valley Boulevard for the City of Industry's required mitigation at the intersection of Valley Boulevard and Lemon Avenue in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney;
2. Authorize the City Engineer and the City Manager to execute the Agreements for Acquisition of Roadway Easement in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the approved Traffic Mitigation Agreement with the City of Industry Successor Agency in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney.

CE/Gilbertson presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the temporary construction easements.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

C/Wu moved to approve Item 8; seconded by MPT/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR: None scheduled.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS:

- 10. Ordinance 19-08 – “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, amending WMC, Title I (General Provisions and Administration)”**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council introduce by title only and waive further reading, Ordinance No. 19-08 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, amending WMC, Title I (General Provisions and Administration).”

CA/Leibold presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the following: the current code and proposed updates to the code, city credit card use, and change order and appropriation policies.

C/Wu suggested replacing “legislative body” with “City Council” within Title I, to which CA/Leibold stated that the code would be updated to reflect that change.

M/Rodriguez opened public comment.

There being no input, it was unanimously moved to close public comment. Motion carried.

MOTION ON ITEM 10

MPT/Pacheco moved to adopt Item 10; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following electronic vote:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

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

There were none.

B. Individual Members' comments and updates

C/Tragarz invited the community to the Relay for Life event.

M/Rodriguez invited everyone to attend the Walnut Family Festival.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m. in the memory of the victims and all of those affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of October 2019.

Andrew Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant