

June 3, 2020

THE WALNUT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the Walnut City Planning Commission (PC) was held on the above-referenced date. Chairperson Dy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Commissioner Koo

ROLL CALL: Commissioner(s): Dy, Koo, Fernandez, Perez

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Wu

ALSO PRESENT: Assistant City Manager – Development Services Weiner; City Planner Carlson; Assistant City Attorney Mann; City Engineer Gilbertson; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Community Development Technician Katigbak.

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY:

C/Dy presented information regarding the California State Department of Health Services' guidance and the County of Los Angeles Health Officer Order for the Control of COVID-19. Additionally, informed the audience of the procedures when submitting public comments.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

C/Dy opened Oral Communications for Public Comment(s).

C/Dy closed Oral Communications for Public Comment(s).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. March 4, 2020 (Regular Meeting Minutes).

MOTION ON ITEM 1

PC/Perez moved to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Planning Commission (PC) meeting of March 4, 2020. PC/Fernandez seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Dy, Koo, Fernandez, Perez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Wu

Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

2. **General Plan (GP) Conformity Determination for the Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years (FY) 2020-2021 through 2024-2025.**

SMA/Guerra presented the Staff Report.

C/Dy opened the item for Public Comment(s).

C/Dy closed the item for Public Comment(s).

The PC and Staff briefly discussed the following:

- How and where the unfunded portions of the CIP come from and how they are allocated.
- The status of the aquatic center and the budget review with the City Council (CC).
- Staff further discussed how the restricted funds have to be utilized on amenities such as transit stations and parks.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Dy motioned to approve and adopt Resolution No. 20-05: Finding the CIP, for Fiscal Year(s) 2020-2021 through 2024-2025, consistent with the goals of the City of Walnut's General Plan (WGP). PC/Perez seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Dy, Koo, Fernandez, Perez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Wu

Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

3. VMT Analysis Model: Recommend adoption of the Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) thresholds of significance.

SMA/Guerra presented the Staff Report and introduced the City's consultant Steve Brown whom presented information regarding the VMT Analysis.

The PC and Mr. Brown further discussed the process of the VMT Analysis and the procedures for Developers when it comes to providing traffic and circulation studies.

ACM/Weiner added that Staff would proceed how all CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) documents are processed by having the developer provide a third-party contract that shall be approved by Staff provide the proper analysis for Staff.

PC/Fernandez and Mr. Brown discussed the low VMT areas within the City.

C/Dy opened the item for Public Comment(s).

C/Dy closed the item for Public Comment(s).

PC/Fernandez and Mr. Brown discussed how the VMT Analysis would address current traffic and circulation conditions.

C/Dy inquired about the process and whether or not it would be imposed on the City and if there are any other options.

Mr. Brown stated that it is mandated that a VMT Analysis be implemented and complied with before July 1st, 2020. Mr. Brown further stated that the PC has the discretion on the VMT threshold.

The PC and Staff further discussed the details regarding the VMT threshold numbers.

CE/Gilbertson stated that the purpose of the VMT analysis is to promote more mixed use developments to eliminate long commutes by decreasing VMT numbers and increasing work/home accessibility.

The PC and Staff briefly discussed changes, if any, to the Walnut Zoning Code.

Staff confirmed that submitted projects that are required to comply with CEQA guidelines, after the adoption of the VMT thresholds, must comply with mechanisms to mitigate VMT impacts.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

PC/Perez recommended to the City Council the adoption of the VMT thresholds of significance for the purposes of analyzing transportation impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). PC/Fernandez seconded.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Dy, Koo, Fernandez, Perez
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Wu

Motion passed 4-0.

DICUSSION/TRANSACTION:

None

REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

- ACM/Weiner mentioned that there are several projects lined up for the PC and that meetings will be held virtually via Zoom and that the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020.
- ACM/Weiner briefly mentioned that The Terraces should be a complete package soon for a re-review with the PC.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next Planning Commission Meeting is set for a regular meeting on Wednesday July 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Walnut City Hall (21201 La Puente Road).

Passed and Approved on this 3rd day of June, 2020.



Tom Weiner, Assistant City Manager – Development Services



Chairperson, Heinrich Dy