

**WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** M/Pacheco led the flag salute

**ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Pacheco, MPT/Ching, C/Rodriguez, C/Tragarz, C/Wu  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; Finance Officer Cortez; Deputy Community Services Director Jensen; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; City Planner Carlson; Senior Planner Vasquez; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Senior Management Analyst Guerra; Finance Analyst Meza; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None scheduled.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:**

AA/Markel read into the record an email from Jose Lara that expressed his concerns regarding the reimplementing of overnight parking restrictions.

Michelle Tu inquired what the city was doing to advocate for African Americans in regards to recent police brutality incidents across the county.

Jose Lara expressed concerns regarding the reimplementing of overnight parking restrictions due to the difficulty in obtaining parking permits.

William Harrison expressed concerns regarding the condition of certain properties in the city.

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

**MINUTES:**

**1. Approval of the September 23, 2020 City Council/WHA Meeting**

**MOTION ON ITEM 1**

*C/Wu made a motion to approve Item 1; seconded by C/Rodriguez. Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**2. Francesca Residential Development & Specific Plan:**

- 1. *Mitigated Negative Declaration (Addendum) 2018-01 – Resolution No. 20-71*** – A request to approve an Addendum to the previously approved Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the adjacent residential project at 780 and 808 Francesca Drive (APN'S: 8735-026-170 & 169).
- 2. *Francesca Specific Plan (SP) (Amendment 1) 2018-01 – Resolution No 20-73*** – A request to approve an amendment to the adopted Francesca Specific Plan (Specific Plan 2018-01).
- 3. *Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) 82852 - Resolution No 20-72*** – A request to approve the subdivision of one (1) developed lot (approximately 0.79 acres) into thirteen (13) residential lots and one (1) lettered lot (APN: 8735-026-015).
- 4. *Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2019-079*** – A request to approve the demolition of the existing auto-repair center and to construct thirteen (13) attached, dwelling units, as well as additional site improvements at 788 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-015).
- 5. *Francesca Development Agreement (DA) for 788 Francesca Drive – Ordinance No. 20-02*** - A request for the approval of a DA for the project at 788 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-015).

**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; and
6. Adopt the following Resolutions:

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- a. Adopt Resolution No. 20-71, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California approving Mitigated Negative Declaration (Addendum) 2018-01, for a residential project on a 0.79-acre parcel of land located at 788 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-015)”; and
  - b. Adopt Resolution No. 20-72, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California approving Vesting Tentative Tract Map (VTTM) 82852; a residential subdivision to develop thirteen (13) residential dwellings and other related on-site improvements at 788 Francesca Drive within the C3; Heavy Commercial Zoning District (APN: 8735-026-015)”; and
  - c. Adopt Resolution No. 20-73, “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California approving Francesca Specific Plan (SP) (Amendment 1) 2018-01, and Site Plan and Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2019-079 for a residential project on a 0.79 acre parcel of land located at 788 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-015)”; and
7. Waive further reading and introduce Ordinance No. 20-02, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California approving a Development Agreement for the Francesca Specific Plan residential project located at 788 Francesca Drive (APN: 8735-026-015)”, and agendize for adoption at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of October 28, 2020.

M/Pacheco opened the public hearing.

ACM/Weiner presented the staff report.

AA/Markel read into the record an email from Julia Huang in support for the project.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the project.

There being no further input, C/Rodriguez made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried.

**MOTION ON ITEM 2**

***C/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Item 2; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

3. **Resolution No. 20-75 - Appeal of the Planning Commission’s September 2, 2020 decision to deny Tentative Tract Map (TTM) No. 74221 (Camelback)**

**Recommendation:**

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit public input on this item;
4. Discuss amongst the Council;
5. Close the Public Hearing; and
6. Adopt Resolution No. 20-75:
  - a. Finding that the proposed map along with the design of the proposed subdivision contained in TTM No. 74221 is not consistent with the Walnut General Plan (WGP) and the WGP implementing provisions of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC); and
  - b. Uphold the Planning Commission’s September 2, 2020 unanimous decision to deny TTM No. 74221.

M/Pacheco opened the public hearing.

CP/Carlson presented the staff report.

AA/Markel read into the record emails from Joseph and Robbie Maldonado, Rosa Medina, Randy Smith, and a resident, all of which expressed concerns and opposed the project.

Debbie Lee, Stacy Manfredi, Suzanne Seeget, Mark Matten, Emily Worly, and Aaron Pedersen expressed concerns regarding the project including: proposed plans of the project and the stability of the hills in the areas surrounding the property.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the appeal, the history of the property including the history of landslides in the surrounding areas, the current state of the surrounding hills, and subdivision requirements.

C/Tragarz expressed support for the Planning Commission’s recommendation of denial of the project.

MPT/Ching made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried.

**MOTION ON ITEM 3**

***MPT/Ching made a motion to adopt Item 3; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:***

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

**COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR**

4. **Resolution No. 20-74 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$1,552,279.90, Demand No. 161583 through No. 161673 Both Inclusive**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 20-74.

5. **Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency (COVID-19)**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council find the need to continue the local emergency (COVID-19) consistent with Resolution No. 20-25 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) adopted March 23, 2020 as amended by Resolution No. 20-32 adopted May 13, 2020.

6. **Request to Accept a Donation of \$11,500 from Valley Vista Services and Appropriate the \$11,500 towards Modified City-Wide Fall and Winter Programs**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Accept the donation from Valley Vista Services of \$11,500; and
2. Appropriate the funds towards supplies for City-Wide Fall and Winter Programs (\$11,500 to account #01-9690-6277).

7. **Coronavirus Relief Funds – Allocation for Cities**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council receive and file the October 14, 2020 update.

8. **Notice of Decision – October 7, 2020 Planning Commission (PC) Meeting**

**Recommendation:** That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the PC at its October 7, 2020 Meeting, for the following Project(s):
  - a. Zoning Code Amendment (ZCA) No. 2020-01

**MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 8**

*C/Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Items 4 – 8; seconded by C/Wu. Motion carried by the following voice vote:*

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

**NOES:** **COUNCILMEMBERS: None**

**ABSTAIN:** **COUNCILMEMBERS: None**

**ABSENT:** **COUNCILMEMBERS: None**

**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/Wu stated that he attended the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control meeting.

**B. Individual Members’ comments and updates**

C/Tragarz commented that there are no condominiums in the project next to the Sheriff’s Station.

MPT/Ching asked that people in need of food or masks to contact him.

M/Pacheco shared information regarding the flu shot clinic as well as community events for Halloween.

**COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS:** There was none.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October 2020.**

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Bob Pacheco, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

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Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant