

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; Administrative Services Director Ogawa; City Attorney Leibold; Community Development Director Vasquez; Deputy Community Services Director Barcelo; Administrative Services Manager Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Bumia; Planning and Code Enforcement Manager Guerra; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Management Analyst Ramos; Administrative Assistant Markel and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Jimmy Nih from Walnut United Methodist Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Recognition of Councilmember Pacheco**

Council recognized the many accomplishments of C/Pacheco during his time on the City Council; they thanked him for his service and wished him the best. Various community groups and residents also recognized C/Pacheco.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Richard Macis expressed concerns regarding the increase of gophers in his neighborhood due to adjacent construction.

William Harrison endorsed candidates in the upcoming school board election.

There being no further input, it was unanimously moved by Council to close oral communications; motion carried.

MINUTES:

1. October 12, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION ON ITEM 1

MPT/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Item 1; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

ORDINANCE:

2. Ordinance No. 22-07 - A Request to Rescind Sections 3.48.190 and 3.48.200 of Chapter 3.48 (Offenses) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council waive further reading and introduce by title only Ordinance No. 22-07 “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, rescinding sections 3.48.190 and 3.48.200 of Chapter 3.48 (Offenses) of the Walnut Municipal Code.”

MA/Ramos presented a staff report.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed ordinance.

MOTION ON ITEM 2

C/Pacheco made a motion to approve Item 2; seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3. **The Terraces at Walnut – A request to amend the adopted “The Terraces at Walnut SP”, Development Agreement (DA) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 78210 to allow for an Entry Gate (SPC/AR 2022 – 086) into the Small-Lot and Single-Family District(s), located at the northerly end of the Project site**

Recommendation:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Receive testimony from the Applicant and any other members of the Public regarding the Project;
4. Discuss amongst Council Members;
5. Close the Public Hearing;
6. Take One (1) of the Following Actions:
 - a) Approve the following:
 - i. Ordinance No. 22 – 08: Approving the Amendment to the DA, in substantial form (Exhibit A).
 - ii. Resolution No. 22 – 52: Approving Amendment 1 to the “Terraces at Walnut” Specific Plan, Amendment 1 to TTM 78210, and SPC/AR 2022 – 086, subject to the attached Conditions of Approval (COA) in Exhibit B.
 - b) Deny the request.

M/Wu opened the public hearing.

CDD/Vasquez presented a staff report.

Bob Russi, the applicant representative, provided information on the proposed entry gate as well as an update on the project.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed entry gate.

M/Wu opened public comment.

Teresa De Dios read into the record emails from Janelle Law, Martin and Eileen Robles, Wendy Toy, Vijay Vakil, Charles Issac, William Harrison, Matthew Zanka and 34 other residents opposing the proposed gate.

Robert Anderson, Eric Wang, Larry Lin, Daniel Dang, Sophie Su, Simon Su, Lily Chen, Rowland Heights resident, Diamond Bar resident, Rainbow, Shirley, Grace Wong, Larry Waldie, Jim Dixon Jr., Sophia Liu, Joseph Tang, Dr. Henry Sang, and Annie Wong asked that Council approve the proposed entry gate.

Kevin Bush expressed concerns regarding the gate and asked Council to deny the gate.

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Nadia Anderson expressed safety concerns in her neighborhood.

William Harrison stated that he is in favor of gates, but that every other community should have the right to a gate.

Vijay Vakil expressed concerns regarding The Terraces development and asked Council to deny the gate.

Discussion took place amongst Council and staff regarding the proposed entry gate, public safety concerns, previous gated community requests, the wording of the ordinance, the City’s general plan and specific plan process and the parks in the development.

MPT Tragarz stated that she is against approval of the gate.

C/Freedman expressed concerns approving the gate including access for residents to the gated community and also language in finding d(2) of the ordinance and recital H of the development agreement. She would like Sunjoint to consider other possibilities to increase safety in the development.

CA/Leibold recommend that finding “d(2)” on the ordinance be revised to state: “The Terraces at Walnut project is a residential and commercial project that incorporates parks and open spaces throughout the development. The project incorporates walkability and connectivity opportunities and will establish a new integrated community in Walnut. The proposed amendment authorizing gates and a guardhouse at the sign family neighborhood, promotes property values of the site and properties in the vicinity of the project and is not materially detrimental to the use and enjoyment of properties in the vicinity.” She stated that the alternate language of “d(2)” eliminates the statement that the parks are public though the developer has provided confirmation that the parks will be available via pedestrian access to residents of the city. She clarified regarding recital H of the development agreement, which considers if the proposed amendment is consistent with the general plan and the Terraces specific plan. She stated that Council can revise recital H to state that Council conducted a public hearing introducing the ordinance.

MPT/Tragarz and C/Freedman stated that they would like recital H revised.

MOTION ON ITEM 3

C/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-08 and Resolution No. 22-52 as provided in section 6a of staff’s recommendation with the recommended language suggested by the City Attorney regarding finding d(2) of Ordinance No. 22-08 and recital H of the Development Agreement, seconded by C/Ching. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

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

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

4. **Resolution No. 22-53 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$774,136.64 Demand No. 165266 through No. 165344, Both Inclusive, Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-53.

5. **Ordinance No. 22-06 – Electronic and Digital Signatures**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council waive further reading and adopt by title only Ordinance No. 22-06, “An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Walnut, County of Los Angeles, California, Adding Chapter 1.08.085 (Electronic and Digital Signatures) to Title 1 (General Provisions and Administration) of the Walnut Municipal Code (WMC) Relating to Electronic and Digital Signatures on Documents Used and Accepted by the City of Walnut.”

6. **Re-Appropriation of Unspent Capital Improvement ARPA and Measure W Funds for the Diversity Plaza Project from Fiscal Year 2021-22 to Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Re-Appropriate \$60,000.00 from Measure W Fund Reserves (29) to the Diversity Plaza - Creekside Park Project for storm water infrastructure improvements; and
2. Re-Appropriate \$300,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Reserves (08) to the Diversity Plaza – Creekside Creek Park Project.

7. **Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group for \$57,837.10 to Purchase and Install Phase One of Interior LED Lighting Retrofit at City Hall, Senior Center, and Gymnasium/Teen Center**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Agreement for Vendor Services with Facility Solutions Group in the amount of \$57,837.10 for the purchase and installation of Phase One of Interior LED Lighting Retrofit at City Hall, Senior Center, and Gymnasium/Teen Center;
2. Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract on behalf of the City in substantially the form attached and in such final form as approved by the City Attorney; and
3. Authorize staff to issue a Purchase Order to Facility Solutions Group in the amount of \$57,837.10.

MOTION ON ITEMS 4 - 7

C/Pacheco made a motion to adopt Items 4 - 7; seconded by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: **COUNCILMEMBERS:** *Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, 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

MPT/Tragarz shared information from a San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments meeting.

M/Wu shared information from a Sanitation District meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

Council invited the community to attend the city’s Halloween event.

C/Freedman congratulated Rowland Unified for their golden bell award received. She thanked C/Pacheco for his positive impact on the City.

C/Pacheco thanked Council, residents, and staff for everything during his time on the City Council.

C/Ching wished C/Pacheco the best and thanked him for all of his efforts.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

RECESS CITY COUNCIL TO THE WALNUT HOUSING AUTHORITY MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER: Authority Chair Wu called the meeting to order at 10:58 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR HOUSING AUTHORITY:

There being no one present wishing to speak, it was unanimously moved by the Authority to close oral communications; motion carried.

AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARINGS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY CONSENT CALENDAR:

8. **Resolution No. 22-11 WHA - A Resolution of the Walnut Housing Authority Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$31,270.37 Demand No. 100424 through No. 100425, Both Inclusive Fiscal Year 2022-23**

Recommendation: That the Authority adopt Resolution No. 22-11 WHA.

MOTION ON ITEM 8

VC/Tragarz made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by AM/Pacheco. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu*

NOES: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSTAIN:*AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

ABSENT: *AUTHORITYMEMBERS: None*

AUTHORITY DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY LATE BUSINESS: None scheduled.

AUTHORITY ADJOURNS TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the regular meeting at 11:02 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of December 2022.

Dr. Allen Wu, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant