

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus Governor Newsom has issued Executive Orders that temporarily suspend requirements of the Brown Act. Please be advised that the Council Chambers are closed to the public and that some, or all, of the Gardena City Council Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California: Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding

1. ROLL CALL

Present via teleconference: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis. Other City officials and employees present via teleconference: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not present.

2. CLOSED SESSION – No Items

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Nickolas Escobar and Cherish Reese, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nickolas and Cherish both attend Robert E. Peary Middle School. Nickolas Escobar demonstrates outstanding leadership skills, and his 8th grade peers elected him as President of the Eight Grade Student Body Association. Cherish Reese demonstrates outstanding leadership skills as well, and her 7th grade peers elected her as the Vice-President of the Seventh Grade Student Body Association.

B. INVOCATION

Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS – No Items

B. PROCLAMATIONS

- (1) "BLACK HISTORY MONTH," February 2021
- *was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda*

C. APPOINTMENTS – *No Appointments were made*

- (1) Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils, and Boards
(Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn In)
- (a) Human Services Commission
 - (b) Planning and Environmental Quality Commission
 - (c) Recreation and Parks Commission
 - (d) Senior Citizens Commission
 - (e) Gardena Youth Commission
 - (f) Gardena Beautification Committee

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

C. APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

- (g) Gardena Economic Business Advisory Council
- (h) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Owner Representative
- (i) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Tenant Representative
- (j) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, At-Large Representative

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA AND THAT THEY BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

B. CITY CLERK

- (1) Minutes of
 - (a) **Approved:** Regular Meeting of the City Council, December 15, 2020
- (2) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on February 5, 2021

C. CITY TREASURER

- (1) **Approved:** Warrants / Payroll Register
 - (a) February 9, 2021: Wire Transfer: 11962-11963, 11965-11973; Prepay: 161949-161954; Check Nos. 161955-162116 - for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,808,958.74; Total Payroll Issued for January 29, 2021: \$1,814,511.20.
- (2) **Approved:** Monthly Portfolio
 - (a) November 2020
 - (b) December 2020

D. CITY MANAGER

- (1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2021-03
- (2) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6495 - Reaffirming Proclamation and Resolution No. 6441, which declared the Existence of Local Emergency

RESOLUTION NO. 6495

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 6441 WHICH DECLARED THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

- (3) **Approved:** REC - Revisions of the Seniors Citizens Commission "Guidelines & Procedures" Booklet

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar:

Ayes: Council Members Kaskanian and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Francis and Mayor Cerda
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. FEBRUARY 2, 2021, MEETING – *Meeting Cancelled*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Wendy Lee, Mayme Dear Library Manager: the library will continue to offer sidewalk services, residents can pick up their holds in a safe and convenient way. All eight of our laptop and hotspot kits, mentioned on the previous meeting, are currently checked out but patrons can put them on hold for when they become available. Lastly, I would like to highlight one of our upcoming virtual programs on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. there will be an African American Genealogy Workshop and you can find more information on www.lacountylibrary.org.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – No Items

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No Items

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

(1) COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

There was a discussion which included the Mayor and Council; Mayor Cerda asked to her understanding when a person gets their first vaccination, they will receive an email to register for the second dosage? Also, stated that it is important for people to know that the email does not automatically schedule the appointment, they have to re-register for the second dosage. City Manager Osorio confirmed that the information was correct, and the LA County website lists three different second dose areas – megapods not counting the pharmacies and whatnot, it's easier to go back to the same location where the first dose was received. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked, regarding our MOU and when we enact our MPOD; how much lead time will we need to make sure we are ready to go, where we need to provide the space and the county will take care of the rest? City Manager Osorio replied we need a few days of lead time just to get our people ready to facilitate the type of infrastructure needed for an MPOD, obviously if you have seen the megapod it is a lot bigger, bigger scale operations you know it will operate like a megapod but on a smaller scale, but we would need a few days obviously for us to activate our pods. We are just waiting for LA County to give us the word to activate it, obviously it's all dependent on the supply of the vaccine because they do not want to activate an MPOD where they are just going to be shutting it down a couple of days because of lack of availability of the vaccine. Mayor Cerda and Council thanked City Manager Osorio for the update.

D. PUBLIC WORKS – No Items

E. POLICE – No Items

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – No Items

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

G. TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between City of Gardena and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Measure R Clean Fuel Bus Capital Facilities and Rolling Stock Program

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson explained that now that he is getting intimate with the Air Quality Management District, regarding all the things that we are doing to reduce our greenhouse and gas emissions. Are we getting close to some good numbers, regarding our waste haulers as well as our buses? They are having a good lower carbon footprint. City Manager Osorio replied, obviously rolling stock is defined as you know buses. The last time our Transportation Director explained to us the allocation or the split between hybrid versus full electric buses, I believe its 80/20, so until we get to a comfortable base where you are moving more and more into full electric buses, it's going to take some time before we get to know a much lower carbon footprint now obviously we have some natural gas buses that we're going to procure over the years that improves it, but it doesn't completely eliminate the greenhouse gas effect.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve MOU:

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Henderson and Council Members Tanaka, Kaskanian, Francis, and Mayor Cerda
Noes: None
Absent: None

- (2) Approve Purchase of up to Nineteen (19) BigBelly Receptacles from Waxie in the amount of \$210,735.20.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Transportation Director Ernie Crespo gave a Power Point presentation.

There was discussion which included Mayor and Council; Mayor Cerda asked Director Crespo, on the map you showed 14 locations for the trash cans, but we are purchasing 19, where will the other five be located? Director Crespo showed a list of the 19 locations that are being recommended based on ridership, proximity to busy traffic areas, pedestrian traffic areas, bus stops and activity centers. They are prioritized by which ones are maintained by the city, which ones were maintained by WRG and then all the others are maintained by G-Trans. Mayor Cerda also wanted confirmation that all trash cans are located within the City of Gardena and not in other cities or anywhere else we have bus stops. Mayor Cerda asked a second question; on one of the slides shown, she noticed where they had some graphics on the trash cans, are we going to have the Gardena and G-Trans graphics on ours? Director Crespo replied, our intention was that we were going to deploy them the way Santa Monica picture looked - without the graphics, for cost reasons and then figure out if we can get a better price by working with some of our local vendors who can do wraps or other designs. Mayor Cerda stated, just so I understand, for instance when we pick up the trash from the receptacles and take it back to G-Trans we are putting them in a bigger bin and then WRG will come there and pick-up the trash like they would normally? Director Crespo explained the new difference will be that WRG is going to put; just for illustration purposes, a new blue bin in the bus yard and a new blue bin at Public Works yard, so we'll grab that trash put it into the blue bin not the black bin and then they will send a blue truck in essence to pick up the recycling.

Council Member Tanaka asked if somebody is going to separate out the site recyclables from the trash, because not everybody is going to conform and put recyclables in recyclables. Director Crespo replied that it will be WRG's job, and the cans and bottles will all be in the blue recycling bin assuming they put them in there and then they will get transported to WRG, and then WRG is required to sort it at their facility so if there is ever, bottles in the black trash can they are required to sort out at their facility.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

G. TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

- (2) Approve Purchase of up to Nineteen (19) BigBelly Receptacles from Waxie in the amount of \$210,735.20
(Continued)

Council Member Kaskanian asked, how heavy are the bins? Director Crespo replied that the bin with trash can be up to 150 pounds and was unsure of the total weight of the bin itself. Council Member Kaskanian asked this question because he has seen several trash cans tumbled onto the street or on the sidewalk. On several occasions he had to remove the trash bins from the street and put it back onto the sidewalk. He is also worried about people vandalizing the trash bins. Director Crespo replied that the bins are bolted down and cannot be tampered with. Also added that we cannot prevent graffiti from happening but tipping over, that should not happen. Council Member Kaskanian suggested that our local Gardena school students should design something, and we can wrap the trash cans with the students designs, as other cities have done. City Manager Osorio added that at the very least we're going to be placing our city seal on them.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, thanked Director Crespo for the thorough presentation and is very excited for the City to get modernize to this degree. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson directed his question to City Manager Osorio, Since G-Trans cannot carry Public Works, have they researched getting grant funding regarding expanding this capability to some of the other places where we have receptacles? City Manager Osorio replied, this is a Pilot Program, that is going to be led by G-Trans. Obviously, if there's grants out there that we can utilize; lets say from Cal Recycle or any other grants, absolutely, we would be taking full advantage of them and utilizing these modern ways of making sure our facilities are clean and reducing the amount of times that we pick up the trash, because Director Crespo has noted it's a lot better if you're compacting and reducing the number of times you actually empty the trash, so yes, we will be looking at this Pilot Program and then hopefully we can expand to our facility. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked, if we have a log for the asset and total number of remaining receptacles in the city? City Manager Osorio replied that the information will need to be obtained and we have a mixture of receptacles; WRG supplied, and city owned.

Council Member Francis asked, Director Crespo you mentioned that there is a software involved that triggers when the trash needs to be emptied; is there some type of service agreement to maintain the software and any upgrades? Director Crespo replied yes there is, it is part of our five-year plan that we're entering, a contract with a licensing agreement that maintains all the licenses every year and any updates and there is a one-year warranty on any malfunctions. Secondly, Council Member Francis asked, if the exterior of the trash bins are graffiti resistant or are they coated in some type of paint that will prevent graffiti and make it easier to clean? Director Crespo replied, honestly that is what the wrap is for, to add an extra layer of protection and we are going to research. They are tough and can withhold some tampering, but I cannot say they are 100% graffiti proof because that is just the reality. Council Member Francis also asked, you say it can compact up to 150 gallons of waste; at what point or at what percentage do the big belly receptacles need to be emptied? Director Crespo replied that is something we are going to evaluate. We do not believe we are going to let it go to 150 because now we have the technology that will alert us, and the system allows for a threshold to be set up. Lastly, Council Member Francis asked, how tall are the receptacles and or what are the measurement dimensions? Director Crespo replied, so I believe they are 49.8 inches so about 50 inches almost 5 feet; City Manager Osorio added they're about four feet or a little bit over four feet; like a large capacity mailbox. Council Member Francis continued with her question; so, the opening is it at the top or the side? How does the opening work since they are about four feet? Director Crespo stated that the opening is like a mailbox and there is a foot pedal at the bottom that somebody can step on in case they do not want to hold the handle. City Manager Osorio requested to go back to the presentation – the picture of the big belly receptacle with pedals was shown. There is a handle on the top and then there is a foot pedal on the bottom. A previous discussion took place about adding graphics on the bottom that shows patrons how to use the petal and encourage them to use the pedals more often for sanitary purposes. Director Crespo added that this picture shows the messaging panels that will be added to our cans, that is another area that we will be able to put messaging for the community or our city logo or any other information we might want to share. Council Member Francis thanked Director Crespo for his presentation and is happy to see some improvements, because our trash receptacles at the bus stops are a problem (not at every bus stop). She is happy to see this.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

G. TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

- (2) Approve Purchase of up to Nineteen (19) BigBelly Receptacles from Waxie in the amount of \$210,735.20 (Continued)

Mayor Cerda asked Director Crespo, would the company place the “use this foot pedal here” stickers on the receptacles, so that we do not have to purchase it? Director Crespo replied that we will follow-up and believes our staff internally was already working on sticker design from a local dealer decal. Mayor Cerda added this is great for Gardena, we are moving towards the more modern era with alerts that will send us a text to “take out the trash”.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Purchase:

Ayes: Council Member Francis and Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Tanaka, Kaskanian, and Mayor Cerda
Noes: None
Absent: None

- (3) Authorization to Purchase One Patrol Vehicle from National Auto Fleet Group for GTrans’ 8 Metro Service in the amount of \$41,616 and Expend Build-Out Costs in the amount of \$13,187.36.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Purchase:

Ayes: Council Members Kaskanian and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Francis and Mayor Cerda
Noes: None
Absent: None

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Kaskanian

- (1) Asked for the memo regarding updates to Banning of Flavored Tobacco in the City, from the previous year. (Mayor Pro Tem Henderson gave a second).

Mayor Cerda and Council Member Tanaka commented that the city did “banned it”. City Attorney Vasquez added, that the State of California passed a bill that banned it, however the referendum there was sufficient signatures that were collected, what I can do is prepare a memo as to the current state of the law and what happened with that state bill that banned flavor tobacco and then provide Council some options that it has moving forward until that ballot measure comes to the constituents, which will be in November of 2022.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson

- (1) Requested for a City comparative study for Centinela Youth Services and our Gardena Juvenile Justice Intervention Program (Council Member Tanaka gave a second).

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES (Continued)

Council Member Tanaka

- (1) Reported that on Western Ave. at 166th Street, on the number two lane right at the intersection, the asphalt is starting to sink (Directive not required).

Council Member Francis

- (1) Asked for an update of the COVID Rental Relief Program (Directive not required).

City Manager Osorio replied we are currently in the middle of the process of dispersing the COVID-19 relief. Once the program is complete a report will be provided including the number of participants; how much funds are left. The report will be like the first COVID relief funding. There is no need for a directive, information will be provided anyways.

- (2) Asked for an update of the Business COVID Relief Program (Directive not required).

City Manager Osorio replied that the program had to reopen for a second time, and we had some money left over because there were not too many participants. Once the program is complete, a report and follow up will be provided.

C. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

City Manager Osorio gave a verbal report of information to follow-up on matters that had been directed or requested by the Mayor and Members of Council. Those items were, as follows:

- (1) Annual Report of Statistics for our Gardena Juvenile Justice and Intervention Program, also known as GJJIP, that covers from January to December 2020;
- (2) Sophos Information Report and Cyber Insurance Provider;
- (3) Memo for Illegal RV parking between 177th and 182nd Street;
- (4) Acknowledge the Gardena Memorial Hospital, Gardena Senior Bureau and Gardena Special Transit; and
- (5) City 90th Anniversary Video.

D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN – Since the last meeting, he volunteered for about four to five hours in the valley area driving seniors to get vaccinated; he helped a total of 50 seniors. Today, he donated blood and said he hopes he can save some lives; he asked about the process after donating blood and he was told that it goes through filters and whatever is needed to separate. Since he did have COVID, he is hoping the antibody test comes back positive so it can really help others.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – Since the last meeting, he attended the SBCCOG Board meeting; some highlights are that a lot of people are interested in the Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) new construction and remodeling; their target date is 2028. They are trying to have it completed for the Olympics but the public needs to know that the LAWA will be accepting comments on this project up until March 15th, so if anyone has something to ask or complain about now is the time to ask.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

D. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

(2) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA (Continued)

Rex Richardson, President of SCAG told them a few things about the plan; one was to address critical issues like digital divide. Tell everything on repurposing land and talked a lot about housing and that there is a forecast up to 2045. He said they are talking about 10 million jobs and 7.6 million households and a population of about 22.5 million. He also talked about transportation needs, modernization all with the transportation infrastructures and the greenhouse gasses. There is an annual general assembly of the COG coming up and that is going to be March 18th so anyone wishing to view please go to the South Bay Council of Governments website and anyone can register and go online to see what is happening in the South Bay Cities. South Bay fiber network is moving along and had a conversation with Mayor Pro Tem Henderson that there is money available for fiber cites and they will be seeking what else they can ask for. Lastly, the CERT serving areas are still discussing the possibility of getting their own health department within the South Bay, but his committee is working on getting it done. He also attended the city's Housing Element Workshop, he thanked everyone for the update. Monday was the South Bay COG's Steering Committee meeting, and they will be getting ready for the next board meeting. He also attended the blood drive and thanked Stephany and UCLA for planning the event and reiterated that donating blood can save at least one if not three lives. He encourages everyone to donate blood. Then, he wanted to apologize to the GTrans family he stopped by the memorial yesterday, but he got an emergency call that one of his great friends was at Peninsula in San Pedro Little Company and is blessed he was able to see him because by the time he saw him and came home he had passed away, again he wanted to apologize to GTrans, but he knows they will understand.

- (3) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – He wanted to give a shout out to the GTrans family for the event they held for the fallen operator and was not able to make it, he had a work obligation and could not get away from that. He does send his prayers and condolences on his behalf as well on behalf of the Council. Since the last meeting, he has been doing a lot of SCAG work and he is now the alternate on the mobile source air pollution reduction review committee. As he attended the regional Council Meeting, they are putting together a broadband action plan as they start addressing the digital divide which has been highlighted due to the pandemic and he talked about the South Bay fiber network and the things that the City of Gardena is doing to position itself to start creating a bridge over that digital divide for the community. He was also at the SCAG race equity and they had a discussion of other things related to what the pandemic has shown in the income inequality, social injustices and that some of the things that are happening can be considered a public health issue, especially as they look into who is getting access to the COVID vaccine. He was also on a call with LA County Public Health, and they are just waiting for supply and they hope they can really roll out the vaccine so that everyone can get back to whatever the new society will be. He participated in the youth event at New Mount Calvary Baptist Church here in Los Angeles County and he would like to thank Yvette Benjamin for inviting him, Reverend Sonia Dawson for having him talk to the youth regarding being politically engaged and active and believes there's good leaders that are coming up behind us. He attended the Gardena Housing Workshop; it was great and very informative, he wanted to thank staff for the information they provided. He also mentioned there is going to be an 8064 memorial for those that have lost a loved one to COVID-19, Assembly Member Mike Gibson will have a memorial and will forward the information to the Mayor, City Manager. He commented that the video was great and that six minutes was not long enough and believes that we all can watch that forever and ever, he wanted to share a fun fact and said that when he got his first apartment, he got his furniture from Nader's. He wanted to remind everyone that it is Black History Month and to celebrate, Black History is American History and we all have contributed to the fabric of American society.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

E. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

- (4) MAYOR CERDA – She attended a virtual Zoom Indigenous Municipal official meeting, where other Native American elected officials from all different states got together to talk about different issues as it relates to Native Americans in our community, she mentioned that we have a very small Native American Community in Gardena, so she did not have that much to report for our City, and it was a great meeting with other elected officials who were Native American. She also attended the Housing Element Workshop as it was said earlier, had a lot of good information and staff did an amazing job presenting; we all constantly learn something every time you attend one of these meetings. She would like to send a special thank you to the police, Senior Bureau, and Gardena Memorial Hospital as a couple of weeks ago they had some seniors call and asked if they would be able to get the vaccine here in Gardena. Chief Saffell and Stephany Santin both got on it right away with Gardena Memorial Hospital. They were able to get a couple of dates together so that our seniors would be able to get in there and get their vaccines. She appreciated how quickly and how thoroughly they went about getting that done because our seniors were concerned of how far they would have had to get transported. She wanted to talk more about Mike Gibson's Virtual COVID-19 Memorial Ceremony and would be Friday, March 5, 2021 and will forward the flyer to the City and all the Councilmembers; anyone can submit the person's name and their name will be read off during the service and it will be at Roosevelt Memorial Park, they have time to submit their information and would like everyone to let people know and this is a nice way of us being able to recognize those that we've lost during the COVID pandemic. Lastly, she would like to let everyone know that one of the committees she sits on is the LA Sanitation Board and they're going to have a virtual tour of a food waste facility in January of 2022. Assembly Bill 1826 and Senate Bill 1383 will require us to all divert our food waste into separate trash cans and to watch the process of what's going to look like once we separated our food into these trash bins there will be a virtual tour and she will submit the information over to City Hall and it will take place Thursday, February 18 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, February 20 at 9 a.m. and hopefully they can post on the website.
- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – Since the last meeting, she attended the Los Angeles Business Journal and Economic forecast and trends virtual conference; during the conference we talked about COVID impacts on children on the new business models and how it is changing what we normally think of as the regular business model, how we approach business and help force business to be more efficient and that is what they do. She then mentioned that, along with Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, she attended the Calvary Youth Adult Speak Up event where the youth get involved with political action to activity and engagement, which she enjoyed. She believes it is a good opportunity to talk to our young adults about becoming more involved and active in our process, she also participated in the Housing Element Workshop and she learned a lot as well and shared this is a different process for her being a Councilmember as opposed to being a regular resident and it was a good experience and staff did a phenomenal job. She then said that before we meet the next time, we will be celebrating Happy Valentine's Day and because of the pandemic everyone will have to get creative in celebrating this holiday and would like to encourage everyone if they have children to make it a little special for them this year because normally, they bring all their Valentine cards, exchange gifts and because of the pandemic they are not able to do that. She would like to encourage everyone to do something small for the children since school is their social network and unfortunately because of the pandemic they do not have that; she suggested that everyone go the extra mile this year because it's different and challenging. She would also like to celebrate the contributions of Black Americans to our history this Black History Month and it is expressed significantly because of our newly elected Vice-President Kamala Harris. Lastly, she would like to encourage everyone to hang in there and that she knows everyone is getting tired of the pandemic but encourages everyone to wear their mask, wash their hands, keep their distance and that we all will get through this.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS – No Items

11. REMEMBRANCES

Gerald Gottwala, 88 years of age, beloved Father-in-Law of Richard Gray, Home Improvement Maintenance Helper in the Public Works Department.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourn to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

MINA SEMENZA
City Clerk of the City of Gardena and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda
Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: Becky Romero
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk