

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, October 22, 2019

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22, 2019, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Art Kaskanian; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Dan Medina; and Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka. Other City officials and employees present: Interim City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Peter L. Wallin; Deputy City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not in attendance.

At 7:10 p.m., the City Council recessed into Closed Session in the Management Information Center of the Council Chamber at City Hall, with the following in attendance: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Art Kaskanian; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Dan Medina; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Interim City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Peter L. Wallin; Deputy City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Human Resources Manager Nora Verceles.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6

- (1) Agency Designated Representative:
Clint Osorio, Interim City Manager
Employee Organizations:
Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA)
Mike Sargent, Association President
Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO)
Vicky L. Barker, Attorney
Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA)
Fred G. Quiel, Attorney
Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:00 p.m., and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members who were present at the meeting.

When City Attorney Wallin was asked if there were any reportable actions from the Closed Session, he stated that no reportable action had been taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kellya Rojas and Valentina Martinez-Garcia led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Kellya and Valentina attend Gardena High School. They were selected to represent Gardena High School, as both are excellent students and valued members of the Gardena Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Task Force. They thanked the Council for inviting them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Continued)

B. INVOCATION

The Reverend Rick Fasullo, Pastor of New Hope Fellowship, in Gardena, led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Gardena Military Veteran Recognition to Honor Veteran Mr. Darryll A. Holguin, who served in the U.S. Army. *Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian acknowledged Mr. Holguin thanking him for his service and presented him with a City of Gardena Veterans Commemorative Coin. Mayor Tasha Cerda read a brief Biography. Also, on behalf of California Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, Council Member Henderson read the text of a Certificate of Recognition and it was presented to Mr. Holguin. Mr. Holguin was given an opportunity to speak, and appropriate photos were taken.*
- (2) Certificate of Recognition to the Honorable City of Gardena Council Member Mark E. Henderson, for his Service to Gardena and other communities as 2018-2019 President of the Independent Cities Association – *was accepted by Council Member Mark E. Henderson*
- (3) Certificate of Commendation to Sergeant Nicholas Pepper in Special Recognition of his Retirement and long-time service to the City of Gardena – *was accepted by Sergeant Nicholas Pepper. Also, on behalf of the Gardena Police Department, Interim Police Chief Michael Saffell spoke, thanking Sergeant Pepper for his years of service and congratulating him on his Retirement.*
- (4) Presentation Honoring the City of Gardena as Finalist in 2019 Most Business-Friendly City in Los Angeles Award – *was presented by Senior Business Assistance Director Barbara Levine of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. Economic Development Manager Spencer Dela Cruz assisted with the presentation.*
- (5) LACSD [Los Angeles County Sanitation District] Project in Gardena – Gardena Pump Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project – *was presented by LACSD Project Engineer Alice Kuo*

B. PROCLAMATIONS

- (1) “100th Anniversary of the Passing of the 19th Amendment,” August 2019 to August 2020 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda*
- (2) “Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week,” October 6-12, 2019 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda*
- (3) “Gardena National Red Ribbon Week,” October 23 through 31, 2019 – *was accepted by Traci Saruwatari, Community Organizer for AADAP [Asian American Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program] and Advisor to G-DAAP [Gardena Drug & Alcohol Prevention] Gardena High School Task Force*

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

C. APPOINTMENTS – *No Appointments were made*

- (1) Council Appoints to Commissions, Committee, Board, and Council
(Planning and Environmental Quality Commission Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn in;
Other Commission, Committee, Council, and Board Appointees to be Ratified Only)
 - (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
 - (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) **Approved**: Minutes of
 - (a) Gardena City Council Regular Meeting, September 24, 2019
- (2) **Approved**: Affidavit of Posting Agenda on October 18, 2019

C. CITY TREASURER

- (1) **Approved**: Warrants / Payroll Registers
 - (a) October 8, 2019: Prepay: 156030-156044; Check Nos. 156045-156198; for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,396,368.47; Total Payroll Issued for September 27, 2019: \$2,113,269.77.
 - (b) October 22, 2019: Prepay: 156199-156201; Check Nos 156202-156421; for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,970,981.81; Total Payroll Issued for October 11, 2019: \$1,675,270.32.

D. CITY MANAGER

- (1) **Approved**: Personnel Report No. P-2019-18
- (2) **Approved**: Final Tract Map No. 082263, 1417 West 141st Street
- (3) **Approved**: Acceptance of Project and Notice of Completion, Crenshaw Blvd Street Improvement Project, JN 925 Sequel Contractors, Inc.
- (4) **Approved**: Acceptance of Projects and Notice of Completion, Sewer Rehabilitation 2016, Various Locations, JN 895 National Plant Services

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

- (5) **Approved:** Purchase of Inverters from NFI Parts – The Aftermarket Parts Company, LLC in the Amount of \$79,922.
- (6) **Approved:** Agreement Amendment with Macro, A Division of Ross & Baruzzini, for a Contract Amendment Total of \$134,400 and a Project Total of \$147,800.
- (7) **Approved:** Agreement Amendment with Iteris Inc., for a Contract Amendment Total of \$970,011 and a Program Total of \$1,067,012.

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

Ayes: Council Members Medina and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

- A. OCTOBER 1, 2019, MEETING – *Meeting Cancelled*
- B. OCTOBER 15, 2019, MEETING – *Meeting Cancelled*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Charleta Williams, resident: asked Council if there are plans to raise the City's sales tax.
- (2) Benjamin Butler, resident: spoke about sidewalks and road conditions within the City and asked Council if they would investigate repairing them.
- (3) Traci Saruwatari, representative from AADAP: announced that, on Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., they will be hosting a prescription disposal event call "Prescription Drug Take Back" in front of the Gardena Police Station and, for the first time, include the disposal for E cigarette cartridges.
- (4) Korie, Andrea, Lisbeth, Kellya and Valentina, participants in the AADAP program: All spoke regarding their first-hand experiences regarding public and in-school vaping and their health concerns.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- (1) City of Gardena Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Update through September 30, 2019

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

This Item was Received and Filed

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(1) PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Wireless Facilities Zoning Code Ordinance Amendment and Adoption of Wireless Policy

(a) ORDINANCE NO. 1806, Adopting Chapter 18.70 to Regulate Wireless Facilities Deployments on Private and Public Property, and in Public Rights-of Way, and Amending Gardena Municipal Code Chapters as Related to Wireless Facilities

ORDINANCE NO. 1806

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, ADOPTING CHAPTER 18.70 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE WIRELESS FACILITIES DEPLOYMENTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND IN THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 18.04, CHAPTER 18.22, CHAPTER 18.24, CHAPTER 18.26, CHAPTER 18.30, CHAPTER 18.32, CHAPTER 18.34, CHAPTER 18.36, AND CHAPTER 18.44, ALL AS RELATED TO WIRELESS FACILITIES

(b) RESOLUTION NO. 6403, Adoption of a Policy Regarding Wireless Facilities, as Set Forth the in Gardena Municipal Code Section 18.70.010

RESOLUTION NO. 6403

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING WIRELESS FACILITIES AS SET FORTH IN GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 18.70.010

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:08 p.m. and asked if there were any comments. There were no comments from the public.

Dr. Jonathan Kramer Esq., of Telecom Law Firm, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

There was a discussion which included Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Members Henderson and Tanaka and Dr. Jonathan Kramer regarding the number of cell sites in our City and asking how close they would be to one another, if we would maintain local control; and if we have the control to stop carriers from contacting private property owners. Dr. Kramer explained that the cell sites would be close and now that we are transitioning to 5G it will work to reduce the area coverage of each cell site. He continued to say that we have the right to determine where the cell sites go and how they look; Federal and State law allows us to regulate the aesthetics; we are not allowed to say no to where and how. He continued, saying that we would have the control to stop carriers from contacting private property owners. Council Member Tanaka thanked Attorney Kranitz for looking out for us.

Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 9:14 p.m.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

- (1) PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption of Wireless Facilities Zoning Code Ordinance Amendment and Adoption of Wireless Policy (Continued)

Ordinance No. 1806 was Introduced by Council Member Medina

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6403:

Ayes: Council Members Tanaka and Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: None

- (2) PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, and Call for Review of Planning Commission Action Approving Site Plan Review (SPR #11-18) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM #6-18), All Relating to a 114-Unit Townhome Community Located at 1515 W. 178th Street and Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for All Actions and Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Tentative Tract Map and Site Plan Review (APNs: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041) (EA #20-18).

- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6405, Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration for a General Plan Amendment (GPA #2-18), Zone Change (ZC #3-18), Tentative Tract Map (TTM #6-18), and Site Plan Review (SPR #11-18) Relating to the Property Located at 1515 W. 178th Street and Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Tentative Tract Map and Site Plan Review

RESOLUTION NO. 6405

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT #2-18 AND ZONE CHANGE 3-18 CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1515 WEST 178TH STREET FROM INDUSTRIAL WITH A MIXED USE OVERLAY TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION ON MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM FOR A TRACT MAP AND SITE PLAN FOR 114 UNITS

(GPA #2-18; ZC #3-18; APNS: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041)

- (b) RESOLUTION NO. 6406, Approving a General Plan Amendment (GPA #2-18) from Industrial with a Mixed-Use Overlay to High Density Residential, relating to the 5.63 Acre Property Located at 1515 W. 178th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 6406

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT #2-18 CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED 1515 WEST 178TH STREET FROM INDUSTRIAL WITH A MIXED-USE OVERLAY TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

(GPA #2-18; APNS: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041)

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

- (2) PUBLIC HEARING: Adoption a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, and Call for Review of Planning Commission Action Approving Site Plan Review (SPR #11-18) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM #6-18), All Relating to a 114-Unit Townhome Community Located at 1515 W. 1 78th Street and Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for All Actions and Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Tentative Tract Map and Site Plan Review (APNs: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041) (EA #20-18).
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- (c) ORDINANCE NO. 1808, Approving a Zone Change from General Industrial (M-2) with a Mixed-Use Overlay (MUO) to High Density Multiple-Family Residential (R-4) for the Property Located at 1515 W. 178th Street (*Introduced by Council Member Tanaka*).

ORDINANCE NO. 1808

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, APPROVING ZONE CHANGE #3-18 CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1515 WEST 178TH STREET FROM GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (M-2) WITH A MIXED-USE OVERLAY (MUO) TO HIGH DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-4)

(ZC #3-18; APNS: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041)

- (d) RESOLUTION NO. 6412, Acting Upon the Call for Review and Approving a Tentative Tract Map (TTM #6-18, TTM #82390) and Site Plan Review (SPR #11-18) All Relating to the Property Located at 1515 W. 178th Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 6412

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A TENTATIVE TRACT MAP AND SITE PLAN ON THE CALL FOR REVIEW RELATING TO THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1515 WEST 178TH STREET

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:40 p.m. and asked if there were any comments.

Raymond Barragan, City of Gardena Director of Community Development Department, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Those who spoke in opposition of the Project: Eva M. Matte (resident); Terri Haase (resident). Ms. Haase also presented Mayor and Council with a petition signed by residents of the area in opposition of the Project.

Those who spoke in favor of the Project: Margie Hoyt (resident) and Maria Horton (representative of Garden West Estates that adjoins the subject property).

Mr. Chad Brown, Vice President of Melia Homes, thanked City Staff and then gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed project; and was available for any questions.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

- (2) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Adoption a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, and Call for Review of Planning Commission Action Approving Site Plan Review (SPR #11-18) and Tentative Tract Map (TTM #6-18), All Relating to a 114-Unit Townhome Community Located at 1515 W. 1 78th Street and Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for All Actions and Adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Tentative Tract Map and Site Plan Review (APNs: 6106-013-040 and 6106-013-041) (EA #20-18).
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There was a lengthy discussion which included Mayor Cerda, Council Members Medina, Tanaka and Henderson, and Mayor Pro Tem, Kaskanian regarding whether an Environmental Impact Report had been done and if the ingress and egress were approved; it was also discussed about putting a light on 178th and Western because during mid-day with all the families coming in and out of the complex could produce a lot of traffic; it was also discussed that if a signal was installed perhaps Torrance would need to buy in. Another concern that was brought up was if the swimming pool and recreation area are large enough, and if there would be parking on the street; if a study could be done on implementing parking districts and possibly putting speed bumps on LaSalle; if garages could be converted to ADU's; the number of complaints the City received when Road Ex was occupying the space; the cost and size of the units; fire exits and the number of fire hydrants; the lighting throughout the complex; possibly adding a stripe and speed bumps on 178th. Acting Community Development Director Ray Barragan stated yes to the Environmental Impact Report and that the Fire Marshall approved the ingress/egress; that a traffic analysis was done and Sri Chakravarthy of Kimberly Horn & Associates gave additional information regarding the traffic study; Mr. Barragan stated that they have not looked into implement a parking district in that area; Mr. Brown indicated that some of the units would be 1500-1890 square feet and the price would range from \$550,000 to \$625,000 for 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units; he indicated that there would be 5 fire hydrants inside and 2 on each side of the street; that lighting would be throughout the parking lot, throughout low-level pedestrian ballards and light accentuating the landscape trees; he also proposed a 6-foot wall go between the complex and the mobile home park. Attorney Kranitz then added that if Council approved, we could add condition PW#16 that says Applicant shall stripe 178th between Western and Normandie.

Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 10:32 p.m.

Ordinance No. 1808 was Introduced by Council Member Tanaka

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolutions No. 6405, 6406, and 6412, and to add Condition #PW16 (Roadway Striping on 178th Street) to Resolution No. 6412:

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

- (3) ORDINANCE NO. 1810: Amending Chapter 8.64 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Maintenance of Vacant Lots and Buildings (*Introduced by Council Member Henderson*)

ORDINANCE NO. 1810

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, AMENDING CHAPTR 8.64 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS AND BUILDINGS

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor Cerda and Interim City Manager Osorio that the Ordinance identifies and defines what vacant lots are, and references in our Bail Schedule (Section 3) that a hefty fine and misdemeanor would occur if one were not to comply with the Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1810 was Introduced by Council Member Henderson

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6413, Supporting the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. 6413

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE REDUCING CRIME AND KEEPING CALIFORNIA SAFE ACT OF 2020

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6413:

Ayes: Council Members Medina and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: None

D. GENERAL SERVICES

- (1) Award Purchase Order for a Pre-Fabricated Modular Restroom Structure to *Structurecast* in the Amount of \$199,300 for Rowley Park Baseball Diamond Restroom Rehab, JN 968, and Approval of \$230,000 Budget Appropriation to Complete the Project

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Purchase Order and Approve Budget Appropriation:

Ayes: Council Members Medina and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

D. GENERAL SERVICES (Continued)

- (2) Award Construction Contracts for Rowley Park Auditorium HVAC System & Roofing Reconstruction, JN 980 Totaling \$124,223.71 to *Honeywell International, Inc.* and *Midwest Roofing Co.*, and Approval of \$143,000 Budget Appropriation to Complete the Project

Interim City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a brief discussion regarding why other firms may not have responded to this bid. Interim City Manager Osorio stated that firms are either too busy or the bid was too low for them to respond.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Construction Contracts and Approve Budget Appropriation:

Ayes: Council Members Henderson and Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: None

E. POLICE – No Items

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – No Items

G. TRANSPORTATION – No Items

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES, & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS

- (1) Verbal Report: Attendance at the 2019 Annual League of California Cities Conference & Expo in Long Beach, CA, October 16-18, 2019 *(to be given by Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka)*
At Mayor Cerda's request, Council Member Tanaka agreed to give his report during his Council Remarks.

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

- (1) Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian asked if the City would investigate the construction project on the southeast corner of Marine and Western Avenues where a homeless person has been seen living on the location. ***This directive was seconded by Council Member Henderson***
- (2) Council Member Henderson asked: Can the Council receive information regarding the City's Housing Element. ***This directive was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian***

C. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

Interim City Manager Osorio gave a verbal report of information to follow-up matters that had been directed or requested by the Mayor and Members of Council. Written reports had already been provided to the Council via copies in their regular mail packets. Those items were, as follows:

- (1) Memo regarding the Flavored Tobacco Ordinance;
- (2) Memo regarding Gardena Restaurant Week, October 20-27, 2019;
- (3) City Manager Communication to Council;
- (4) The DEA National Prescription Take Back at Gardena Police Department on October 26, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and
- (5) Retirement of Police Chief Thomas Kang and the appointment of Michael Saffell to Interim Police Chief.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES, & REMARKS (Continued)**D. COUNCIL REMARKS**

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – since the last Council Meeting, he attended his final ICA meeting as President of the Board, held at Manhattan Beach, to finalize some paperwork. He attended the Supervisorial District 2 Candidates Forum at the Minority Age Project event. He attended the LA County 33rd Empowerment Innovation Awards. He also attended the PV Jobs Luncheon and thanked Madam Mayor for showing up to the event. He participated in an 5G Antenna presentation. He gave kudos to Madam Mayor for attending the Learn for Life Celebration. He reminded the community that Gardena Direct works and to report bulky items through Gardena Direct and said it will be handled by the City. He added by asking Mayor Cerda to adjourn in the memory for Gerald Barnes and Honorable Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – he said the City Council attended the Freeman Park Pitch and Go Soccer Facility Grand Opening. He attended the 50th Anniversary of the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Anthony of Padua Church. He deejayed from 8am to 4pm for the 20th Annual YSO Soccer Tournament held for disabled kids. He thanked Gail Laidoner for helping with the Beautification Committee for a Home of the Month.
- (3) MAYOR PRO TEM KASKANIAN – on Saturday, October 5, he attended the fundraising pancake breakfast for the Gardena Police K-9 unit. He said he had never seen the Nakaoka Community Center so packed. Following the breakfast, he attended the Heritage Festival. He commended Stephany Santin and her staff. He attended the Finance Committee Meeting and reported we are in great shape and thanked the City Staff, Finance Committee, and Interim City Manager. He also thanked Jones & Mayer for the great dinner they held during the League of California Cities Annual Conference.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA – She announced that she has a long report, so, because of the time, will defer her remarks to the following Council Meeting. She did mention two important items. First, she congratulated Chief Kang on his retirement and a job well done after 35 years. She wished him a healthy and relaxing retirement. Secondly, with regards to the e-cigarettes and vaping on buses, she suggested that we educate our bus drivers or put up additional signs up about smoking e-cigarettes.
- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – he said all the things he had to attend he did attend, but the one he did report on was about his attendance for the League of California Cities on behalf of City of Gardena. He mentioned they discussed matters regarding the 2020 census counting, vested rights and pensions, tracking homeless, affordable housing, and he voted on a Resolution on behalf of the City. He thanked Jones & Mayer for dinner and said he appreciated that. He said he met with Southern Gas representative, Denise Campos, and Steacy Trinidad, field representative from Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi's office.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) "DEA Prescription Take Back," Saturday, October 28, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Gardena Police Department;
- (2) "Gardena Restaurant Week," October 20-27, 2019; and
- (3) "19th Annual Pancake Breakfast," Saturday, October 5th at 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center, followed by the Annual Heritage Festival on the Civic Center Lawn until 3:00 p.m.

11. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Andre Watkins, 67 years old, beloved father of Transit Route Supervisor Ramisi Watkins, with the City of Gardena Transportation Department; Mr. Frazier L. Watts, 77 years of age, beloved father of Safety and Training Supervisor Frazier Watts, with the City of Gardena Transportation Department; Dr. Evang Teresa K. Washington, 67 years old, beloved wife of Transit Route Supervisor Johnnie Washington, with the City of Gardena Transportation Department; Ms. Freya Myers, 71 years old, a dear friend of Julian Burger and long-time member of the Progressive Democratic Club in Carson; Mr. Gerald B. Barnes, 83 years of age, long-time resident of Gardena, and the beloved husband of Mrs. Ethel Barnes and father of Ms. Debra Reid; and the Honorable Elijah Cummings, United States Congressman, representing the 7th District of the State of Maryland since 1996.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Announcement/invitation was made to stay for cake celebrating Council Member Dan Medina's birthday.

At 11:01 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the next regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda
Tasha Cerda, Mayor

MINA SEMENZA

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

By:

Mina Semenza
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk