

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 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 Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis. Other City Officials and Employees present: 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.

At 7:02 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 Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis; City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney's Carmen Vasquez and Amanda Pope; and Director of Recreation & Human Services, Stephany Santin.

2. CLOSED SESSION

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initial of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
(One [1] Matter)

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:47 p.m., and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members who were present at the meeting.

When City Attorney Vasquez was asked if there were any reportable actions from the Closed Session, she stated that the City Council authorized the initiation of litigation to bring the receivership action in connection with the property at 12801 S. Western Ave. the vote was unanimous five to zero and that concludes the report.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rafael Medina and Laura Orozco led the Pledge of Allegiance. They both attend Amestoy Elementary School. Rafael Medina is a natural leader. He shows his leadership skills on a daily basis in class by helping his teacher and his classmates. He has great interest in becoming the Mayor of Gardena so he will be able to make good rules for everyone in the city. Laura Orozco is a responsible student and is active in our Zoom class. She participates and leads many of our class discussions. She is a pleasure to have in class.

B. INVOCATION

Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Certificate of Recognition to Charlotte Lynch in Appreciation of Her Service to the Community as a Member of the Senior Citizens Commission – Her bio was read by Mayor Cerda and a video presentation was presented showing Mrs. Lynch receiving her Certificate.

B. PROCLAMATIONS

- (1) WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH," March 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
 - (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, January 12, 2021
- (2) Received and File of Minutes of
 - (a) **Receive & File:** Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, December 8, 2020
- (3) **Approved:** Accept the Resignation of Senior Citizens Commission Member Charlotte Lynch Effective January 28, 2021 and Direct the City Clerk to post the vacancy pursuant to Government Code Section 54974
- (4) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on February 19, 2021

C. CITY TREASURER

- (1) **Approved:** Warrants / Payroll Register
 - (a) February 23, 2021: Wire Transfer: 11974-11978; Check Nos. 162117-162273 - for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$829,870.90; Total Payroll Issued for February 12, 2021: \$1,476,576.76.

D. CITY MANAGER

- (1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2021-04

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

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

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

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. FEBRUARY 16, 2021, MEETING

(1) **Environmental Assessment #16-20, Modification to Site Plan Review #7-18**

The Planning Commission considered a request for a modification to a site plan review previously approved for the Normandie Estates Courtyard Project (Phase II of the Normandie Estates Specific Plan). The request was to scale the project down to reduce the project height from three to two-story unit homes and direction to staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

Project Location: 1348 West 168th Street (APN # 6111-012-003)

Applicant: Maupin Development Inc.

Commission Action: The Commission approved Resolution No. PC 1-21, approving Modification #1 to Site Plan Review #7-18.

Received and Filed

(2) **Environmental Assessment #1-21, Zone Code Amendment #1-21, GPA #1-21**

The Planning Commission considered amending the Land Use Plan of the City's General Plan to allow higher floor area ratios in the Commercial and Industrial General Plan land use areas when allowed by the Gardena Zoning Code and also amending development standards in the Gardena Zoning Code, primarily relating to amenity hotels.

Project Location: Citywide

Applicant: City

Commission Action: The Commission approved Resolution No. PC 2-21, recommending the City Council adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting program, recommending the City Council adopt the General Plan Amendment, and recommending the City Council adopt the Zone Code Amendment with the exception that a Conditional Use Permit still be required for amenity hotels, a ten-foot yard setback on side streets still be required, and no changes to the parking ratio for amenity hotels.

City Council Action: These items will be scheduled for the City Council meeting of March 9, 2021.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Zahid Ahmed email read by City Clerk Mina Semenza – *Good Afternoon respected Mayor and City Council. I wanted to write about three council directives. I would like the city council to issue department directives. The first departmental directive for Police Department to look into outreaching to BolaWrap Technologies to acquire BolaWrap for each police officer as standard issues daily duty equipment which is a safe and humanely restrained technology which can stop subjects from a distance without relying on pain compliance tools like the existing taser which is a higher liability risk for lawsuits. Please have both options available to officers since both can be used in different applications and stipulations. Please have both options available BolaWrap uses no electricity and very safe and more humane and helps reimagine policing. BolaWrap can help with encounters safely for non-compliant subjects in mental and drug impaired subjects are often incapable of comprehending commands of officers. BolaWrap enables officers to safely and humanely take subjects into custody without injury to get them the help they need. Reduce the need for lethal force restrain from a distance. BolaWrap is used by law enforcement across the U.S. the BolaWrap makes policing safer some successful case studies from cities like Los Angeles, Sacramento, Fresno, Minneapolis, West Palm Beach, Forth Worth and others. BolaWrap also helps with policy writing assistance to help rewrite Gardena Police Department Agency Policy with templated polices with regards to use of force. Next item, cities should apply for state grant for alcohol beverage control, website states is offering grants up to \$100,000.00 to local law enforcement agencies requesting cities to submit a proposal. All proposals not fax copies must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 29, 2021. Please see their website for more information, it is contained in this email for more information I would recommend the city apply for this grant. Lastly, the city should host an on-line live program on YouTube with study session and presentation with questions and answers to speak about the new Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses with representatives from the U.S. small business administration with regards to changes to a two-week window for business with fewer than 20 employees for paycheck protection program for small businesses in our city, also help from our two smart City Attorneys to help small business owners with questions and also local bank representatives to help and that concludes the reading of this email.*

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6500, Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Gardena Community Aquatic & Senior Center

RESOLUTION NO. 6500

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR STATEWIDE PARK DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE GARDENA COMMUNITY AQUATIC & SENIOR CENTER.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Chief Fiscal Officer Raymond Beeman and Administrative Analyst II Mary Simonell gave a Power Point presentation.

City Manager Osorio wanted to add, first he would like to thank Ray and Mary for a job well done and for putting the presentation together. He wanted to re-emphasize that we are actively pursuing Prop. 68 funding for this project. He reminded the City Council that Prop. 68 Grant is a very competitive grant and its very difficult to get. We did apply for Prop. 68 last year and we did not get any of the three submissions that we had last year; in fact, the entire South Bay was not awarded a single grant. Having said that the project for the Aquatic and Community Center is not predicated upon us getting the grant from Prop. 68. If our viewers and our residents recall many months ago, we appeared at all the community events and meetings, and presented this opportunity and to vote for Measure G. We then

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (Continued)

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6500, Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Gardena Community Aquatic & Senior Center (Continued)

reminded everybody that we would come to you; City Council and our neighborhood meetings, to inform you what were doing with Measure G and this is exactly an example of what we promised. If we must bear the cost of this Aquatic and Community Center using Measure G funds be, leveraged through a bond for future receivables we would do that, to make sure that we realized this project and be able to provide to our community and our seniors, the Aquatic Center and Senior Center that they deserve. We do have the funding for this, it is not predicated upon Prop. 68, it would be nice, but it is not necessary.

There was a discussion which included Mayor and Council; Mayor Cerda wants to re-emphasize that we will be using Measure G funds towards this project. She proceeded to ask that to get this grant; is it recommended that we have a senior and teen center along with the pool? Her reason for asking this is because she would like to see us put more emphasis on it being a Senior Center, because that is one building that we are missing throughout the City and making sure we had a place for our Alzheimer's Daycare within the City. Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman replied, in speaking with our grant consultant, she recommends the senior and aquatic center. We are working with the consultant weekly to develop the grant application and she is hopeful, with all the information and feedback received. Administrative Analyst II Simonell added, in speaking to the grant consultants she was enamored with the idea of this being a multi-generational gathering place.

Council Member Francis asked, if Measure G is the only other alternative funding source besides Prop. 68. City Manager Osorio replied that yes, we have identified other funding sources, but they are very limited. Measure G is the only real funding source we must ensure that we can sustain it year after year. Council Member Francis stated that she was under the impression that everything was already paid for. She also asked for the location of the Senior Center. City Manager Osorio, reverted to the slideshow and pointed out the senior center location with a brief description of what has been proposed such as kitchen, restroom, hallways etc. Council Member Francis explained what she has seen in other Senior Centers and their amenities. City Manager Osorio, Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman and Administrative Analyst II Simonell continued with the presentation and explained the size and the two-story floor plans. Council Member Francis asked for the timeline and question why we are only asking for 8.5 million, when the need is 15 million. Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman replied, the grant is due March 12th and the maximum amount of the grant is 8.5 million. Council Member Francis asked how will we cover the remaining balance. City Manager Osorio, stated that we plan on using parking lieu funds and Measure G. Council Member Francis is in favor of a multi-generational facility.

Mayor Cerda requested to revert to the previous slide and asked if any modifications are to be made to the floor plans, are we to be specific when submitting for the grant? Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman stated that adjustments can be made after the fact. Mayor Cerda asked, if we are going to have enough green space as shown on the site plan or is it just decoration? Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman stated that it is just a rough schematic but can add other options. City Manager Osorio added that the City is looking into purchasing another property and in that area, we can get creative and add additional green space and or make modifications.

Council Member Tanaka asked if seniors would have access to water aerobics by going from the senior center to the pool directly? Also, wants to make sure that the neighbors within this direct area are given proper notice about the upcoming changes, whether it be by mail or other source of communication to get their input. He would also like to know about the parking contingency for this project. He is also in favor of incorporating the Alzheimer's Daycare and Teen Center. City Manager Osorio replied by saying "yes" seniors will have direct access to the pool and agrees with the Alzheimer's Center being within the city limits.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (Continued)

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6500, Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Gardena Community Aquatic & Senior Center (Continued)

Council Member Francis added, can the Alzheimer's Center be separate because it may be an overuse of one space. She proceeded to explain her reasoning for this request. Also, express her concerns about parking. City Manager Osorio replied that parking will be addressed separately, and they do have a contingency plan but unfortunately does not have the information with him at this time. Council Member Francis asked questions about the proposal and submittal process for the grant. City Manager Osorio explained that we are being assisted by a grant professional/grant writer and a package will be prepared for us. Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman and Administrative Analyst II Simonell explained in detail the process of working with the grant consultant.

Council Member Kaskanian asked who are we using for grant writers and what will the new center be called? Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman replied we are using California Consulting. City Manager Osorio stated that the name will be the "Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center".

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson thanked City Manager Osorio, Chief Fiscal Officer Beeman and Administrative Analyst II Simonell for the presentation and full disclosure of the potential funding. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked about the design; are we looking into making the building a "green type building" to get some rebates from the utility companies because he believes there are grants that we will be eligible for that would offset a lot of our construction costs. City Manager Osorio, replied yes, that is the new standard because of the incentives that come along with constructing a green building.

Public Speakers:

- (1) Zahid Ahmed, suggested to name the center "City of Gardena Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Services Center" and add Aquatic and Support Services Center, Senior Center. He would also want to make it LEED Certification, meaning that it is healthier more productive, reduces stress on the environment by encouraging energy and resources efficient building. He would like to encourage the city to get the LEED Certification into the design. He also recommends the City people to look into refunds; since we are essentially going to be using a steel structure like an office building with glass windows around it encourages light to come in. We could essentially add additional floors to it, so why not five floors, we are building it why not make it for 50 years. Also add basketball structure on roof, possibly including that senior center on the second floor with nursing training program; open a college nursing program; community college classes; a job resource center; senior community kitchen; house possibly LACO Department of Health; Community Public Health System; Community Computer Center; Free after school tutoring; Gender neutral bathrooms in order to make it easier for caregivers and wheelchair accessibility; also a job center; GED classes; ESL classes; including Juvenile Justice Counseling and also getting our local Congresswoman Maxine Waters and State Assembly Member Steve Bradford to attached letters requesting this. These are some things I would recommend and a community organic garden which can help grow fruits and vegetables to foster a great guardian.
- (2) Wanda Love strongly believes that the seniors need a place of their own however our youth also need a place to go as well and if we're going to add the youth to this facility then she really wishes that the name be included so it can be recognized by the community as a place for the youth to go maybe naming it: The Aquatic Center for the Senior and Youth – we need to figure out a way to incorporate "Youth" into the name.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (Continued)

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6500, Approving the Application for Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program Grant Funds for the Gardena Community Aquatic & Senior Center (Continued)

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6500:

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

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No Items

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) Approve Second Amendment to Operating Covenant Agreement with Faraday Future Inc.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked to be reminded of the sales office location for Faraday Future. City Manager Osorio stated that a particular site has not been identified yet, one possibility could be the corner of 162nd and Western. It is their prerogative where they put their sales office and we are happy to help them find a place if it is within the City of Gardena.

Council Member Francis wanted confirmation that Faraday Future was an electric car company and if they are requesting another extension? City Manager Osorio confirmed that Faraday Future is an electric car company and explained how they were having financial cash flow problems and COVID-19 hit. He would like to emphasize that they have since gone public and had an infusion of capital, I believe in a tune of about one hundred million dollars, so now they are in the position to fulfill on their agreement and start producing cars. City Attorney Vasquez added just for clarification; the first amendment was done in April of 2020; it was just at the beginning of the pandemic obviously I do not think any of us knew in April 2020 a month into it that we were going to still be facing the situation that we are with COVID and understandably neither was Faraday as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked regarding the branding; is there some way we can add “sold in Gardena” or something where Gardena is mentioned and is that opportunity available in a discussion with Faraday Future personnel? City Manager Osorio agreed and those were his exact thoughts he had in mind; all we can do is suggest it with their marketing team. Council Member Tanaka added that if he visits the Faraday website, he believes Gardena is mentioned.

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Second Amendment:

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

(2) COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

Mayor Cerda was happy to announce that Gardena will be giving free vaccinations to our community, starting in March. The location will be in north Gardena at Rowley Park and more information will be forthcoming and we will make it available by flyer. Currently, we have free COVID testing site at Rowley Park. City Manager Osorio added that we have met with a company that specializes in large-scale events and had a site visit at Rowley Park and proceeded to explain the process in detail. The intent is to help our residents and fully vaccinate every single resident.

D. PUBLIC WORKS – No Items

E. POLICE – No Items

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – No Items

G. TRANSPORTATION – No Items

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Francis

(1) Request to support Assembly Bill – AB 80 formerly AB 281.

Mayor Cerda recommended that instead of it being a directive can the information be forward to City Attorney Vasquez for her review. City Attorney Vasquez stated that the Governor signed something similar, and he believes it to be a very positive bill. City Attorney Vasquez will review all information and possibly prepare a letter of support on behalf of the City Council.

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) Memo for Comprehensive Summary regarding the status of SB 7893 – Flavor Tobacco in the City of Gardena, prepared by City Attorney Vasquez.
- (2) Comprehensive Update on the Cares Act Program, including round one and three funding for HUD Programs and Small Business Assistance Program, provided by city staff.
- (3) Memo for the scheduled webinar for March 9, 2021 – Doing Business with the City, hosted by the City of Gardena.
- (4) Memo for Describing and Explaining how Discover Gardena can help our local and business community.
- (5) Video “Pop-up Pantries” – City of Gardena Give and Take Pantry Coming Soon, from the Recreation and Human Services Department.
- (6) Flyers for the Walk-up COVID-19 Testing in the City of Gardena, located at Rowley Park 13220 Van Ness Ave., Gardena, CA 90249; open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – Since the last meeting she attended a meeting called “Conversation with the District Attorney Gascon”, it was hosted by the Los Angeles County Democratic Party where he explained his directives and the direction that the District Attorney’s Office is heading and some of the challenges that are associated with his new directors. She also attended the free drive-thru family meals at Rowley Park hosted by Mud City and Dylan Andrews, who gave away two hundred meals in about twenty minutes. She also seen the mobile public testing site and they are there on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also, she mentioned our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Coach Committee Fundraiser will be happening, and we have a few days left, a raffle will take place for a donation of five dollars. All proceeds go to support our scholarship program for the Martin Luther King Junior College Committee. Lastly, she mentions to her students about February 19th, this is a day that 79 years ago President Roosevelt signed an executive order 1966 that stripped all Japanese Americans of their Civil Rights and led to the internment of some one hundred and twenty thousand Americans of Japanese descent and it’s one of those times where America failed to live up to its ideas of Liberty and Justice for all and even the room case that went to the Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of order 9066. She explained that on February 19, 1976 decades after the war President Gerald Ford signed an order prohibiting for this to happen again. In 1988 President Reagan issued a public apology on behalf of the United States, she believes it is important to remember and if we fail to remember history it will repeat.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN – Since he started volunteering to help seniors get vaccinated, he mentioned in total his mileage has been five to six hundred miles. He is volunteering in the north part of Los Angeles. He would also like to encourage everyone to get tested since we have 360 Clinic in the City. He also mentioned the new vaccination sites in the City and hoping by then everyone will get the vaccines.
- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA - Since the last meeting he attended the District 3 Zoom meeting, he stopped by the Rowley Park testing site and greeted some people. 360 Clinic showed them what they were doing and mentioned it is great and encourages everyone to get tested as it is free.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA – Since the last meeting, she attended a funeral for Mr. Roger Phillips who worked in GTRANS as one of the drivers and it was a very nice service. She mentioned his family had so many wonderful things to say about him. She also attended the free family meals drive-by the food was sponsored by the restaurant Firebird and in less than 20 minutes, 200 meals were served. She is very happy that there’s companies that are still wanting to donate. She also attended the monthly CCGA Meeting, LA Sanitation meeting, and the Amestoy Elementary Monday morning assembly. They had a Black History Program and she spoke to the students about being an African American Mayor and more so because of student Rafael Medina as he mentioned he would like to be the Mayor of Gardena and they thought it would be nice to surprise him. She hoped everyone had a great Valentine’s Day. Lastly, she shared that Assembly Member Mike Gibson is having a COVID- 19 memorial service, it will be on Friday, March 5, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., he would like to recognize everyone within his district in Gardena that have lost their life to COVID, it will be a virtual service, and anyone may submit their loved one’s name to his office via email Keara.Joe@asm.ca.gov or call 310-324-6408 by March 2nd. She would also like to add that the City of Gardena has lost someone important and that’s Larry Flynt who owns two very prominent card rooms The Lucky Lady and The Hustler, he passed away on February 9th, his name will be added to the remembrances.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

D. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

- (5) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – Since the last meeting, he attended the SCAG Committee meeting and the AQMD Committee meetings. The biggest event he was able to participate in was the Virtual Winter Seminar, he was the chair of the committee Emergency Preparedness and the role of an elected official was given by Police Chief Manny Cid from Culver City, City Manager from Beverly Hills and Gene O'Donnell who is the Director of LA County Office of Emergency Management. During the seminar he reflected on the City's Emergency Operations Center and just wanted to thank City Manager Osorio and all city staff for their hard work. He was also on a panel on Racial and Identity Profiling Act, Culver City Police Department is one of the first local PD's that started working on that and he thought it was very interesting to understand. D.A's Gascon Staff presented a panel, and a lot of questions were asked about current D.A is implementing or has implemented and the impact on local communities. Redondo Beach had a presentation on their pallet shelters that they provide for the homeless in their community, they had a plot of land that the city owned so they were able to provide small shelters for some of their homeless. He also shared the BizFed Governance Committee meeting is coming up and is really pushing a broad band initiative at Sacramento so is SCAG, and the Local Council of Governments. He would also like to thank City Staff for helping him pilot the second phase of the paperless initiative. He no longer receives paper envelopes and are all electronic. He wanted to give it a try so and hopes this will prevent having a lot of papers and as some documents may be sensitive material and many may or may not have a shredder and would not want important documents to be accessible to anyone to look at.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cerda announced:

- (1) Walk-up COVID-19 Testing; every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. located at Rowley Park 13220 Van Ness Ave., Gardena, CA 90249; Results within 24 to 48 hours. Scheduled an appointment by visiting www.360clinic.md.

10. REMEMBRANCES


Mr. Robert "Bob" Horii; 89 years of age, beloved longtime resident of Gardena. At the age of 11, Mr. Horii and his family were relocated to the Gila River Internment Camp in Arizona for the duration of WWII. He served in the Army Corp of Engineers during the Korean War, and he had a 43-year career in the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering. Mr. Horii and his wife, Mary, were married for 61 years. Mr. Horii was also very active in many civic organizations in the Japanese American community, including serving as past president of the Gardena Evening Optimist Club and the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute; Mr. Larry Flynt, owner of two of our card rooms; The Lucky Lady and The Hustler Casino.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:36 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, March 9, 2021.

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

APPROVED:


Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: 
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk