

MINUTES
Special Closed Session Meeting
City of Gardena City Council
Thursday, April 2, 2020

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 Special Closed Session meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2020, by in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present via teleconference: 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: City Manager Clint Osorio; Chief Mike Saffell; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. Other City officials and employees present via teleconference: City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Transportation Director Ernie Crespo. City Clerk Mina Semenza and City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama were not present. Mayor Cerda was running late but was on her way.

At 2:05 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: Present via teleconference: 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: City Manager Clint Osorio; and Chief Mike Saffell. Other City officials and employees present via teleconference: City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Transportation Director Ernie Crespo. Mayor Cerda arrived at 2:07p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

When Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian asked if there were any public comments, Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero stated that there were none.

3. CLOSED SESSION

A. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Government Code Section 54957

Consultation with Gardena Director of Emergency Services and City Manager, Clint Osorio, Chief of Police, Michael Saffell and City Attorney, Carmen Vasquez.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

(1) Agency Designated Representative:

Clint Osorio, City Manager

Employee Organizations:

Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA)

Matt Hassholdt, Association President

Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO)

Vicky L. Barker, Attorney

Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA)

Fred G. Quiel, Attorney

Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

3. CLOSED SESSION (Continued)

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Consideration of initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One matter

4. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:40 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the next regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

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

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda
Tasha Cerda, Mayor
Clerk

By Becky Romero
Becky Romero, Deputy City