



# GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

## Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Council Chamber at City Hall

1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California

Website: [www.cityofgardena.org](http://www.cityofgardena.org)

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**Closed Session 7:00 p.m.**

**Open Session 7:30 p.m.**

**TASHA CERDA**, *Mayor*

**MARK E. HENDERSON**, *Mayor Pro Tem*

**RODNEY G. TANAKA**, *Council Member*

**PAULETTE C. FRANCIS**, *Council Member*

**WANDA LOVE**, *Council Member*

**MINA SEMENZA**, *City Clerk*

**GUY H. MATO**, *City Treasurer*

**CLINT OSORIO**, *City Manager*

**CARMEN VASQUEZ**, *City Attorney*

**LISA KRANITZ**, *Assistant City Attorney*

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[youtube.com/CityofGardena](https://youtube.com/CityofGardena)
2. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at [publiccomment@cityofgardena.org](mailto:publiccomment@cityofgardena.org) by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.
3. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The City Council will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:

- Agenda Items – At the time the City Council considers the item or during Oral Communications
- Non-agenda Items – During Oral Communications
- Public Hearings – At the time for Public Hearings listed on the Agenda

If you wish to address the Council, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to the City Clerk or Sergeant of Arms. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Council. The City Council cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

4. The City of Gardena, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend and/or participate in the City meeting due to disability, to please contact the City Clerk's Office by phone (310) 217-9565 or email [cityclerk@cityofgardena.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofgardena.org) at least 24 business hours prior to the scheduled general meeting to ensure assistance is provided. Assistive listening devices are available.

## STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

**Thank you for your attendance and cooperation**

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### 1. **ROLL CALL**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

### 2. **CLOSED SESSION**

#### 2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Charmaine L. Green v. City of Gardena, et al.

L.A. Sup. Ct. Case No.: 22STCV18526

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

### 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Emma Casanova

156th Street Elementary School

### 4. **INVOCATION**

Calvary Chapel South Bay

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A AT&T Updates from the Los Angeles & South Bay External and Legislative Affairs Manager, McKenzie Neely-Wright.

5.B Gardena Events Video Presentation

### 6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A "American Red Cross Month," March 2024 (*to be accepted by Amy Papageorges, Executive Director for American Red Cross, Greater Long Beach & South Bay Chapter.*

[Red Cross Proclamation 2024](#)

6.B "Women's History Month" March 2024 (*to be proclaimed only*)

[Proclaim Only-Women's History Month-Mar 2024.pdf](#)

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC - Roll Call Vote Required On The Consent Calendar**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless a Council Member requests Council discussion, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately following this portion of the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.A Waiver of Reading in Full of All Ordinances Listed on this Agenda and that they be Read by Title Only

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

- 8.B Approve Minutes:

Regular Meeting of the City Council, February 13, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

[02132024 REGULAR Minutes CC Meeting - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, February 6, 2024

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

[2024\\_02\\_06 PCMIN.pdf](#)

- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, February 27, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[Warrant-Payroll Register 02-27-24.pdf](#)

- 8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, March 12, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[Warrant-Payroll Register 03-12-24.pdf](#)

- 8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, January 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[January 2024 Investment Report.pdf](#)

- 8.G Personnel Report P-2024-4 3-12-24

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[PERS RPT P-2024-4.pdf](#)

- 8.H [Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Local Streets Improvement 2020/2021, 2021/2022, 2022/2023 Project, JN 987/994/514.](#)

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

[NOC JN 987-994-514.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

10. **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET**

10.A FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING

**APPEAL OF REVOCATION FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW #4-15**

The Planning Commission considered an appeal request filed by The Tire House business located at 1818 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., regarding the Community Development Director's Intent to Revoke Approval of Site Plan Review #4-15, pursuant to Gardena Municipal Code Section 18.44.070, discontinuing auto repair facility uses in the General Commercial (C-3) Zone, due to multiple violations of the conditions of approval imposed by the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission on August 26, 2015.

CASE NAME: Appeal of Community Development Director's Decision to Revoke Site Plan Review #4-15

APPELLANT NAME: The Tire House, Inc. (dba " The Tire House")

REPRESENTATIVE: John Mardirossian

PROPERTY OWNERS: Mr. Der L. Mu / Mr. John Mu

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission denied the appeal of John Mardirossian for the Tire House, by a vote of 4-1-0, upholding the revocation of the approval of Site Plan Review #4-15 pursuant to Gardena Municipal Code Section 18.44.070, found that the project was exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15321, and directed staff to draft a resolution reflecting the Commission's denial.

**City Council Action: No action is needed.**

10.B FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MEETING

**ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #2-24**

The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to City Council for adoption of Ordinance No. 1866, making changes to Gardena Municipal Code to implement the programs set forth in the City's 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element and changes required by State law and making finding that finds the Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 3-24, by a vote of 5-0-0, recommending to the City Council for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1866, and made findings that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

**City Council Action: No action needed, this item will be brought to the City Council in this meeting.**

To view the complete Planning Commission packet [CLICK HERE](#)  
[2024\\_02\\_20](#)

10.C MARCH 5, 2024 - *Meeting Cancelled*

[2024\\_03\\_05 CANCELLATION.pdf](#)

11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (LIMITED TO A 30-MINUTE PERIOD)**

*Oral Communications by the public will be heard for one-half hour at or before 8:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the last agenda item commenced prior to 8:30 p.m. Oral Communications not concluded at that time shall be resumed at the end of the meeting after Council Reports. Speakers are to limit their remarks to three minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. An amber light will appear to alert the speaker when two minutes are complete, and a red light will appear when three minutes are over. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

11.A **PUBLIC COMMENT**

[03-12-2024 Regular CC Meeting - PC #1 - Oral Communication.pdf](#)

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

13.A [PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE NO. 1865: Amending Chapter 18.60 of the Gardena Municipal Code and Sections of 5.08.170, 8.16.030 and 8.16.050 relating to temporary use permits and temporary events permits, and amending Section 5.04.160 and 5.04.278 of Title 5 relating permits and finding the Ordinance is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common sense exemption set forth in Guidelines section 15061\(b\)\(3\) and section 15304 for minor alterations to land; and](#)

[RESOLUTION NO. 6659: Adopting an application fee for Temporary Use and Temporary Event Permits and finding that the fee is exempt under Public Resources Code Section 21080\(B\)\(8\) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273.](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and close the public hearing.**

**Staff Recommendation for Motion: Direct staff back to the Planning Commission with updates for Ordinance No. 1865 for their recommendation.**

[Staff Report presented to Planning Commission on January 16th.pdf](#)

[Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 1-24.pdf](#)

[Ordinance No. 1865.pdf](#)

[Resolution No. 6659.pdf](#)

[Cost Detail Temporary Use Permit.pdf](#)

[Cost Detail for Temporary Event Permit.pdf](#)

- 13.B [PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE NO. 1866](#): Amending the Gardena Municipal Code to implement the programs set forth in the City's 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element and changes required by State law and making findings that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

**Staff Recommendation:** Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and close the public hearing.

**Staff Recommendation for Motion:** Introduce Ordinance No. 1866 including making the findings for a CEQA exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

[Agenda Staff Report.pdf](#)

[Attachment A - Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 3-24.pdf](#)

[Ordinance No. 1866 \(Housing Programs\).pdf](#)

[Attachment B - Planning Commission Staff Report \(Housing Programs\).pdf](#)

- 13.C [PUBLIC HEARING: URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1867](#), extending a temporary moratorium on significant tobacco retailers for an additional year to March 27, 2025 and making findings that adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)

**Staff Recommendation:** Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and close the public hearing.

**Staff Recommendation for Motion:** Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1867 and conduct a study session to provide direction to staff on prohibiting significant tobacco retailers.

[Urgency Ordinance No. 1867.pdf](#)

14. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES**

- 14.A [Approval of One-Year Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for Legislative Advocacy and Grant Funding Services in the amount of \\$84,000](#)

**Staff Recommendation:** Approve Agreement

[Contract Agreement-Townsend Public Affairs 2-20-24.pdf](#)

[Townsend Public Affairs Inc- City Council Presentation March 12 2024.pptx](#)

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [Approve and Authorize Director of Public Works to execute an Authorization for Crossing Improvements between the City of Gardena and Union Pacific Railroad for the Western Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvement Project JN 537. Additionally, approve Budget Appropriation of \\$120,000 from Measure M Local.](#)

**Staff Recommendations:**

- **Authorize the Director of Public Works to Execute an Authorization for Crossing Improvements with UPRR.**
- **Approve Budget Appropriation**

[GardenaUPRR\\_ACI\\_240305.pdf](#)

- 16.B [Award Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Contract for the Pedestrian Safety Project FY 2023-2024, JN 527, to Southern California Precision Concrete Inc. in the Amount of \\$171,571.73, approve 10% construction contingency, and Declare California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Exemption.](#)

**Staff Recommendations:**

- **Award Construction Contract**
- **Approve Construction Contingency**
- **Declare CEQA Exemption**

[Appendix\\_A-\\_JN 513 Ped Safety Improvements FY 2022-23\\_Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal.pdf](#)

[Appendix\\_B-\\_JN 527 Project Locaiton Map\\_Zone 2.pdf](#)

[Appendix\\_C-\\_Precesion Concrete Bid.pdf](#)

[Appendix\\_D-\\_JN 527 CEQA NOE.pdf](#)

[Appendix\\_E-\\_JN 527 Ped Safety Improvement FY 2023-2024\\_Trip Hazard Removal Contract.pdf](#)

17. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

21. **CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS**

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

1. COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA
2. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE
3. MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

**Mr. Mack King**; 85 years of age, a long-time Gardena resident and a member of the Casimir Gatekeepers Network for 26 years.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Gardena City Council will 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 26, 2024.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at [www.CityofGardena.org](http://www.CityofGardena.org).

Dated this 8th day of March 2024

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk