



# 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, April 9, 2024**

**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*

**If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:**

- 1. VIEW THE MEETING live on SPECTRUM CHANNEL 22 or ONLINE at**  
[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**

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

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

### 4. **INVOCATION**

Reverend Bonnie Brandon  
Church of the Holy Communion Gardena

### 5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A [ELECTION OFFICIAL'S CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTES RESOLUTION 6661](#), Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election held on March 5, 2024, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

**Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6661**

[RESO NO 6661 Certifying Results for 2024 Election.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A - Certificate of Canvass of the 3-5-2024 Election Returns.pdf](#)

5.B Finance Committee Presentation

5.C Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena:

(a) Luis Villanueva, Police Officer - 22 years (Gardena Police Department)

[Villanueva Certificate .pdf](#)

5.D Gardena Events Video Presentation

### 6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A "Challenge the Norm and Influence of Marijuana Use on Youth Day" - April 20, 2024 - ***to be accepted by Tracy Saruwatari***

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, March 26, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

[03262024 REGULAR Minutes CC Meeting - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, April 9, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[Warrant-Payroll Register 04-09-24.pdf](#)

- 8.D Personnel Report P-2024-6 4-09-24

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[PERS RPT P-2024-6 4-9-24.pdf](#)

[Attach. 1 - Classification and Compensation Schedule - eff. April 9 2024.pdf](#)

- 8.E [RESOLUTION NO. 6662, Approving Application for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, 19.561\(b\)\(44\) \\$2,000,000 for the City of Gardena for the Renovation of the Mas Fukai Park Building Structure](#)

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[RESOLUTION 6662.pdf](#)

- 8.F [RESOLUTION NO. 6663, Approving Application for Specified Grant Funds from the Budget Act of 2023, 19.561\(b\)\(57\) \\$3,000,000 for the City of Gardena for the Rowley Park Gymnasium Renovation](#)

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

[RESOLUTION 6663.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING

**Environmental Impact Report; General Plan Amendment; Zone Change; Zone Text Amendment; Specific Plan; Site Plan Review; Vesting Tentative Map; Development Agreement, and Affordable Housing Agreement for the Normandie Crossing Specific Plan**

**Project Location:** 16829, 16835, 16907, and 16911 S. Normandie Avenue, 16964 Brighton Avenue and 0.43 acre property located at the eastern edge of the specific plan area

**Project Applicant:** Fred Shaffer and Steve Ludwig – 16911 Normandie Associates, LLC

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission made the following actions on this item by a 3-0-2 vote, being Commissioners Langley and Wright-Scherr not being able to vote because of a conflict:

- The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 4-24, recommending the City Council certify an Environmental Impact Report for the purposes of the project.
- The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 5-24, recording the Commission's 2 to 1 vote on recommendation of approving General Plan Amendment #3-21. The vote of the Planning Commission does not constitute a recommendation of approval for the General Plan amendments.
- The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 6-24, recommending the City Council deny the project entitlement requests other than the General Plan Amendment.

10.B APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING

**Zone Text Amendment #3-24**

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 7-24 recommending that the City Council on adopt Ordinance No.1871 to amend Chapter 5.52 and Title 18 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to significant tobacco retailers, cigar lounges, and hookah lounges and making a finding that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

10.C APRIL 2, 2024 MEETING

**Zone Text Amendment #1-24**

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. 8-24 recommending that the City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 1865 amending Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.60 and Sections 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 relating to permits and finding the Ordinance to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15304 as a Minor Alterations to Land.

**City Council Action:** No action needed on these items. Each item will be brought forth to the Council for review at a future City Council Meeting date.

To view the complete Planning Commission packet [CLICK HERE](#)  
[2024\\_04\\_02 PCAX](#)

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**

[04-09-2024 Regular CC Meeting - PC #1 - Oral Communication.pdf](#)

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

12.A [Amendment to the Contract between the California Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration and the City of Gardena](#)

- a. [RESOLUTION NO. 6660](#), Adopting the Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to the Contract between Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Gardena
- b. [INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1870](#), Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Gardena

**Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6660**

**Staff Recommendation: Introduce Ordinance No. 1870**

[A - City Resolution No. 6660.pdf](#)

[B - CON-302 Resolution of Intention.pdf](#)

[C - ORDINANCE NO. 1870.pdf](#)

[D - CalPERS Amendment to Contract.pdf](#)

[E - PERS-CON-12A Cert of Compliance w Gov Code Section 7507.pdf](#)

[F - PERS-CON12 Certification of Governing Body's Action.pdf](#)

[G - PERS-CON-500 Cert of Compliance w Gov Code Section 20516.pdf](#)

12.B [Single Audit Report Required for Federally Funded Programs for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Receive and File**

[2023 City of Gadena Single Audit Report.pdf](#)

[PPT-Single\\_Audit\\_FY2023.pdf](#)

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

13.A [Approval of Contract Services with Converse Consultants for Environmental Services Performed at 1112 W. Gardena Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90247](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council approve the contract services with Converse Consultants in the amount of \$50,846 for environmental services performed at 1112 W. Gardena Boulevard, Gardena, CA 90247.**

[PROPOSAL - Phase II ESA & Hoist and Water Removal\\_ Converse Consultants](#)

- 13.B [Appeal of the Community Development Director's decision to deny Home-Sharing Rental Application #24-006.](#)

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council, hold a hearing, receive testimony, and uphold the decision of the Community Development Director to deny Home Sharing Rental Application (HSP) #24-006.

[Staff Report 4-09-24 for Appeal of HSP#24-006.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 1 - Applicant's Appeal Letter](#)

[ATTACHMENT 2 - GMC 5.76 Home Sharing Rental.pdf](#)

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

- 14.A [INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1869](#), Adding Chapter 2.70 to Title 2 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to Statements of Economic Interest and Electronic and Paperless Filing of Campaign Disclosure Statements

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce Ordinance No. 1869

[ORD NO 1869 - NetFile.pdf](#)

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 Normandie Avenue Railroad Crossing Improvement Project JN 540. Additionally, approve Budget Appropriation of \\$110,000 from Gas Tax.](#)

**Staff Recommendations:**

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

[GardenaUPRR\\_ACI\\_240409.pdf](#)

- 16.B [Reject all bids for the Rosecrans Community Center Project, Chase Building Demolition Phase, JN 505, and re-bid the project.](#)

**Staff Recommendation:** Reject all bids and rebid.

[JN\\_505\\_-\\_Clauss\\_Construction\\_3-28-2024.pdf](#)

[JN\\_505\\_Interior\\_Demolition\\_Letter\\_of\\_withdraw.pdf](#)

[JN\\_505\\_-\\_Interior\\_Demolition\\_\\_Inc.\\_3-28-2024.pdf](#)

[JN\\_505\\_-\\_Vertex\\_Civil\\_LLC\\_3-28-2024 \(1\).pdf](#)

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

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

- 19.A [RESOLUTION NO. 6664, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena California, In Support of An Enduring Ceasefire in Gaza](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Discuss and Consider Adopting Resolution No. 6664**  
[Reso No. 6664 docx.pdf](#)

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

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

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

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

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

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, April 23, 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 5th day of April 2024.

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk