



# 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 23, 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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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**

#### 2.A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Employee Organizations:

1. Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA), Robert Rosales Jr., Association President
2. Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), Vicky L. Barker, Attorney
3. Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA), Fred G. Quiel, Attorney
4. Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

#### 2.B 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

#### 2.C CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation, pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)- April 18, 2024, correspondence from attorney Dave Rand on behalf of Cityview regarding project at 12888 Crenshaw Boulevard, Gardena

[4.18.2024 correspondence from attorney D. Rand.pdf](#)

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

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

Katherine Wilson and Feechukwu Onuegbu  
156th Street Elementary School

4. **INVOCATION**

Pastor Chris Codrington  
Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

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

(a) Kimberly Baston, Bus Operator - 22 years (Transportation Department)

(b) Sebastian Goodlow, Bus Operator - 30 years (Transportation Department)

[Kimberly Baston Certificate.pdf](#)

[Sebastian Goodlow certificate.pdf](#)

5.B Boards & Commissions Presentation - Human Services Commission

5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A "55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week" - May 5, 2024 - May 11 , 2024  
(*to be accepted by City Clerk Mina Semenza*)

[Municipals City Clerk's Week Proclamation](#)

6.B "Cinco de Mayo Celebration Day" - May 05, 2024 - ( *to be accepted Cinco de Mayo Committee*)

[Cinco De Mayo Proclamation](#)

6.C "Older Americans Month" - May 2024 - (*to be proclaimed only*)

[Proclaim Only-Older Americans Month- May 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, April 9, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

[04092024 REGULAR Minutes CC Meeting - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, March 19, 2024  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, April 2, 2024  
**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
[24\\_03\\_19 PCMIN.pdf](#)  
[24\\_04\\_02 PCMIN.pdf](#)
- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, April 23, 2024  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
[Warrant-Payroll Register 04-23-24.pdf](#)
- 8.E Monthly Investment Portfolio, March 2024  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
[March 2024 Investment Report.pdf](#)
- 8.F Personnel Report P-2024-7 4-23-24  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
[PERS RPT P-2024-7 4-23-24.pdf](#)
- 8.G SECOND READING AND ADOPTION 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  
**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**  
[ORD NO 1869 - NetFile.pdf](#)
- 8.H [RESOLUTION NO. 6665](#), Upholding the Community Development Director's Decision to Deny a Home Sharing Rental Application and Denying the Appeal  
**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
[Resolution No. 6665.pdf](#)
- 8.I [Approval of Annual/Periodic Event Permit - Carnival, for the 86th Annual Strawberry Park Day Fiesta to be Held May 17th through May 19, 2024, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church \(1050 West 163rd Street\)](#)  
**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
[St. Anthony's Annual Carnival Application.pdf](#)  
[Community Development, Building and Safety Division Memo.pdf](#)  
[Community Development, Planning Division Memo.pdf](#)  
[Police Department Memo.pdf](#)  
[L.A. County Fire Department Memo.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING

**First Request for Extension of Conditional Use Permit #7-21.**

The Planning Commission considered the first request extension of time for Conditional Use Permit #7-21, to permit the operation of a warehouse facility in the General Industrial (M-2) zone.

LOCATION: 1600 and 1606 W. 135th Street

APPLICANT: Jason Hines (DBA Gardena Owner LP)

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved the first extension of Conditional Use Permit #7-21 approving the permit to expire October 25, 2024, by a vote of 5-0.

**City Council Action:** Receive and file or Call for Review (By way of two votes from the City Council)

10.B APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING

**Resolution No. PC 10-24:** Denying the appeal by The Tire House Inc. from the Director's decision to revoke the approval of the Site Plan Review #4-15 of The Tire House located at 1818 W. Redondo Beach Blvd, and finding that the action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to guidelines Section 15321.

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission moved that this item be continued and recommended that staff monitor the business for compliance with the conditions of approval for Site Plan Review #4-15, by a vote of 5-0.

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

To view the complete Planning Commission packet [CLICK HERE](#)  
[2024\\_04\\_16 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.*

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

12.A [Award Contract with Gruber and Lopez, Inc. for Professional Auditing Services for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2024, 2025, and 2026 in the Amount of \\$240,625](#)

**Staff Recommendation:** Award Contract  
[PSA\\_-\\_Gruber\\_and\\_Lopez.pdf](#)

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A [PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1871: Amending Sections of Chapter 5.52 and Title 18 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to significant tobacco retailers, cigar lounges, and hookah lounges](#)  
**Environmental Determination:** The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) as there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment.

**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. 1871.**

[Staff Report presented to Planning Commission on April 2nd.pdf](#)

[Public Comment on Ordinance No. 1871.pdf](#)

[Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 7-24.pdf](#)

[Ordinance No. 1871.pdf](#)

- 13.B [PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION 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, 5.04.278, and 5.28.020 of Title 5](#)

**Environmental Determination:** The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15061(b)(3) and 15304, as there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment, and considered minor alterations to a land project.

[RESOLUTION NO. 6659: Adopting an application fee for Temporary Use and Temporary Event Permits](#)

**Environmental Determination:** The project 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: Introduce Ordinance No. 1865 and adopt Resolution No. 6659.**

[Staff Report presented to Planning Commission on April 2nd.pdf](#)

[Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 8-24.pdf](#)

[Ordinance No. 1865 with changes highlighted.pdf](#)

[Resolution No. 6659.pdf](#)

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

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

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

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [Reject all bids for the Gardena Rowley Park Basketball Rehabilitation Project, JN 530, and re-bid the project with modified requirements and/or scope.](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Reject all bids and re-bid.**

[JN 530\\_We R Builders Bid.pdf](#)

[JN 530\\_CS Legacy Bid.pdf](#)

[JN 530\\_Minco Bid.pdf](#)

[JN 530\\_Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)

- 16.B [PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6655: Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated March 11, 2024, for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscape Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing; allow each speaker three (3) minutes; and Adopt Resolution 6655**

[Artesia\\_Landscaping\\_District\\_Resolution\\_No.\\_6655.pdf](#)

- 16.C [PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6656: Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated March 11, 2024, for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing; allow each speaker three (3) minutes; and Adopt Resolution No. 6656**

[Consolidated\\_Street\\_Lighting\\_District\\_Resolution\\_No.\\_6656.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 LOVE
2. MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON
3. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA

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, May 14, 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 19th day of April 2024 .

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk