



# 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, May 14, 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](http://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**

Kemsinachi Nzenwa and Royce Carter  
Maria Regina Catholic School

4. **INVOCATION**

Pastor Ware  
FaithWorks AG

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Resolutions of Commendation to Members of the Gardena Police Department in Acknowledgement of Receiving Awards from the South Bay Police and Fire Memorial Foundation at the 48th Annual Medal of Valor Awards Ceremony on May 23, 2024

- a. Police Officer Emmanuel Bazan - Life Saving Award
  - b. Police Officer Andre Carter - Life Saving Award
  - c. Police Officer Jocelyn Castellanos - Life Saving Award
  - d. Police Officer Carlos Gutierrez - Life Saving Award
  - e. Police Officer Laurent Hentges - Life Saving Award
  - f. Police Officer Miles Medeiros - Life Saving Award
  - g. Police Officer Austin Pennella - Life Saving Award
  - h. Sergeant Richard Reynaga - Life Saving Award
  - i. Police Officer Erich Von Roishmandt - Life Saving Award
  - j. Police Officer Jose Serrano - Life Saving Award
  - k. Police Officer Edward Wenke - Life Saving Award
- [Medal of Valor - 2024 Commendations.pdf](#)

- 5.B South Bay City Council of Governments - South Bay Energy & Climate Recognition Program: Gold Level Award Presented to the City of Gardena
- 5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 6.A Fibromyalgia Awareness Month - May 2024 (*to be accepted by Terrie Brinkley, Founder of The Fibro Warriors support group*)  
[Fibromyalgia Awareness Proclamation](#)
- 6.B Public Works Week - May 19 through May 25, 2024 (*to be accepted by Allan Rigg, Director of Public Works with the City of Gardena*)  
[Public Works Week Proclamation](#)
- 6.C Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month - *to be proclaimed only*  
[PROCLAIMED ONLY - AAPI month 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 23, 2024  
**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**  
[04232024 REGULAR Minutes CC Meeting - FINAL.pdf](#)
- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, April 16, 2024  
**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
[2024\\_04\\_16 PCMIN - Approved & Signed.pdf](#)
- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, May 14, 2024  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**  
[Warrant-Payroll Register 05-14-24.pdf](#)
- 8.E Personnel Report P-2024-8 5-14-24  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

PERS RPT P-2024-8 5-14-24.pdf

Attachment 1 - Classification and Compensation Schedule.pdf

Attachment 2 - Court Liaison.pdf

- 8.F [SECOND READING OF 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

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

[Ordinance No. 1865.pdf](#)

- 8.G [SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 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.

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

[Ordinance No. 1871.pdf](#)

- 8.H [Approval of Final Tract Map No. 83979](#)

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

[Tract Map No. 83979.pdf](#)

- 8.I [RESOLUTION NO. 6666](#): Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

[Resolution No. 6666.pdf](#)

- 8.J [RESOLUTION NO. 6667](#): Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

**CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

[Resolution No. 6667.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A MAY 7, 2024 MEETING

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #2-24**

The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in conjunction with a new sushi restaurant within an existing supermarket located at 1740 W Artesia Blvd.

**Environmental Determination:** The Planning Commission reviewed a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301, as an Existing Facilities project.

Project Location: 1740 W. Artesia Blvd

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 9-24, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #2-24, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

**City Council Action:** Receive and file or call for review by way of two votes from the City Council.

10.B MAY 7, 2024 MEETING

**SITE PLAN REVIEW #7-23, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #21-23; AND DENSITY BONUS REQUEST**

The Planning Commission considered approval of a site plan review and density bonus request for the development of a multi-family residential housing project consisting of 300 apartment units, including 17 affordable units, in a six-story, podium apartment building with one subterranean level for parking, in the R-6 zone.

**Environmental Determination:** The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to the City Council whether to approve the Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA) (SCH #2024020743), make the findings, and adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the 1610 West Artesia Boulevard project, pursuant to PRC Section 21155.

Project Location: 1610 W. Artesia Boulevard

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission adopted the following resolutions:

- Resolution No. PC 11-24, by a vote of 4-1, recommending that the City Council approve the SCEA, make the proper findings, and adopt the MMRP for the 1610 West Artesia Boulevard project; and
- Resolution No. PC 12-24, by a vote of 4-1, approving Site Plan Review #7-23, and Density Bonus Request, contingent on the approval from the City Council for the SCEA prepared for the project.

**City Council Action:**

- A public hearing before the City Council will be held on May 28, 2024, for the consideration of adopting the SCEA findings for the project.

- Receive and file the Planning Commission's approval of Site Plan Review #7-23 and Density Bonus request or call the items for review, by way of two votes from the City Council.

To view the complete Planning Commission agenda packet [CLICK HERE.](#)  
[2024\\_05\\_07 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 [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1870](#), Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Gardena

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

[ORDINANCE NO. 1870.pdf](#)

[Amendment to Contract.pdf](#)

[CON-5.pdf](#)

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A [Appeal of the denial of a business license from Soul Housing for the property at 15906 S Western Avenue in the City](#)

**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 the business license by Soul Housing for the property at 15902 S Western Avenue.**

[Staff Report.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 1 - Application for Soul Housing.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 2 - Director's Letter with attachments.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 3 - Applicant's Appeal Letter.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 4 - Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 5 - Business portfolio for Soul Housing.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 6 - CalAim Agreement.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT 7 - Planning Division Zoning/Land Use Determination with attachments.pdf](#)

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

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

- 15.A [PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1872](#), Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy of the City of Gardena, California Governing the Use of Military Equipment pursuant to Assembly Bill 481

**Staff Recommendation: Conduct a Public Hearing, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and Introduce Ordinance No. 1872**

[Attachment 1 - Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 2 - AB 481 Text.pdf](#)

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [Approve and Authorize Director of Public Works to execute an Agreement for the installation of water services between the City of Gardena and Golden State Water Company for the Gardena Community Aquatics and Senior Center Project, JN 978.](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Authorize the Director of Public Works to Execute an Agreement for the water line services with GSW Company**  
[25032939 - Agreement - Non-Refundable - GSW managed signed.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, Ukraine, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo](#)

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

- 19.B [Consider Letter of Support for California Assembly Bill 2309 \(Muratsuchi\) Regarding Allowing Local Prosecution of Misdemeanors](#)

**Staff Recommendation: Approve Letter of Support for AB 2309**  
[AB 2309 Bill Text.pdf](#)  
[AB 2309 Fact Sheet.pdf](#)  
[AB 2309 Letter of Support.pdf](#)

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**

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 28, 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 10th day of May 2024

/s/ MINA SEMENZA  
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk