

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting Notice**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:40 PM on Tuesday, June 25, 2024, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California, Mayor Cerda presiding.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Paulette C. Francis; and Council Member Wanda Love. Other City Officials present: City Manager Clint Osorio City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza, and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION – None**

2. **CLOSED SESSION – No Items**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michelle Asai, 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Park Western Place Elementary School in San Pedro, and Madeleine Osterberg, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at 153<sup>rd</sup> Street Elementary School. Michelle is 9 years old and has been attending the Summer Day Camp here in Gardena for the past few years. She also comes out to join in on the fun at many of our City events. Madeleine is a cheerleader through Gardena Events and is a Girl Scout; and this is her first summer at Summer Day Camp.

4. **INVOCATION**

Pastor Esteban Sanchez  
El Taller Iglesia Cristiana

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Boys & Girls Club of Carson Summer Robotics Camp - ***presented by Kim Richards, CEO, Director of Strategic Partnerships***

5.B Gardena Police Department Fireworks Enforcement Plan 2024 – ***presented by Chief of Police Mike Saffell***

5.C Boards & Commissions Presentation - Beautification Commission – ***Chair Paulette Francis came up and introduced their members and thanked Tiffany Alcaraz – a video was presented***

5.D Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS - None**

## 7. **APPOINTMENTS**

- 7.A Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils and Boards  
(Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn In)

Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission - Christyna Giles Washington  
- ***Appointed by Council Member Love***

It was stated that the Oath of Office would be performed at a later Council Meeting.

**It was moved by Council Member Love seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Appointment of Christyna Giles Washington to the Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission (GEBAC):**

**Ayes: Council Members Love and Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

## 8. **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, June 11, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, February 20, 2024  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, May 21, 2024

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, June 25, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

June 25, 2024: Wire Transfer 12720-12735; Check Numbers: 176423-176618 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$7,104,951.75; Total Payroll Issued for June 14, 2024: \$1,908.665.34

- 8.E Monthly Investment Portfolio, May 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.F Personnel Report P-2024-11 6-25-24

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.G Amending the Blanket Purchase Order Amount for Enterprise Fleet Management from \$191,377 to \$275,765 to Pay for Citywide Lease Fleet for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.H SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1868 , Amending Chapter 13.04 Sewer System of the Gardena Municipal Code and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.  
**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

ORDINANCE NO. 1868

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.04 SEWER SYSTEM OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE AND DECLARE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) EXEMPTION

**It was moved by Council Member Love seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8.B and 8.G:**

**Ayes:** Council Member Love; Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Tanaka and Francis, and Mayor Cerda  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.B Approve Minutes:  
Regular Meeting of the City Council, June 11, 2024  
**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

Council Member Love expressed that the wording used in the minutes during Oral Communications by Mr. Quiroz be changed. Mayor Cerda stated that she found the minutes to be okay as they are and made a motion to leave them as is.

**It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.B leave the minutes as is:**

**Ayes:** Mayor Cerda, Council Member Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson,  
**Noes:** Council Member Francis, and Council Member Love  
**Absent:** None

- 8.G Amending the Blanket Purchase Order Amount for Enterprise Fleet Management from \$191,377 to \$275,765 to Pay for Citywide Lease Fleet for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis regarding the blanket purchase order amounts for the Citywide Lease Fleet. City Manager Osorio replied to her questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.G:**

**Ayes: Council Members Francis and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Love, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

**10.A JUNE 18, 2024 MEETING:**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT # 10-24, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT # 1-24, ZONE CHANGE # 1-24, AND ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #4-24**

The Planning Commission considered making a recommendation to the City Council on Certification of an EIR, adoption of findings, and statement of overriding considerations; readoption of General Plan land use plan designation changes and text amendments and readoption of Zoning changes and zone text amendments for the 468 Inventory Sites identified in the 2021-2029 Gardena Housing Element, and additional updates to the city's zoning map, addressing split-zoned properties, and refining zoning text.

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 14-24, by a vote of 5-0, recommending the City Council adopt Resolutions Nos. 6676 and 6677, and Ordinance No. 1873, to certify the Final EIR and readopt the land use plan, zoning designations, and text amendments, along with additional clean-up modifications.

**City Council Action:** Received and filed. This matter will be brought to the City Council at later hearing.

**Mayor Cerda indicated there was a typo of the Planning Commission vote on Resolution No. PC 14-24; it stated there was a 5-0 vote, when it was a 4-0 vote.**

**This Item was Received and Filed.**

**11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Paul Randall, rep of Mama Rosa's Food Pantry – spoke about the special use and temporary use permit that he submitted; commended Ms. Dayana Nava for the excellent customer service he received.
- 2) Harold Min, resident of Marine Avenue corridor - spoke about how the current zoning doesn't serve the best interest of the residents zoned as commercial/industrial; it restricts any development.
- 3) Deborah Griffin, resident - spoke about permit parking and the safety at Rowley Park.
- 4) Andrea Simental – Community Manager at Mayme Dear Library; came to give updates on events happening at Mayme Dear and Masao W. Sato libraries.

## 12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

### 12.A **PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 6673:** Adopting the City of Gardena's Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

#### **RESOLUTION NO.6673**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF GARDENA'S TWO-YEAR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND 2025-2026

City Manager Osorio, along with Ray Beeman, Director of Administrative Services, presented the City of Gardena's Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:05p.m.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by all Members of the Council. City Manager Osorio and Director Beeman answered all questions.

Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 9:13p.m.

**It was moved by Council Member Tanaka seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to open the public hearing, receive testimony, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker; and Adopt Resolution No. 6673, Adopting the City of Gardena's Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026:**

**Ayes: Council Members Tanaka and Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Love, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

### 12.B **PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6674,** Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (GANN Limit)

#### **RESOLUTION NO.6674**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 (GANN LIMIT)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:17p.m.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson and Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio replied to their questions.

Mayor Cerda then closed the Public Hearing at 9:19p.m.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to open the public hearing, receive testimony, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker; and Adopt Resolution No. 6674 which establishes the City's Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 at \$143,472,346, as required by Article XIII (B) of the California Constitution:**

**Ayes: Council Member Love, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Tanaka and Francis, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 12.C Authorize the City Manager to Purchase and Bind Insurance Coverage in the amount of \$113,122 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and \$2,499,081 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a total of \$2,612,203

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

**It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize the City Manager to Purchase and Bind Insurance Coverage in the amount of \$113,122 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and \$2,499,081 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for a total of \$2,612,203:**

**Ayes: Council Members Tanaka and Love, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Francis and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 12.D RESOLUTION NO. 6675, Acknowledging the Receipt and Filing of the Annual Statement of Investment Policy for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

RESOLUTION NO.6675

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA,  
ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT AND FILING OF  
THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT  
POLICY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6675:**

**Ayes: Council Members Francis and Love, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1874, Adding Chapter 15.64 to Title 15 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to a Labor Transparency

ORDINANCE NO 1874

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 15.64 TO TITLE 15 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO A LABOR TRANSPARENCY

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

Public Speakers: Maria Coronado and Salvador George; both of Western States Regional Council of Carpenters spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Love and Mayor Cerda. Community Development Director Greg Tsujiuchi answered all questions.

Council Member Love introduced Ordinance No. 1874.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No. 1874:**

**Ayes: Council Members Love and Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

- 14.A Approval of the Budget for International Travel for the City of Gardena's visit to Ichikawa, Japan, in celebration of the 90th Anniversary of Ichikawa City becoming a municipality

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. Council Member Love made a motion to designate herself to go to Japan.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Francis and carried by the following roll call vote to Designate Council Member Love who will travel to Ichikawa, Japan, with Mayor Tasha Cerda:**

**Ayes: Council Members Love and Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and Council Member Tanaka**

**Noes: Mayor Cerda**

**Absent: None**

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Love and carried by the following roll call vote to approve budget for International Travel to Ichikawa, Japan:**

**Ayes: Council Members Francis and Love, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

#### 15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE**

- 15.A Authorization to Purchase Five (5) Patrol Vehicles from National Auto Fleet Group in the Amount of \$290,998 and Expend Build-Out Costs in the Amount of \$101,042 for a Total of \$392,040

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize Purchase and Build-Out Costs:**

**Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Tanaka, Francis and Love and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**



16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A Approve a Contract Change Order to David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc., for Professional Design Services in the amount of \$18,626 for the Civic Center Lighting Improvements Project, JN 528.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio replied.

**It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Change Order to David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc.:**

**Ayes: Council Member Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Francis and Love, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

- 17.A Presentation and overview of the City of Gardena Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

A presentation was done by RJM Design Group Consultant, Zachary Mueting.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Mayor Cerda. Consultant Mueting replied.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to: Receive a report and adopt the proposed City of Gardena Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2024-2029:**

**Ayes: Council Members Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Members Tanaka and Love, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

- 18.A Approve Contract with Red Kite Consulting, Inc. for Training Services in the Amount of \$130,280 and a Project Total of \$143,308

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Contract:**

**Ayes: Council Members Love and Francis, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 18.B Ratify Administrative Approval of the Purchase of Driver Protective Barriers from New Flyer Industries in the Amount of \$131,838.40 and a Project Total of \$145,022.40

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Mayor Cerda, Council Members Tanaka, Francis and Love. Transportation Director Ernie Crespo and Fleet Maintenance Manager Victor Santos answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Ratify Administrative Approval of Purchase:**

**Ayes: Council Members Francis and Love, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – None**

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

City Manager mentioned that he had nothing to report but wanted to wish a Happy 248<sup>th</sup> Birthday to the greatest country in the world, God Bless America!

## 22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

- (1) **COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE** – Since the last meeting she attended the Second Time Around 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. It's amazing to see how pre Covid the club had about 150 members and 1 member is at the age of 91 years old. Now to the current day the membership has grown to about 175 to 180. Senior members that meet at Rowley Park every Monday at 1:00 pm, they had an amazing anniversary, Father's Day, and it was an event they mixed together to celebrate. She also attended the Community Care Day, they had a great turnout, a lot of good resources. She also attended the Gardena Juneteenth event, Holly Mitchell Juneteenth event, and the Hawthorne Juneteenth event. She also attended the Gardena Show & Shine Car Show had a lot of nice classic cars and a lot of rides out there, you can see the guys and the women put in a lot of work to keep those cars shining and showcase them. She also attended the Torrance Antique fair over at downtown Torrance, it is an amazing event once a month if you have time on the fourth Sunday of every month, you should go check it out. She stated she wanted to speak a bit candid about the last couple of Council Meetings. The last Council Meeting puzzled a few people in the community and they questioned the business owner that came and spoke before Council what that business owner did not disclose during oral communication is that he is a tenant of mine who is delinquent on his rent \$40,000. Which prompted the service of a 3-day notice. She thinks it is a bit unfair for someone to come to the City Council meeting and make an accusation about a person rather its council or not and lie and say that the biggest one is that I overused the city services to serve him a three-day notice and make him comply while he's on my property. She thinks it is more absurd for the Council to agree with a person to come to council and make an accusation about anybody and support that, but she makes no apologies about being the person that she is. She was elected to serve the City and the residents as a whole and she will do that as long as she is on Council. She doesn't take anything personal, she hears the voices of the residents, she hears the voices of the business community, and she hears the voices of the staff. She is elected to carry those voices when they can't carry them. She has no personal issue with anyone in the City but if someone brings something to her attention it's her job and duty as their council person to bring that issue before Council. If she comes off as being offensive or people take her actions personal, she can't apologize because those aren't her intentions. She is not going to change, she will be the person they elected her to be, and she will continue to keep fighting for the community as a whole. The intimidation, the level of disrespect, and a whole bunch of other host of things that she has to tolerate as being an open minded, open voice, elected council person in this community is amazing, but because she does serve a God that watches over her and she serves a God that protects her, and she serves a God that she serves to the utmost and she is fair about everything that she does. No, she doesn't get along with a lot of people and no she is not for everybody and that's ok, but as long as she knows that with in her heart that she is doing the right thing, and she will always do the right thing regardless of if she will agree with things or not. If it is what the people are asking for, and it's a fair decision, she is going to side with the public and the people in this community.
- (2) **MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON** – Since the last Council Meeting, he attended Gardena Dodger Day. He attended his ICA meeting in preparation for our summer seminar down in Coronado, California. He attended Gardena Flag Day which was always a great thing, and he loves flag day. He did his community and business visits. He

attended a great ceremony at Gardena Valley Baptist Church recognizing the Gardena eagle scout that a high honor for those young men. Hopefully, everybody had a Happy Father's Day this past Father's Day. He attended the Community Care Day and there were a lot of resources there. He had a learning session with the AQMD MSRC staff and everything regarding different funding for different resources. He wants to encourage the City Manager to encourage staff that there is more funding out there, so we'll make sure we get that. He met with the President, CEO, and Vice Chair of BMO bank and we have a branch here in our community. They spoke about opportunities for being good community partners throughout LA County, but especially in the city of Gardena. He thanked the City Manager and his staff for being responsive to a lot of his inquiries, he always has a lot of questions. He thanked them. Gardena Juneteenth was a great event and then he had his official MSRC meeting with AQMD and he also attended the Gardena Show & Shine Car show a lot of great vehicles there, it's always a fun event.

(3) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended Dodger Day, the greater Los Angeles Vector Control District meeting, Community Care Day and the Show & Shine car show and Beautification Commission meeting. Dodger Day was a lot of fun, and she had a great time. She thanked the Parks & Rec team for continuing to put on that event. She also wanted to note that at our Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District meeting. She'd like to give a shout out to our CERT response team for the presentation about the emergency response in the event of a disease born pandemic such as we had with Covid. What we should do in that emergency and our response team was there, they attended the training, she thanked them for being there. She was glad to see them on the screen during the presentation. She was very proud of them for being there. Also, she wants to make sure that we all know that we are expecting a high mosquito season and that residents can do their part to keep their pet water bowls clean, try not to keep standing water around your home and keep you pool clean and that should cut down on our mosquito population. Vector Control District is doing some very interesting things about sterilizing male mosquitos. She enjoys that commission. As for the Beautification Commission we had a great meeting and thanked Tiffany for the presentation. She also wanted us to know that not only do we have the Home of the Month and we also have a Holiday Home Decorating contest and that's coming up at Christmas. Know that Christmas is only 6 months away so if you'd like to participate in that program, please do. You'll hear more information from us on how to go about doing that. Also, the Beautification Commission as she stated during the presentation, it's everyone's responsibility to keep Gardena beautiful, and if you pass by graffiti or illegal dumping you know don't assume that someone else has made that phone call or sent a text make sure that you call. You can download the Gardena Direct App on your cell phone or on your laptop or you can also call (310) 217 9650 to report graffiti or illegal dumping. The Public Works department does an excellent job of getting things cleaned up and collected. She thanked them. Lastly as mayor mentioned Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

(4) MAYOR CERDA – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended the Gardena Dodger day. She also attended a firework's meeting that was put on community activist Dave Mathews, who handles the unincorporated side of Vermont and all the way over where the RVs are, who he is doing a tremendous job over there; he had conducted a fireworks meeting. He brought in a lot of different agencies, and we hosted it here in our City. She also attended the flag day celebration, she thanked the staff for doing a great job and just organizing that, it was a very nice event. She also attended with her colleague's Councilmember Tanaka, and Mayor Pro Tem Henderson the Boy Scout Troop 719 Eagle

Scouts as they recognized the Boy Scouts for matriculating to the next level which that too was a very nice and well attended ceremony. She also attended Community Care Day that was hosted by our staff. She attended a phenomenal Angels event where it is a nonprofit that serves to work with a lot of young girls in the area that keeps them out of gangs, encourages them to stay in school and just exposes these young girls to so many different things that maybe growing up normally in the neighborhood that they wouldn't normally do. It was great to see some of the young ladies who had graduated had gone on to college and had great successful careers. Just to see the first couple of classes that graduated from that and now they are helping to mentor the younger ones; she was glad she was able to attend and bring greetings from the City of Gardena and just talk a little bit about some of her experiences as well. She also attended the Juneteenth event. She thanked the staff for helping put together a great event as well as the City Council and just voting for us to take that day off and honor those on Juneteenth. As this was a big deal whenever we declare a day or holiday, it's a lot of money that's involved in our City. She appreciates the Council for taking it seriously and deciding to honor Juneteenth. She also attended her CCGA meeting, Sanitation meeting, and she also attended the car show. It was a hot day but there were a lot of people out there at the car show, it was a lot of fun and she's glad that the community likes it. They want to continue not only having those, but hopefully we would like to see maybe two of those a year because it was very popular. Lastly, she attended the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ as they lost one of their Apostles and we gave our condolences as a city from the City of Gardena. I know we'll be adjourning in memory of their Apostle. She did speak before the congregation because she had the opportunity to meet their head Apostle over the years and it was actually equivalent to like the pastor's father, but he was over several churches.

- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – Since the last meeting, he attended Dodger night, it was a great event, as always. He thanked Stephany and the staff. He attended flag day. He loves flag day because that is when all our flags are posted, and it makes the Nakaoka courtyard look really good. He attended the Troop 719<sup>th</sup> Eagle Scout awards and the Eagle Scout is the highest award you can receive in the Boy Scouts. It was really refreshing because one of the Eagle Scouts that were honored that day was one of our Cert members who actually saved his mother's life and was awarded a special Eagle Scout that night. He attended Juneteenth that was a great day, he thanked the staff for putting that on. Some of the events he did miss but for a good reason his daughter is in from Colorado, and he got to see his granddaughters.

## 23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

- 1) Line G to Manhattan Beach – GTrans Summer Service – Free service to the beach from June 18 – August 31, 2024. Visit RideGTrans.com for more information.
- 2) Nakaoka Community Center Cooling Center, Monday-Friday, 9am to 6pm. This is a designated cooling station for residents who do not have an air-conditioned home and wish to get relief from the extreme heat.
- 3) Volun"Teen" Camp – the Recreation and Human Services Department provides teens, 13-17 years of age, the opportunity to give back and gain experience volunteering at parks and special events throughout the City. See flyer for more details.
- 4) Boys to Men Workshop, Friday, June 28, 2024, from 5:30-8:30p.m., at the Nakaoka Community Center.
- 5) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Bash, Thursday, July 4, 2024, 5:00-10:00p.m. at Rowley Park.

- 6) "Coffee with a Cop," Thursday, July 18, 2024, from 9:00-11:00a.m. at Auntie's Café.
- 7) Back-To-School Giveaway, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 6:30-8:30p.m. at the City Hall Complex, hosted at the National Night Out Summer Block Party in partnership with our Gardena Police & City Departments.
- 8) Summer Block Party in Celebration of National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 6:30-8:30p.m. at the City Hall Complex.

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

**Mrs. Gail Laidoner**, 75 years of age; former Beautification Commission member for many years.

**Apostle Arsenio T. Ferriol**, 88 years of age; Chief Executive Minister of Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4<sup>th</sup> Watch).

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:01 p.m. Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

MINA SEMENZA

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

APPROVED:

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