

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 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, September 10, 2024, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Tasha Cerda, presiding.

1. **ROLL CALL**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

2. **CLOSED SESSION**

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

4. **INVOCATION**

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A November 5, 2024, Election Presentation – ***was given by Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero***

5.B Boards & Commissions Presentation - Gardena Economic Business Advisory (GEBAC) – ***was given by Chair Steve Rogers***

5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A City of Gardena 94th Anniversary Day" - September 11, 2024 – ***was proclaimed only***

6.B "24th Annual Keep Gardena Beautiful Day," - September 21, 2024 – ***was proclaimed only***

6.C "City Employee Recognition Day," September 26, 2024 – ***was proclaimed only***

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

## 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, August 13, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

- 8.C Receive and File Minutes:  
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, July 16, 2024

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

August 27, 2024: Check Numbers: 177311-177461 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,911,939.50; Total Payroll Issued for August 23, 2024: \$2,655,762.67

- 8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, September 10, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

September 10, 2024: Check Numbers: 177462-177603 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,711,001.14; Total Payroll Issued for September 6, 2024: \$2,305,794.47

- 8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, July 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.G Personnel Report P-2024-14 9-10-24

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.H RESOLUTION NO. 6681, Repealing Resolution No. 6612, and Adopting a New Conflict of Interest Code

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

- 8.I Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Nakaoka Community Center HVAC Upgrade Project, JN 522.

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Consent Calendar:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

## 9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

## 10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

### 10.A AUGUST 20, 2024 - MEETING:

#### **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #3-24, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #6-24**

The Planning Commission reviewed a request for a conditional use permit and public convenience or necessity to allow the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption in an existing cigar lounge located at 14512 Crenshaw Blvd, and exemption request from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15301 and 15061(b)(3).

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 15-24, by a vote of 4-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #3-24, made the findings for public convenience or necessity, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

**City Council:** Receive and file.

***This Item was Received and Filed.***

### 10.B AUGUST 20, 2024 - MEETING:

#### **ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #5-24 - ORDINANCE NO. 1875**

The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to the City Council on adoption of Ordinance No. 1875 amending GMC Chapter 18.66 and Section 18.36.020 relating to allowing non-storefront retail medicinal cannabis delivery services businesses in the M-1 and M-2 zoning districts and finding the exempt under the common sense exemption of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 16-24, by a vote of 3-1, recommending the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1875 and find the project exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

**City Council:** Receive and file. This matter will be brought before the City Council at a future hearing date.

***This Item was Received and Filed.***

### 10.C SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 - Meeting Cancelled

## 11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Travis Hernandez, Library Manager for Masao W. Satow Library, came to give information on upcoming events at both Masao W. Satow and Mayme Dear Libraries.

Deputy City Clerk Romero stated that there was a typo on one of her slides regarding when the drop boxes would be closed; she stated the date is November 5<sup>th</sup>, not November 9<sup>th</sup>.

## 12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 12.A Authorization to Lease to Purchase 2024 Tesla Model Y from Enterprise Fleet Management with a Down Payment in the Amount of \$57,057, and Monthly Fees Over a 60-Month Period in the Amount of \$8,461 for a Total Requested Amount of \$65,518

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 Love, Francis, and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka. City Manager Osorio replied to all questions.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Purchase:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

12.B Approval of Side Letter between the City of Gardena and the Gardena Municipal Employees Association ("GMEA")

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 Henderson, and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka. City Manager Osorio and Transportation Director Ernie Crespo replied to all questions.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Side Letter between the City of Gardena and the Gardena Municipal Employees Association ("GMEA"):**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

13.A Review Of The Façade Improvement Conceptual Design and Program For The Gardena Boulevard Revitalization Program

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

GEBAC Chairman Steve Rogers presented a presentation. Economic Development Manager Jackie Choi, was also present.

Questions and comments were made by all Members of the Council. Both GEBAC Chairman Rogers and Economic Development Manager Choi answered all questions.

**It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to:**

- **Approve the Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission (GEBAC)'s recommendations on the Façade Improvement Conceptual Design and Programs prepared by Michael Baker International for the Gardena Boulevard Revitalization Program.**
- **Redirect GEBAC to draft the program guidelines for implementing the Façade Improvement Conceptual Design, utilizing the \$2 million state earmark.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

**15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE**

**16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

16.A Award Construction Contract for the Artesia Boulevard Arterial Improvement Project, JN 935, from Western Avenue to Vermont Avenue to DASH Construction Company in the amount of \$5,311,440.36. Additionally, Award Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract to Anser Advisory, in the amount of \$358,279.50, Approve the Design Contract Change Order Services to Cannon Corporation in the amount of \$52,181.00, Approve the Project Plans & Specifications, Approve a Budget Appropriation of \$775,000 for 18% Project Contingency and Job Cost, and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption under Section 15301

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 and Council Member Love. Director of Public Works Allan Rigg answered all questions.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to:**

- **Award Construction Contract to DASH Construction Company**
- **Award Construction Management and Inspection Services to Anser Advisory**
- **Approve Design Contract Change Order Services to Cannon Corporation**
- **Approve Project Plans and Specifications**

**Approve Budget Appropriation for Project Contingency and Job Cost  
Declare CEQA Exemption Under Section 15301**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 16.B Award Construction Contract for the Pedestrian Safety Improvement FY 2023-2024 Project (Phase 2), JN 527, to Kalban, Inc., in the amount of \$199,679, Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption under Section 15301, Approve the Project Specifications and Budget Contingency

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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, Assistant Public Works Director Kevin Kwak, and Public Works Director Rigg answered all questions.

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

- **Award Construction Contract**
- **Declare CEQA Exemption Under Section 15301**
- **Approve the Project Specifications**
- **Approve Expenditures of Remaining Budget as Contingency**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 16.C Authorization to Purchase 2024 Ford Crew Cab F350 Pickup Truck from Downtown Ford Sacramento in the amount of \$69,616.49 and Sell Current 1999 Chevrolet Crew Cab 2500 Pickup Truck at Estimated Residual Value of \$3,000 for the Public Works Department

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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. Director of Public Works Rigg answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Purchase and Sell Current Vehicle:**

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

- 16.D Approve a Cooperative Agreement between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the City of Gardena to share costs for the County Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization Program (TSSP) Project, JN 518, on East Rosecrans Ave.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Agreement:**

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

- 16.E Approve On- Call Professional Services for General Civil Engineering Design, Construction Management and Inspection, Traffic Engineering, Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Geotechnical Engineering/Geology and Material Testing, and Staff Augmentation.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 Henderson, Council Member Love and Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio, and Director of Public Works Rigg answered all questions.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve On-Call Professional Consultants for As-Needed Services and Authorize the City Manager in authority to approve contracts up to \$100,000 for each of the projects:**

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

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

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

18.A Approve GTrans Proposed Service Changes for January 2025

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 and Mayor Cerda. Director of Transportation Crespo answered all questions. On an added note, City Manager Osorio mentioned that we are going to rebrand the name of the Flexi vehicles.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Service Changes:**

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

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

19.A Designation of Voting Delegate / Representative for the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo - October 16-18, 2024

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone from the public 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 Francis, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Designate Voting Delegate / Representative as Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka and the Alternate Voting Delegate / Representative as Council Member Love:**



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

- 19.B Designate one (1) Council Member for the 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 from the public 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 Henderson, Council Member Francis, Mayor Cerda, and Council Member Love. City Manager Osorio commented regarding this item.

**It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Designate Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka as the other Council Member who will travel to Ichikawa, Japan :**

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

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

Council Member Francis

Subject: To create a plan for implementing the Park Master Plan.

Purpose – To improve our parks;

Reason – Many of our parks are run down and need improvement, especially Bell Park;

Benefit – It would give the City a much-needed facelift and bring the City into compliance with the Park Master Plan.

***Council Member Love seconded it.***

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

- 1) Memo to Council regarding considering revising the Ordinance to allow dogs in our parks; and
- 2) Invited everyone to stay for cake after the meeting for Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka whose birthday is on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 22. COUNCIL REMARKS

- 1) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - The best thing she did was attend the Gardena Jazz Festival, it was absolutely amazing, especially when Stevie Wonder came out on stage; she is so glad that we're the City that is able to do that. She mentioned this upcoming September 21<sup>st</sup>, she wants to invite everybody, there's still time to sign up, to the Keep Gardena Beautiful Day; it's an annual community cleanup day. She hopes people have an opportunity to get involved; if you haven't had a chance to sign up there is still little time; you can sign up to participate and maybe just clean your own street or whatever it is you decide to do, but they're going to be lots of programs, activities and besides that, for all your effort you will get lunch and there's raffles, t-shirts; it's just a great worthwhile activity especially for our young people to get involved. She would also like to give a shout out to our City employees, who go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis to make sure our City runs well, and she just wants to make sure that you know that she appreciates you and she sees you and thanks so much for all you do. Lastly, kids are out of the streets, school has started back in full swing now. The kids are on their cell phones; they're not paying attention crossing the street so make sure that you watch out for our young people as they are on their way to school.
- 2) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - Since our last meeting, he attended the Jazz Festival, the ribbon cutting for the new florist business on Marine and Van Ness Ave, over at the Nader's complex. We just had our park study session today; he's been kind of under the weather the past couple weeks but mentioned that today is a joyous day he wants to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Street on the birth of their twin sons Micah and Mateo Street; he has two new grandsons, he's very excited about that so he's looking forward to many years of fun, laughter and tears and everything. He is very excited, children are doing well, mother's doing well, husband's doing well, grandfathers a wreck, but okay; thank you everybody for your thoughts and prayers.
- 3) MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA - He attended a leadership training program outside the City, he attended the Fukagawa restaurant celebration lunch, the Masonic Lodge Law Enforcement and Firefighter Awards dinner, Gardena Valley Baptist Church Seminary Scholarship Golf Tournament to help students. He was a guest speaker for the Gardena Valley Baptist Church Men's Sports Group. He attended the South Bay COG Board Meeting, he attended the El Segundo Art Walk to represent the COG to promote bike and low speed travel network. He attended our Jazz Festival at Rowley Park; Stephany, you and your staff did a great job as always and thank you to Steve Bradford for always being the spearhead of that. He attended the ribbon cutting and grand opening with Council Member Henderson at the Floral Impressions and Design at Van Ness and Marine and sent best wishes. He attended the Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor installation dinner in Hermosa, the Gardena High School All Class Picnic; it's nice to see classes from 1955 up to 2000. He attended the COG Steering Committee meeting and the COG Transportation meeting.
- 4) MAYOR CERDA - Since the last council meeting, she attended a luncheon not sure if it was a re-grand opening of the Fukagawa restaurant, with Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka and a couple of our staff people, as they were recognized; it was a fun event, and they have great food. She also attended the Gardena Moneta Masonic Lodge with Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, Council Member Henderson as we recognized the great efforts of Lieutenant Mark Thompson from our Gardena Police Department and from LA County Fire department Firefighter Eric Perrin from station 158 for all the great things that they've

done. She also attended Ms. LaWanda Staten's Love Fest event, Council Member Henderson's commissioner, that she had. It was a great event where she just got people to come out to the park and there were people who were just relaxing up under tents, some people were playing, there was entertainment, and music there, and so on and it was just a great way just to get folks to come out and enjoy our parks, everybody had a great time there even one of our officers who was there kind of making sure everybody was safe even got up and spoke and just felt like part of the group, so it was just a really nice event that our commissioner put on. She also attended with Council Member Francis the celebration of a 90th birthday for one of our residents Mr. Isaiah Thomas; there was a really nice drive by that was done by the Police Department they gave him some really great gifts and our department presented him with a birthday certificate so it was really nice; I was happy that we were able to do that for one of our residents because their stakeholders here in our community and she always like to thank all of our residents for choosing to live in Gardena, be property owners, and keep their properties up and so on, thank you to our Police Department for that, and everybody involved. She also attended her monthly CCGA meeting; people are going to start hearing the news about SB 549 as something that is threatening cities like ours that have card rooms; where the tribes are trying to get the Governor to sign legislation that potentially could shut our card rooms down so as the next couple of meetings are coming, I'll be explaining in more detail about that; just know that if the Governor signs this legislation, we're hoping he doesn't, SB 549 could cut \$8-\$10 million less per year as part of our operating budget, which would severely hurt us. If you're seeing advertisements out there that's saying that you know the Governor should enforce this, they shouldn't unfortunately, our Assembly Members when they voted on this, they voted in favor for the tribes. She is proud to say that our representative, Tina McKinnor, she was the only person who voted no. Everybody else either voted yes or they didn't vote at all, and the surprising part is most of those people is they got some type of donations to a lot of their different non-profits, which she thinks is terrible, none of us could do anything like that, we couldn't get donations to any of our campaign accounts or things like that and then turn around and vote on something, there's rules against that, so it was kind of interesting to find out that so many of these people got donations and things like that when this went before the Senate; it was almost unanimously in favor of the tribes and not in our favor and she's sad to say that even our representatives that cover our area here the State Senate didn't support us so it was a little disheartening there, so again more to come on that. She'll let everybody know as a representative from our California Gaming Authority Board that she sits on. She also attended our neighboring City Hawthorne State of the City, Council Member Henderson and Council Member Francis were there too, and it's great to see the City of Hawthorne doing really great things, not quite as good as Gardena, but it was still good. She always says that even our neighboring cities when they're doing good, we're all doing good because a lot of times people don't know when they're leaving Hawthorne coming into Gardena and leaving Gardena and going into Hawthorne, so she was proud to be there and see some of the great accomplishments that the City of Hawthorne was doing. She also attended Gardena Cinemas they had a special event a movie premiere it was an old movie from like 1973 called Boulevard Nights. It was a special showing they had there with the writer, the director, some of the actors, one of the original cars in the movie, the lowriders and cholos filled the theater and it was a great question and answer before the movie started; she was asked to kind of bring greetings and welcome everybody to the event so it was a fun night she doesn't think she has ever seen Gardena Cinema as packed as it was that night so it was just kind of fun to see the place just filled up. She also attended the Jazz Festival you know again everybody did an amazing job she often

says for a city like ours, our main job is not to go out and put on concerts but she thinks we do a great job for anybody who just walks in off the street and sees our concert it looks like we're a professional company that does this for a living so she wants to say kudos to the staff for an amazing job. She knows there was over 7,000 people there she didn't have an exact number but she can say most of those people walked away happy and she has gotten all kind of great remarks from people just randomly saying how much fun they had at our annual Jazz Festival and this isn't just this year but this is every year, you hear this so again thank you guys for the great job that you did. She also attended Cashmir Gatekeepers block party that was held last week, the Haas neighborhood watch meeting and then also last Sunday she attended the Pentecostal Missionary Church 4th watch as they had their 35th anniversary and they had a huge celebration at the Hyatt in Long Beach even though they're stationed here in Gardena several 100 people were there just celebrating with the church it was an amazing event. Lastly, she attended the volunteer appreciation dinner she wants to thank all the volunteers for all they do year-round whether your Meals on Wheels, whether your part of the group that just calls our seniors just as like a wellness check, whatever capacity is we thank you for your time that you volunteer to our residents here in Gardena. One last event, she attended was Pastor John and Nancy Ward our former secretary here she and her husband's church had their 50th anniversary where they have pastored over their church; it was a wonderful event and it was just great being able to kind of fellowship with them as they were celebrating this event and it was even nicer to see some of the former city employees who were there just to celebrate this event with them.

- 5) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE - Since our last meeting, she attended the Leadership Academy, and it was really good to see residents in the community out learning about the different departments and getting a better understanding of how government works. She attended the Senior Candlelight dinner that same day and she also attended the Jazz Festival which again every year it's just even greater than the previous year they did a really great job totally surprised everyone with Stevie Wonder showing up. One more comment that she does want to make, and this is to maybe Allan if we can get that cricket killed back here that shows up at every meeting for the last six months, she would have made it a directive, but now you know.

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

- 1) 911 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Ceremony, Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 9:00a.m. on the City Hall Lawn;
- 2) Coffee with a Cop, Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 9:00-11:00a.m. at El Pollo Inka;
- 3) Free Family Movie Night, Friday, September 13, 2024, from 7:00-9:30p.m. at the City Hall Lawn, featuring Disney's "Encanto";
- 4) Situational Awareness & Personal Safety, hosted by Gardena Police Department on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 9:00-11:00a.m.;
- 5) Gardena New Park Designs Community Workshop, Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 6:00-8:00p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center;
- 6) Food, Wine & Brew Festival, Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 12:00-7:00p.m. at the Gardena City Hall Complex;
- 7) Waste Resources' Semi-Annual Clean-up Event, Free for all Gardena Residential Customers; see flyer for schedule;
- 8) Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. at the City Hall Complex;

- 9) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual K-9 Pancake Breakfast, Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 7:00a.m. to 10:00a.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center; and  
10) 5<sup>th</sup> Annual FurBaby LoveFest, Sunday, October 6, 2024, from 1:00-6:00p.m. on Gardena City Hall Lawn.

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

All those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks within the United States on September 11, 2001.

**Mr. Le' Roy Robert Harris**; 82 years of age, a long-time resident of the Greater Los Angeles area, a devoted family man and a beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and great-great grandfather.

**Ms. Elizabeth Cota**; 58 years of age, Part Time Recreation Leader II with the City of Gardena. Elizabeth worked with the City for a total of 21 years.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:37p.m. Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00p.m. and the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

MINA SEMENZA

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

APPROVED:

*Tasha Cerda, Mayor*

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Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: *Becky Romero*

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Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk