

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting Notice**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2024**

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 8, 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; Council Member Wanda Love; Other City Officials present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; City Treasurer Guy H Mato; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION**

2. **CLOSED SESSION**

- 2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Mary Hisako Morishita v. Gardena Transit, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV01126

***Attorney Lou Dumont of Carpenter, Rothans & Dumont was present for the above item.***

- 2.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Michael Sargent v. City of Gardena, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23TRCV03283

***Attorney Danny Yoo of Liebert, Cassidy & Whitmore was present for the above item.***

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

***Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:50p.m., and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members, who were present at the meeting. When City Attorney Vasquez was asked if there was any reportable action from Closed Session, she stated that staff was provided with direction, but no reportable action was taken.***

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cameron Moore and Vyrie Santos, both in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and both attend Chapman Elementary School. Cameron likes Math, the color pink, reading, drama and tennis. Vyrie likes Math, the color red, soccer, and playing sports for fun. They are both members of the School Student Council and the GATE Program. They assist the principal with the daily morning announcements and they both like Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.

4. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Certificates of Commendation presented to members of the Third Gardena Police Department Community Academy - ***presented by Chief Mike Saffell***

5.B Gardena Juvenile Justice & Intervention Program (GJJIP) 2024 Update – ***an update was provided by Officer Sterling Kim and Lead Case Manager Rosa Hernandez. They brought up a student from Peary Jr. Middle School, along with her father, who commended Officer Kim and Lead Case Manager Hernandez for all the support they received during their time at GJJIP.***

5.C 2024 General Election Video Presentation

5.D 2024 Keep Gardena Beautiful Day Presentation

5.E Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A *Lights on Afterschool* - October 24, 2024 – ***was accepted by Diana Medel of the Boys & Girls Club of Carson***

6.B *Childhood Cancer Awareness Month* - September 2024 – ***was proclaimed only***

7. **APPOINTMENTS** - ***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, September 10, 2024

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

8.C Receive and File Minutes:

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission August 20, 2024

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, September 24, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

September 24, 2024: Wire Transfer: 12791-12798, 12801-12805, 12807-12810; Prepay: 177604-177607; Check Numbers: 177608-177780 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$4,537,328.13; Total Payroll Issued for September 20, 2024: \$2,415,083.63

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

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

October 8, 2024: Wire Transfer: 12799-12800, 12806, 12811-12815, 12819; Prepay: 177781-177796; Check Numbers 177797-177962 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,151,810.19; Total Payroll Issued for October 4, 2024: \$1,864,093.34

- 8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, August 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.G Personnel Report P-2024-15 10-8-24

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 8.H Bingo License Renewal for Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919, located at 1735 W. 162nd Street

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 8.I Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Storm Drain Debris Screen FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 Project, JN 998/999

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

- 8.J Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Rosecrans Community Center Project, Chase Building Demolition Phase, JN 972

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

- 8.K Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 82410

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

- 8.L RESOLUTION NO. 6682, Adopting the City of Gardena 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

**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, with the exception of 8.H and 8.L:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

## 9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.H **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**; Bingo License Renewal for Gardena Elks Lodge No. 1919, located at 1735 W. 162nd Street – ***Item pulled by Mayor Cerda***

The item was pulled so Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka could recuse himself since he lives within 300 feet of the facility where the license is being renewed.

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

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

**Abstain: Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka**

**Absent: None**

- 8.L PUBLIC WORKS RESOLUTION NO. 6682, Adopting the City of Gardena 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan - ***Item pulled by Staff***

City Attorney Vasquez stated that staff is pulling item 8.L. and is continuing the item to a future Council Meeting date.

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 - ***Meeting Cancelled***

10.B OCTOBER 1, 2024 MEETING

**THIRD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

The Planning Commission considered a request for a third extension of time for Tentative Parcel Map No. 82410, to subdivide a 17, 221 square foot property at 15906 - 15908 S. Manhattan Place creating two separate parcels in the Low-Density Multiple-Family Residential (R-2) zone. Requested Extension: 2-Months  
LOCATION: 15906-15908 S. Manhattan Place

APPLICANT: Nancy Hurt Canady (Representative: Karl Reimer)

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission approved a third request for an extension of time for Tentative Parcel Map No. 82410 (TM#1-18), by a vote of 4-0, granting an additional 2-month extension.

**City Council Action:** ***This Item was Received and Filed.***

10.C OCTOBER 1, 2024, MEETING

**1818 West Redondo Beach Boulevard, the Tire House Progress Report** As requested by the Planning Commission at the July 16, 2024, meeting, staff presented an update report on the Tire House Inc.'s progress with meeting the requirements of Site Plan Review #4-15.

**Commission Action:** The Planning Commission motioned to postpone the adoption of the resolution for denial, to continue monitoring the business for three additional months, by a vote of 3-1. The Planning Commission directed staff to bring a report of the applicant's progress to the January 7, 2025, Planning Commission meeting.

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

## 11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Russ Bryant – is an artist who has a studio in Gardena; he came out to let Council know he put a gate up to keep people out because he fears for his safety; he recently got a notice that the gate was not in compliance; he is being proactive to get this issue resolved and is open to suggestions asking for a variance so he could be compliant and is asking for help.
- 2) Andrea Simenthal – Community Library Manager of Mayme Dear Library; came to give event updates at both Mayme Dear and Masao W. Satow Libraries.
- 3) Paul Randall – representative of Mama Rosa’s Food Pantry – came to give an update on October 5<sup>th</sup> Food Giveaway; gave overall stats since they opened in August 3, 2024.

### 11.A **PUBLIC COMMENT**

10-08-2024 Regular CC Meeting – PC#1

10-08-2024 Regular CC Meeting – PC#2

10-08-2024 Regular CC Meeting – PC#3 – was received after the Agenda was posted

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

## 13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A **PUBLIC HEARING**: Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

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.

She then opened the Public Hearing at 8:40p.m.; there being no speakers, she closed the Public Hearing at 8:41p.m.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to have Council authorize staff to submit the FY 2023-2024 CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 13.B INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1875, Amending Chapter 18.66 and Section 18.36.020 and Adding Chapter 5.80 to the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Non-Storefront Retail Medicinal Cannabis Delivery Service Businesses. Environmental Determination: The adoption of the ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under the common sense exemption of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Community Development Manager, Amanda Acuna.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 8:49p.m. and 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. Community Development Manager Acuna, City Attorney Vasquez, Assistant City Attorney Kranitz answered all questions.

Mayor Cerda then closed the Public Hearing at 9:02p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka introduced Ordinance No. 1875.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No. 1875, find that the adoption of the Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of CEQA, and direct staff to file a notice of exemption:**

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

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES
15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE
16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS
17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES
18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION
19. COUNCIL ITEMS
20. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES - None

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

- 1) A memorandum regarding the Vargas property development;
- 2) A memorandum regarding Parks Master Plan and CIP Improvements memorandum;
- 3) A memorandum notifying Council and our residents that we now have WIFI in the parks;
- 4) A memorandum regarding Redondo Beach Blvd. Improvements project;
- 5) City Manager announced Council Member Henderson's, Director Rigg, and Assistant City Attorney Kranitz's birthdays; and that we would be having cake after.

## 22. COUNCIL REMARKS

- 1) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE – She did attend one event, the Food, Wine and Brew Fest where she hosted the LA County Recorder's office to come out and do voter registrations and they also hosted it again this past Saturday partnered with the City Clerk's office and combined with the two events we had a grand total of 13 new voters that registered. That number is very significant because after talking to Carmen and the City Clerk's office, the County Recorder's office has been out to events and got no one to register so we had like 7 at the Food, Wine and Brew Fest and it was really interesting because there were people that didn't know that they could register to vote after they may have been incarcerated or for various reasons, so it was really great to take advantage of educating the people on not just the importance of voting but knowing their voting rights.
- 2) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - Since the last time we reconvene she attended the Harvest Festival and the Food, Wine and Brew Festival, really great events and thank you staff for putting those events together and they are very nice as always, great turn out as well. Also I attended Keep Gardena Beautiful Day, and again thank you staff for organizing that and we had an excellent turn out that we had about 500-525 volunteers coming out, that was larger than last year so thank you so much for that it was a huge success and while she was on the topic of Keep Gardena Beautiful it's all our responsibility of keeping Gardena great. It's not just a one-day event it's an everyday event so if you see something, say something. We have an app for your phone, Gardena Direct, you can call or text it in or call it in and they'll be taken care of, we have one of the cleanest cities around in the South Bay and it's all because of our wonderful public works staff and because of you. Keep Gardena Beautiful stats and highlights they had over 500 attendees, we had 14 cleanup locations railroad tracks, community garden at Peary Middle School, and Willows Wetland, and ended it with lunch at Mas Fukai Park with Giuliano's and Raising Canes, which was delicious thank you so much, and we had some photos, thank you so very much she appreciates that. Also, Congratulations to the third graduating class of the Gardena Police Community Academy, excellent idea and that's a great form for the community outreach and community engagement because an engaging community is an active community and the forum community, so we appreciate that, and it also builds relationships because you know it's all about relationships right now. She also wants to thank Mr. Esters and his daughter Ariana Esters about their testimony about the successful Gardena Juvenile Justice Intervention Program and it's just good to know that intervention is the key to turn young people around and there's a lot going on so I'm glad for this program. We have a very important election coming up on November 5<sup>th</sup>, you've heard all the news about the most consequential election, of course that is true, but like she told the group, every election is important so make sure you vote, if you will turn 18 by November 5th you may register to vote. In California

if you're a felon or ex-felon you can still vote, so please vote it's very important. It's so easy you can drop it off in the mail, we have a drop off box you can just take the ballot in, you mail it in, you can walk it in, she's going to go in person because she hasn't liked going to the ballot drop box and vote that way but just make sure you vote it's a part of our democracy.

- 3) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - Since the last meeting he was able to attend the 9/11 recognition, recognizing all those souls that were lost on that day he wants to say that he was really moved by Dorian's testimony regarding his daughter and his family and the impact that GJIIP had and it's money well spent; we should keep investing in it again you know we can't reach everybody, but those that we reach he thinks we will have a positive impact, so he wants to say thank you to him for that full disclosure and sharing. He wants to thank our Citizens Academy and speaking to a lot of those members they have a new sense of understanding and enlightenment in regard to the city and how we run and everything; so Chief let's keep that going that's really great as we work to continue to bridge the gap between our public safety and our community; he also wants to send some gratitude in regard to the Wi-Fi in the park. I'm going to give recognition to the Director of Administrative Services Ray Beeman, and the Director of Recreation & Human Services, Stephany Santin and as well as yourself, Mr. City Manager. We did receive that grant funding from Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi, he can't remember the correct dollar amount, \$1.5 million or \$2.2 million to help us work on bridging the digital divide through COVID; we found out and understood that even within our communities such as ours that's really thriving, there still are those that have not crossed the digital divide so we were able to get this going he also want to thank this body for supporting that vision and getting there. It's 100 megabytes availability at Johnson, Freeman, and Thornburg and Vincent Bell parks; we'll put those maps online; it's available from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM when the park closes but we want to say again City of Gardena is thinking about all its residents and working to make sure we do our part to make sure everybody has an equal opportunity as part of our equity plan to make sure everybody has some success in society and in life.
- 4) MAYOR CERDA – She attended the 9/11 ceremony, also Coffee with a Cop at El Pollo Inka, Casimir Gatekeepers neighborhood watch meeting, and the Haas Block club, where they had a block party. Also, the PS I Love You Foundation where it was called a day at the beach and they took kids from Gardena and the inner city, Watts and even as far as East LA to the beach to teach them how to swim, surf or maybe just get out and enjoy the water and they were chaperoned with some of our officers out there, this was overall a great event. Also immediately following that she attended the International Business forum in Las Vegas she was there for 3-4 days speaking to potential investors who are interested in investing in Gardena and just told them some of the things that they should be doing before buying properties checking in on and making sure you have the right kind of zoning for what you want to do and just some of the mistakes maybe some of the people have made in the past to make sure that they don't make those same mistakes before investing a lot of money. She also attended her monthly CCGA meeting, her sanitation meeting with Council Member Francis, September Home of the Month, also a workshop meeting that was held in our Nakaoka Community Center here, Kiwanis spaghetti fundraiser to help out a Kiwanis. She also attended Keep Gardena Beautiful Day and again wants to thank Public Works for the amazing job you guys did it was said earlier the number of people that were there but every year; it keeps growing it's getting better and just your whole coordination the way you handled it was awesome it was a lot



of fun riding around in the trolley, that's something we haven't done. It was like showcasing our Gtrans trolley and at the same time the Council Members had the opportunity to go and thank our volunteers as well as take some fun pictures too, so that was really good. Then immediately following that she attended a basketball sports clinic that was hosted by College of Bruins player Dylan Andrews he had a 2 day sports clinic here at Rush Gym and he is a really nice young man and what she learned about him was not only was he doing this sports clinic, but he's also in the past had different food giveaways, backpack giveaways, and he's willing to do more in the community, so it was really nice to see this young man who's been doing this since even before he became known and famous in college for playing basketball. So, it was really nice meeting him there at this two-day event. Then also later that evening she attended the Tumi Awards, this year it's an award for Peruvian American individuals who've done outstanding things in their communities those who've won Nobel Peace prizes, been in the Olympics, and it's an organization that just recognizes different Peruvian American individuals, so that was hosted here at the Community Center. She also attended the ICSC conference in Palm Springs with the Economic Development Manager and where we reached out to different retailers to see if we could get them to come to Gardena and she was there for a couple of days, and it was really just a good meeting that we have there with just potential businesses that might be interested in coming to Gardena. Then immediately following that she attended the LA Sanitation personnel meeting that was hosted in Whittier, and then the next day the Employee Recognition function, the Finance Committee meeting and then the following day Gardena High School Career Day with a couple of our Gardena police officers and that was a lot of fun we had a whole auditorium where we were talking to kids not just going from classroom to classroom. Then later that day she attended neighborhood watch over at Serra High School, also Holly Park's homeowners meeting as well as the Cert where they had their annual monthly meeting where they talk about disaster preparedness. She attended Gardena High School's Homecoming and then the following day the K-9 breakfast, as well as the First Presbyterian Church of Gardena as they celebrated the 125th anniversary. Same day she also attended the Harvest Festival and then finished the night out at the Elks where she was honoring one of their longtime Elks members for his many years of service and his position as Grand Lodge Officer and she presented him with a certificate of recognition from the City of Gardena. She attended the fur babies and lovefest event where this entire City Hall was taken over by dogs, cats, and reptiles and she even saw a snake. This year was a superhero theme, so this was their 5th year of having it. The event is just constantly getting bigger and bigger with all the different booths there, all type of healthcare things, trimming the animal's nails, ear cleaning. She even found out they have cakes for dogs it was just a plethora of things for animals, and clothes, hats, you name it, it was something for them and as well as their pet owners, so they had matching outfit there. You often hear her say she goes to our CCGA meeting and that's the committee that she sits on, that represents all the card rooms in California and we fight to make sure that we can keep our card rooms going; you've probably heard her mention previously that she's had to go to Sacramento herself, City Manager, Chief of Police and many other electives from other neighboring cities with card rooms to testifying hearings to try to get our Assembly Members and State Senate members to not let the tribes pass their SB549 which would allow them to have frivolous lawsuits against our card rooms and ultimately end up closing them well unfortunately SP549 passed by the assembly it also passed by the State Senate and then the Governor signed it into effect. Which could be very detrimental for cities like ours and so it was mentioned at our last State of the City that you know we were worried about something like this happening and

now we're in the process of this happening now and so you know our city is working very hard to make sure that you know we are preparing ourselves for this because ultimately this can close our card rooms down in the next 5 years we're hoping this doesn't happen, but there's a very strong likely chance that this could happen. It was unfortunate that a good majority of the Assembly Members voted either in favor of the tribes, and being able to do this if they didn't vote at all, which was a yes vote, and unfortunately with the exception of Tina McKinnor she was the only one who stood up for us and she commends her for doing that even our State Senator wouldn't vote on it and ultimately this passed, so it's unfortunate for us you know in Gardena because this is a big part of our revenue here so it's something that the community should know; we're in a better position than cities like Hawaiian Gardens because this accounts for over 90% of their revenue cities like that they probably won't exist in a couple of years so because it's just that bad how much that they're relying on their card rooms but that's just something we just want to make sure that we keep the community informed of because it's something that is definitely on our radar. On a lighter note she just wants to share some information that was really interesting and she constantly commend our Code Enforcement for doing an amazing job and she kind of heard indirectly from somebody that was telling her that they were talking to Code Enforcement in some of our neighboring cities and they said you know what in Gardena they really have their stuff figured out because we follow everything they do because their standards are so high and it seems like they have like a whole tribe out there working for them she guesses they didn't realize we had our Gardena Direct here and they said between their people out there. So, Greg please share with your code enforcement that surrounding cities are watching them, and she can't even describe as well as this guy kept going on but just know that the high standard and the professionalism that they're doing and staying on it with Gardena Direct as well as our other departments, it's definitely being noticed by our surrounding communities here.

- 5) MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA – He attended the 9/11 memorial ceremony that our City has every year, and he was honored to be able to bring in the Invocation, so thank you very much Stephany and your staff for putting that on, and the Chief and the PD Staff, thank you. He attended Coffee with a Cop at El Pollo Inka they are so gracious to us that when they host us, they have a plethora of stuff, so we just thank El Pollo Inka for that. He attended Gardena Beautification annual cleanup day; it's amazing how many people show up for that. Allan, thank you for what you did for us, and how you took us around all the spots, but it was so good that some of the groups got done sooner than we really anticipated they were finished because there were so many people. The one thing he enjoyed was Peary Middle School because he's an alma mater from Peary but their garden in the back they're really working hard on trying to keep that up, so thank you. He attended the city Employee Recognition lunch that we celebrate our employees it's something that no other city he believes does. We celebrate years of service, exemplary service, we give them prizes; we giveaway the Hydro Flask that seems to be a big hit right now but thank you for all our employees for what they do and that was a great event. He attended the Finance Committee meeting as Madam Mayor said we're right now trying to prepare for the future endeavors and challenges that the bill that the Governor signed is going to put on us and a lot of other cities that have card rooms so hang in there and we'll keep you appraised of what's going on. He attended his COG's board meeting he has a whole bunch of stuff but he's not going to go into it because there's just too much to do. He attended the Food, Wine, and Brew event for our

seniors he's proud to be a sponsor of that because our seniors in our city we take care of them we are known for taking care of our seniors, Stephany, thank you so much for that event, you guys really rock, you guys did a great job, and we appreciate you. He attended the Lomita Sheriff's station fundraising at Trump's; it was an event that benefit their station and a couple of their fallen officers that happened this year, it was a really great event, so thank you to Lomita for doing that. Then Coffee with a Cop at Chick-fil-A. He attended the homeless task force which he is the chair of for the South Bay COG, there's a lot of interesting things that are coming forward about homelessness. He attended the 24th annual K-9 pancake breakfast, Chief Saffell, your guys did a really great job, everybody had a great time. He thinks this is probably one of the better ones that you've had especially because of the presentations that your K-9 Officers put on for everybody, that was enjoyable. He attended the annual Harvest Festival this is a pretty good one, it was well attended, again Stephany and staff thank you. He attended the 5th annual Fur Baby event hosted by the Infinite Love Animal Rescue the founder which is Kandace Kuwahara. The Mayor and himself presented a certificate of appreciation for all of her efforts, but Kandace five years ago started a small little animal event at our courtyard and it was really well received and on that day he told her you cannot now stop you must continue doing this every year and she's held true and has done this and it's gotten bigger, and bigger, and bigger every year, so next year he can only imagine what it's going to look like, so we thank Kandice for her efforts. The Citizens Academy and our volunteers they were awarded their certificates of completion but he wants to commend the Chief for being a forward thinker that brings these type of organizations to our City that help us with extra eyes, because he knows that we cannot do this by ourselves, and once you start bringing in citizens into our Police Departments in to our City, seeing what we do, how we operate, and being a part of that, it's just pushes forward and they bring in more people, and more people, and they actually see what we do and they help us to be a better City. So, Chief thank you very much for that. GJIP the testimony today, that's what we do we're the only city that has a program like this that cares for our youth that are in trouble, take them in and try to help them, to be a part of society without getting them all of the issues that are out there like peer pressure and the bullying and stuff so again Chief, thank you for what you and your organization does to make us a better city.

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

- 1) Halloween Craft Night, Friday, October 11, 2024 from 6:30-9:30p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center;
- 2) Gardena Police Department Fentanyl Education on Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 9:00-11:00a.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center, First Floor, Room A;
- 3) Basketball Skills Building Clinic & Coaches Workshop, Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Rowley Park from 1:00-5:00p.m.
- 4) Ministerial Association Luncheon, Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the Nakaoka Community Center from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
- 5) Women's Self Defense Workshop, Saturday, October 19, 2024, City Hall Lawn from 9:00- 11:15a.m.;
- 6) Movie Night, Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 6:30-9:30p.m. at the City Hall Complex featuring Disney Pixar's Coco;
- 7) Gardena on the Go Excursion, Los Angeles Charges Game Day at Sofi Stadium, Sunday, October 27, 2024 at 1:00p.m. Purchase tickets online or in person at Nakaoka Community Center;

- 8) Too Cute to Spook, Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 5:30-7:30p.m. at Rowley Park; and
- 9) Halloween Scare Zone, Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 6:00-9:00p.m. at Freeman Park.

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:34p.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, October 22, 2024.

MINA SEMENZA

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

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda, Mayor  
Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: Becky Romero  
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk