

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, November 19, 2024

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:42 PM on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California, Mayor Tasha Cerda, presiding.

1. **ROLL CALL**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

2. **CLOSED SESSION** – *None*

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sisters Alexa and Daisy Rojas, who are in the 7th and 8th grade at Madrona Middle School, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Alexa is 12 years old and in the 7th grade, her hobbies are playing the piano, and her favorite subject is journalism. Daisy is 14 years old and in the 8th grade, her hobbies are playing soccer, and her favorite subject is social studies. They participate in the City of Gardena Afterschool Program and have volunteered at Movie Night and Kids to Park Day. Their grandmother is a Gardena resident, and they still attend all the Gardena Events. They introduce their mother and thanked Ms. Susie for all the opportunities she has given them.

4. **INVOCATION**

Pastor Brian Ramsay of Restoration Church led the Invocation.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena for Mark Thompson, Lieutenant - 30 years (Police Department) – ***Police Chief Mike Saffell spoke on behalf of Mark Thompson, as he was in Canada; he thanked the Mayor for his 30-year career and gave his appreciation and thankfulness over those three decades and to the Gardena Community at large. Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka read the Certificate of Commendation presented to Mark Thompson.***

5.B Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 6.A 2024 Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2024" - ***was proclaimed only***
- 6.B "Law Enforcement Records and Support Personnel Appreciation Week" November 11, 2024 through November 15, 2024 – ***was accepted by Gardena Police Department, Chief Mike Saffell, and Records Supervisor Elena Garner***

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Youth Commission - Abisola Ogundimu
(Appointed by Council Member Francis)

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Appoint Youth Commissioner Abisola Ogundimu:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Love

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, October 22, 2024

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, November 12, 2024

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

November 12, 2024: Wire Transfer: 12832-12842; Prepay: 178128-178155; Check Numbers: 178156-178346 for Total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,766,576.01; Total Payroll Issued for November 1, 2024: 1,848,643.69

- 8.D Personnel Report P-2024-17 11-19-24

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 8.E Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Nakaoka Community Center Room F and G HVAC Upgrade Project, JN 563

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.F Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the New Pedestrian Crosswalk with HAWK Signal System Vermont Avenue and 133rd Street Project, JN 972

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.G Acceptance and Notice of Completion of GTrans Design-Build of a CNG Fueling Station, RFP 2020-05

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

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, Council Members Henderson and Francis, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Love

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A NOVEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING - *Meeting Cancelled*

10.B NOVEMBER 19, 2024 MEETING - *Meeting Cancelled*

11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Andrea Simenthal – Community Library Manager of Mayme Dear Library – came to give updates about events happening at Mayme Dear and Masao W. Satow Libraries.
- 2) Brent Schenfisch – resident; he had his truck stolen at the Bank of America parking lot – talked about implementing license plate readers at some locations.
- 3) Dr. Rachel Johnson – President of Gardena Holly Park Community Association, came to express some concerns over the parking districts around Rowley Park, would like a revaluation of the parking districts, allowing parking during the daytime hours.
- 4) Mrs. Deborah Griffin – resident; came to speak regarding the Van Ness Ave traffic and the park's parking situation, permit parking is needed for the safety of the residents.
- 5) Paul Randall – Director of Mama Rosa's Food Pantry – came to give updates on the success of the pantry, he would like to present a video of this event.
- 6) Anthony Benitez – Research volunteer from Harbor UCLA Medical Center, came to present the South LA CPR initiative project, he would like to invite the community to come out and participate in this project.
- 7) Barbara Phillips – Member from Second Time Around Senior Club, came to speak regarding parking situation in Van Ness & 132nd, She would like the parking time at Rowley Park to be changed.

11.A **PUBLIC COMMENT**

11-19-2024 Regular CC Meeting – PC#1

11-19-2024 Regular CC Meeting – PC#2

Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero noted they were both received, distributed, and made part of the record.

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 12.A Acceptance of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 - *The award was accepted by Director of Administrative Services, Ray Beeman and Accounting / Finance Manager Khoi Quach.*

Comments were made by Council Member Henderson, Mayor Cerda, Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka and Council Member Francis. Director Beeman and Manager Quach came up to the podium and acknowledged City Manager Osorio, and the budget teams who all worked together with Finance to put the budget together.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Receive and File the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Love

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No Items**

14. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES – No Items**

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE – No Items**

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A Award Construction Contract for the Western Avenue and Normandie Avenue Railroad Crossing Rehabilitation Projects, JN 537 & 540, to Cali State Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$240,220. Additionally, Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption under Section 15301, Approve the Project Plans & Specifications and Project Contingency

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka. Principal Engineer / Assistant Public Works Director Kevin Kwak 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 Award the Construction Contract; Declare CEQA Exemption Under Specification 15301; Approve Project Plans and Specifications; and Approve Project Contingency:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Love

- 16.B Approval of Consultant Engineering Staff Augmentation Services from Project Partners, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$242,000

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve of Consultant Engineering Staff Augmentation Services:

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

17. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – No Items**

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

- 18.A Approve Purchase of Six (6), 40-foot Zero-Emission Battery Electric Buses for \$9,125,616, Authorize Program Total of \$10,038,178, and Approve Payment Milestones

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka. Transportation Director Ernie Crespo spoke and answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Purchase of Six (6), 40-foot Zero Emission Battery Electric Buses for \$9,125,616; Authorize Program Total of \$10,038,178; and Approve Payment Milestones:

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

- 18.B Approve Award of Contract to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company for Bus Tire Lease Services for a Contract Amount of \$537,772 and a Project Total of \$645,326; and Approve the Purchase the Remaining Life on Existing Tires from Michelin North America, Inc. at an Amount Not to Exceed \$138,000.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Henderson, and Council Member Francis. Director Crespo spoke and answered 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 New Contract; Approve Project Total; and Approve Purchase of Existing Tires:

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

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

- 19.A **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1876**, Amending Sections 2.48.020(A) and 2.48.055 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to the Number of Members and Quorum Requirements of the Gardena Youth Commission.

Council Member Henderson commented on this item.

Ordinance No. 1876 was introduced by Council Member Francis.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No. 1876:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Love

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

Council Member Henderson

Subject: To come up with a tool to help identify abandoned residential property.

Council Member Francis seconded it.

Purpose – To identify vacant residential property.

Reason – To help us start addressing blight in our residential areas.

Benefit – Allows the city to communicate with the financial institutions and their property owners on managing those properties appropriately.

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

- 1) He attended the cool Japan Center Grand Opening in Irvine, California. He received the International Friendship Award presented to the City of Gardena.
- 2) Mentioned Happy Birthday to our Council Member Wanda Love; we'll be postponing the cake for December as mentioned she is out on an excused absence.

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

- (1) **COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON** – First, he wants to say thank you to our staff again for the exemplary work that you do on behalf of our community you help us push our vision through the levers of government so we can try to make sure we're a growing city. We're still in all American City so we're still looking forward to all the future things. Since our last meeting, he attended the LA Business Federation Tech and Innovation Committee; the Los Angeles Economic Development Commission event; the Redondo Beach Blvd. Seminar for Section 1. He mentioned that he attended on behalf of Mayor Cerda, the army event at SoFi, that event was in regard to sharing with LA County all the opportunities for civilian employment with the US Army. He attended our Veteran's Day Celebration again he wants to say thank you to all those who have served in the armed

forces. He attended the retirement and celebration of a legend in education at LAUSD, Dr. George McKenna it was a great celebration they had for him on Sunday with a lot of wise words he has impacted a lot of lives within LA county; he also attended our Gardena Casino night/Fight Night party which was a great event for seniors, He wants to thank Stephany Santin and her staff for putting that event on. He attended today our South Bay Fiber Network Meeting at the SBCCOG, where they talked about furthering community Wi-Fi in the South Bay region, he was there with Alex Pinto who is our IT Director and it was a very good conversation, we still had some work to do, but we're looking towards getting some community Wi-Fi. Finally, he wants to thank our Madam Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka for coming to his installation, again for incoming President of the Independent Cities Association which is a consortium of 40 cities within LA county a lot of our focus has been on public safety, best practices, community practices, technology, and other things, so it was a great event to have members from different cities around it was a great event. He said that everybody there really liked our Gardena monument sign and are now asking how we got a sign, again we're doing something that you know a small city like ours but we're mighty, but we're doing a lot of good work. So, he's going to say we looked great that night; everybody was taking pictures by the Gardena sign; it was interesting to see that. He thanked Madam Mayor for giving words at that event.

- (2) MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA – Since our last council meeting, he attended the SBCCOG's Board Meeting at Dominguez Hills College and this was an important meeting where we voted on the expenditure of \$851 million of measure M and R money of the COG for funding the Inglewood ITC project that was voted down, so the money will stay within the COG to help support all of our students so, thank you. The award ceremony for the SoCal Regional Energy Network, which recognizes the South Bay Cities for their accomplishments in energy savings for all the South Bay cities that competed; he mentioned that our Public Works Department was the first to receive the top award, thank you very much. He went to Ichikawa, Japan for their 90th-anniversary celebration he said this was a very memorable trip, the 90th was an exciting four days we went to many events and he just wanted to tell us that our Mayor Tasha Cerda represented our city with grace and dignity, made us proud of being a member of our City and sister cities with Ichikawa our time with Mayor Tanaka and his cabinet will always be remembered. Our relationship from what we talked about will continue to grow in the future with planned events that they are looking forward to that involves baseball and I'll tell you while we were there Dodger gear was flowing; they praised us for having Ohtani and Yoshinobu. It was just a really fun time, so thank you for allowing us to attend that 90th anniversary. He attended the SBCCOG Steering Committee meeting. He attended on an invitation by Carmen Vasquez our City Attorney she's a member of the Downey Kiwanis Club, which was celebrating their 100th anniversary as a club, that was an exciting time. As the chair representing the SBCCOG, he attended the Torrance ribbon cutting of the 405 Fwy at 182nd and Crenshaw Operational Improvement Project, where the COG helped support them with \$86.4 million and measured our monies for high program funding. If you haven't been on that interchange, it is different from when we were kids because we used to hate to take that because we were afraid to get killed; if you take that now it's just a great transition it's nice you have to take it. He was asked to be the speaker at the Cub Scout pack #862 at their meeting they wanted to know about political elections and how and what it is like being in a political office, what it entails to obtain a badge. He attended the Veteran's Day event at City Hall thank you for your service, Council Member Henderson, and he was honored to do the Benediction;

afterwards thanks to Stephany and the VFW, the city helped sponsor a free lunch at the VFW was great a lot of people showed up, so we did our part for veterans, and thank you for all of the veterans that serve to keep us free. He had lunch with Council Member Kaji from Torrance, and we talked about a lot of roadway stuff and some other issues that were going on, hopefully, Gramercy Street will be taken care of we're working on it. He attended the Presidential Installation Ceremony for Councilmember Henderson for the ICA at the City Hall, and it was a great event. It was a lot of fun a lot of people were there Stephany, and her staff did a great job there to present, so congratulations, and the CCOG will be there to help support you with anything you guys need. He attended Seniors Casino Night, he loves our seniors he'll always support them, that was a fun event, and the bonus was that we got to watch an event on TV. Lastly, Happy Thanksgiving, everybody be thankful for what you have, and what we can do for others and get-well Councilmember Love.

- (3) MAYOR CERDA – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended her monthly Sanitation meeting; Serra High School's homecoming game which they won, which was a good thing; she attended an Indigenous Nature film that was hosted by County Supervisor Holly Mitchell they were recognizing indigenous people and just some of the changes that are going on as far as some of the practices that are still being done today by indigenous that was held at the Gardena Cinema. She also attended movie night which was showcased here in the city, it was an outdoor event, and she has to say so many families really loved that event. She also attended our Employee Quarterly Mixer Meeting; the Veterans Day event as well as the luncheon that was held at the VFW and that's such a great partnership that we have with the VFW and the City of Gardena. She also attended the A.C. Green Presidential Recipient Award, where A.C. Green formerly with the Lakers, who recently did a sports clinic with us received an award from the President for his philanthropy, so that was nice to attend. Then on a sad note, she attended a candlelight vigil at Gardena High School for the Junior ROTC commander First Sergeant Theory Williams, who passed away about a week and a half ago. She also attended the Youth Flag Football Award Ceremony; Council Member Henderson's ICA installation and again she just wants to thank our staff for doing an amazing job as they celebrated Council Member Henderson's new position in office as President of the ICA. She also attended the Casino night again thank you to everybody who came out you know Casino night it's not just a night of having fun, but it also benefits our seniors, so we appreciate everybody who donated to the event. The last thing she just wants to mention is regarding their trip that they had to Ichikawa, a lot of this stemmed from last year when they went to our sister city's anniversary; I remember a comment that the Mayor made at the final dinner we had, our Mayor Pro Tem was sitting next to me, and he said you know we have two other sister cities one in China and one in Indonesia but he feels so close to you guys and he is not even inviting them to our 90th anniversary he's inviting us. So, he said I hope that you guys will accept our invitation. When we were there last summer, we had a wonderful time not just participating in the Sister City events but getting to know them and understanding how their city is run, she has mentioned before we have a City Council of five, they have 41 council members not including their Mayor and their Mayor Pro Tem, so things are run a little bit differently there. One of the things that she learned this year is that when their City Council meets the 41 members they don't even allow the public to come in you have to tell your perspective council member what it is you want to talk about or whatever and then they relay that to the group as a whole so you know it's interesting learning just the different ways that you

know other cultures or other places how they do things and how we do it and at the same time they're still effective. We attended the courtesy call where we initially sat and talked with them and of course, the initial topic was the Dodgers because they had won as we were flying out there and you know to our staff like it was mentioned earlier but there was lots of Dodger gear flowing and they loved the Dodger hats and we went with something as simple as even Dodger peanuts, loved it, and so you know again she wants to thank our staff for just coming up with these great ideas she heard it was a whole team effort everybody from different departments were thinking of great things that we could give as just a great little gifts for them. We attended the Citizens Festival which is similar to our Heritage Festival here where their community comes out, it was pouring rain, but folks were out just to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the city, there were members of their Congress there, as well as people excited because those are there Cities 90th Anniversary, but it was equally nice to know that we had the opportunity to speak and to congratulate them in front of everyone for this amazing event and again as she said before just a special relationship that we have with their City Council now the new thing is they would like to have us as a Mayor Pro Tem mentioned a baseball exchange list sometime this coming year. We were like wow that sounds like a great idea so we're looking to see how we can continue with different things and partner with them again they love what we do here we love what they do there and that friendship that we have our Sister City because that's another term they call it not just Sister City but Friendship City that is just going to continue to grow and grow and she was really happy that we were able to go and just represent Gardena and at the same time get the cool Japan award too so that was great. Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka mentioned Mayor Cerda impressed 500 people she got up and said Omedetou which means Congratulations in Japanese. At the end of her speech, she said Omedetou, and everybody in the room clapped. Mayor Cerda went ahead and thanked her colleague for teaching her how to say that word.

- (4) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - She went ahead and said congratulations to the City of Gardena staff, our City Manager, and the Public Works Department for the awards that they received, great job. She congratulated our newest member of the Youth Commission, Abisola Ogundimu, for accepting to become a part of our Youth Commission. Since the last time we met, she attended the Two Cute to Spook activities at Rowley Park and she wants to thank the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Committee members, who helped pass out candy at a booth and made about 300 pieces of little goody bags with candy and they ran out, but that shows you the popularity of that event, it was very nice. She was invited to speak at Assembly Member Tina McKinnor's Forward March for Women's Rights. She attended the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District meeting, of which she is the trustee, and even though mosquito season is over they're still around they're just not as plentiful, so at the meeting one of the things they encourage the trustees to carry the message that you still need to worry about standing water you know to take care of it don't leave a lot of standing water around and if you go out hiking wear mosquito repellent they're still biting. She also had the opportunity to attend Senator Bradford's celebration for his years of service from the beginning as City Council Member, to Assembly Member, to our State Senator and when she looks at how much he's done he is a gifted legislator and look at the timeline and all the bills that he's introduced or author. He's done a great service for not only our 35th District, but the City of Gardena as well. He's brought close to \$10 million just to the City of Gardena alone, she thanks him for being a great Senator and helping, and not forgetting about the place he came from the City of Gardena. She also said

congratulations to Councilman Mark Henderson as the ICA president, and she's sure she's leaving something out, but she went ahead and said Happy Thanksgiving, next Thursday is Thanksgiving, Happy Thanksgiving Day and just remember to give thanks before you gobble.

MAYOR CERDA ADDED – There is one more thing she forgot to mention in her report, so something she wishes she had done last year when she came back from Japan but she plans to do this year is that all the pictures that they took from the event from last year as well as this year she'd like to put them all together and have a show and tell and she hopes that her colleague will join her and they can share their trip with maybe whoever wants to see it, the seniors, or as just an event. She's going to reach out to Ms. Santin over at Parks and Rec, and see if she could give us a date, something that they could just share with everybody so that they could see what their trip was about and just their experiences that they had there and maybe it would encourage more people to consider joining sister city and if they would like to be members of a delegation for the next time we go because it was a really good experience for all of us just to learn about another country and how they run their government because something that they did which was a little different on last year's trip is that they visited different departments and they explained in detail you know Community Development, their Police Department, and so on. That'll be something great to show so she's planning on doing a show and tell with all the pictures from last November along with this year and for anybody who would like to see it and those who attended, please she would like to just have you guys to answer questions that anybody may have about their trip, so as soon as she gets a date, she'll let us know. That was the last thing she added to her report.

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

- 1) Final Community Workshop will be Wednesday, November 20, 2024, to present the draft for the Gardena New Park Design Project, from 6:00PM-8:00PM, at the Nakaoaka Community Center.
- 2) Operation Gobble Event, registration has opened on November 4, 2024. Make sure to register for this event.
- 3) 17th Annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration, November 28, 2024, 2 seating times 1st seating will be from 12:00PM-1:30PM. 2nd seating will be from 1:30PM-3:00PM. At El Pollo Inka located at 1425 W. Artesia Blvd, Gardena, CA 90248. Make sure to register for this event.
- 4) West Basin Municipal Water District will have their Rain Barrel Program for 2024-2025. Distribution days will be Sunday, November 3, 2024, at the Edward C. Little Facility from 8:00AM-11:00AM. As well as Saturday, December 7, 2024, at Serra High School from 8:00AM-11:00AM
- 5) Helping Hands Toy Drive, which began November 4, 2024, extends through Monday, December 16, 2024. Helping kids in need by donating unwrapped toys, books, art supplies, etc. Four drop off locations will be available Nakaoka Community Center, Gardena City Hall, Humans Services Building, and Gtrans Building.
- 6) Holiday Gift Giveaway for ages 0-17 years old to receive a wrapped gift. Makes sure to register for this event.
- 7) Shop with a Cop Program, the application period begins Monday November 18, 2024 through Friday December 6, 2024. Make sure to register for this event.
- 8) Winter Wonderland will be Saturday, December 7, 2024 at City Hall Complex. Holiday Boutique event will be from 1:00PM-5:00PM. 3:00PM to 7:00PM will be Winter Wonderland.

- 9) City of Gardena Beautification Commission invites you to enter the 2024 holiday home decorating contest. To apply email a photo of the outside of your decorated home along with name and address to holidaycontest@cityofgardena.org
- 10) Jolly Trolley Park Tour 2024 on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, from 6:00PM-8:00PM, Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM, and Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 6:00PM-8:00PM. Festive activities will be available when you attend this event.
- 11) TRP Paint & Cocoa Night, Friday, December 13, 2024, from 6:30PM-8:30PM at the Nakaoka Community Center. Make sure to register for this event.
- 12) Breakfast at the North Pole, Saturday, December 14, 2024, from 8:30AM-11:30AM at Nakaoka Community Center. Make sure to purchase your ticket.
- 13) Recognition of our new District lieutenant for District 2 which will be Lieutenant Brian Messina.

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

Mr. Thierry Williams, First Sergeant retired, Senior Army Instructor at Gardena High School JROTC.

Mr. Fausto S. Ochoa, 87 years of age, beloved father of Ruben Ochoa Quinones, Street Sweeper Operator in the Public Works Department.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:40p.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 the Tuesday, December 17, 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