

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, December 17, 2024

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:47 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd 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: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; Treasurer Guy H. Mato; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

2. **CLOSED SESSION** – *None*

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Joanna Espinoza, who is 10 years old and in the 5th grade at Weaver Elementary School, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She is the daughter of Jose Espinoza from our Public Works Department. Joanna likes to play handball and her favorite subject in school is social studies. She introduced her mother, Christina, and her father, Jose.

4. **INVOCATION**

Mario Klappoth, church elder from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints led the Invocation.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Presentation of our new Detection Dog, Ghost - ***was presented by Chief Mike Saffell and Detective Joel Martinez.***

5.B Posthumous Gardena Military Veteran Recognition for Harry Choi, who served in the U.S. Army. He was chosen at the recommendation of Mayor Tasha Cerda – ***was accepted by Mr. Choi's daughter, Barbara Moncada.***

5.C Presentation on GTrans' New On-Demand Service: Bolt Powered by GTrans – ***Director Ernie Crespo introduced Melyssa Hutaurok, Program Manager, who led the presentation.***

5.D South Bay Cities Council of Governments & Southern California Regional Energy Network Gold Level Achievement Award for the 2024 South Bay Energy and Climate Recognition Program – ***was accepted by Public Works Director Allan Rigg and Program Coordinator Hong Lee.***

5.E Recognition of the SoCal APWA 2024 Chapter Presidential Award – ***was accepted by our Public Works Engineer, Jose Espinoza.***

5.F Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** - *None*

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, November 19, 2024

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Receive and File Minutes:

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, October 1, 2024

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, November 26, 2024

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

November 26, 2024: Wire Transfer: 12843-12853; Prepay: 178347-178362; Check Numbers: 178363-178517 for Total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,962,165.07; Total Payroll Issued for November 15, 2024: \$2,470,008.19

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

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

December 10, 2024: Wire Transfer: 12854; Prepay: 178518-178524; Check Numbers: 178525-178710 for Total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,330,739.76; Total Payroll Issued for November 29, 2024: \$1,972,812.99

8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, October 2024

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

8.G Personnel Report P-2024-18 12-17-24

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

8.H Annual Report - Retention Schedule

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.I **SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1876**, Adopting and 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

CONTACT: RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

ORDINANCE NO. 1876

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AND 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

- 8.J Approve Amendment for RIN Separator with Clean Energy
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION
- 8.K Acceptance and Notice of Completion of GTrans Dispatch Remodeling Project
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION
- 8.L Approve the GTrans Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Update
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION
- 8.M Approve Agreement with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program
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, Francis and Love, and Mayor Cerda
Noes: None
Absent: None

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A **DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING**

Conditional Use Permit #6-24 and Site Plan Review #2-94 (Modification #4) The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit, per Section 18.46.030.C.23 of the Gardena Municipal Code, to allow for the continuation of an existing automobile service station and modification to an original site plan review for the remodel of the gasoline dispenser canopy and the addition of three gasoline pumps to the existing ARCO gasoline station located at 1001 West Artesia Boulevard, within in the General Commercial (C-3) zone. Environmental Assessment Consideration: The proposed project was considered for a categorical exemption from the provisions of the CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Sections 15303 and 15332.

Project Location: 1001 West Artesia Boulevard (APN: 6111-022-033)

Project Applicant: A&S Engineering / Abigail Jara

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 17-24, by a vote of 4-0, approving Modification #4 for Conditional Use Permit #6-24 and Site Plan Review #2-94, to allow the continuation of an existing automobile service station and modification to an original site plan review for the remodel of the gasoline dispenser

canopy and the addition of three gasoline pumps, subject to the conditions of approval and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

City Council Action: Receive and file. The time to call this matter for review has since passed.

This Item was Received and Filed.

10.B **DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING**

Environmental Impact Report (Environmental Assessment #20-21); General Plan Amendment #3 -21; Zone Change #4-21; Zone Text Amendment #6-21; Specific Plan #1-21; Site Plan Review #11-21; Vesting Tentative Map #4-21; Development Agreement #2-21, and Affordable Housing Agreement

The Planning Commission reviewed a request for recommendation to the City Council for the entitlements needed to establish the Normandie Crossing Specific Plan. The plan proposes a 333 -unit residential development on a 5.25 -acre site, featuring a six-story apartment building with one below-grade parking level for 258 units, along with 75 three-story townhomes.

Environmental Assessment Consideration: Approval of these items requires certification of an Environmental Impact Report, adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and CEQA required findings, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Project Location: 16829, 16835, 16907, and 16911 S. Normandie Avenue (APN:6106-030-011, 015, 016, and 017)

Project Applicant: Fred Shaffer and Steve Ludwig – 16911 Normandie Associates, LLC

Other Project Locations: 16964 Brighton Avenue (APN: 6106-030-008) and unaddressed Union Pacific Railroad parcel (APN: 6106-030-800)

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 17-24, by a vote of 4-0, approving Modification #4 for Conditional Use Permit #6-24 and Site Plan Review #2-94, to allow the continuation of an existing automobile service station and modification to an original site plan review for the remodel of the gasoline dispenser canopy and the addition of three gasoline pumps, subject to the conditions of approval and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

City Council Action: No action necessary. These items will be brought before the City Council on January 14, 2025.

Mayor Cerda read a statement indicating there was a mistake on the Commission Action and read the updated information.

This Item was Received and Filed. This Item Required No Action by the City Council.

10.C **DECEMBER 3, 2024 MEETING**

Zone Text Amendment #7-24 (Ordinance No. 1877)

Recommendation to the City Council on adoption of Ordinance No. 1877 amending the Gardena Municipal Code 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.

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 21-24, by a vote of 4-0, recommending the City Council adopt the Ordinance No. 1877, amending the Gardena Municipal Code 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.

City Council Action: No action necessary. These items will be brought before the City Council on January 14, 2025.

This Item was Received and Filed. This Item Required No Action by the City Council.

11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) Brandon Smith, resident: came into address his concerns regarding parking and traffic due to the new development project, Normandie Crossing. He suggested street design modifications.

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 12.A City of Gardena Audit Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024; Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) & GTrans Enterprise Fund Report.

This Item was presented by City Manager Clint Osorio, and Auditor Ron Lopez from Gruber and Lopez, Inc Auditing firm.

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

This Item was Received and Filed.

- 12.B Authorize the City Manager to Execute Master Equity Lease Agreement and Full Maintenance Agreement for Vehicle Leasing with Enterprise Fleet Management with an Expiration Date of April 18, 2026, with the Option to Extend for One Additional Year.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Master Equity Lease Agreement and Full Maintenance Agreement:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12.C Approval of a 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 had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions. There were no public speakers.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

13.A Approval of Consultant Agreement with Kimley-Horn to Provide Environmental Consulting Services in Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the Terreno Industrial Center Private Development Project

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. Community Development Manager Amanda Acuna answered all questions.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the consultant agreement with Kimley Horn to provide environmental consulting services for the Terreno Industrial Center Project:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE**

15.A Authorization to Award a Two-Year Video Policing System Camera Maintenance and Repair Contract to DataGear, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$430,000.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Captain Todd Fox presented a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Questions and comments were made by Council Members Francis, Henderson and Love and Mayor Cerda. Captain Fox and Lee Coffey of Data Gear answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize and execute a two-year contract for the Video Policing System Camera Maintenance and Repair to DataGear, Inc. It is further recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract which has been approved as to form by the City Attorney:

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

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – PUBLIC WORKS – No Items**

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

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION**

18.A Approve Easement and Right of Way for Southern California Edison to Provide Electrical Power for Vehicle Charging Stations

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

A question was asked by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio answered her question.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Grant of Easement and Right of Way and Authorize Signature:

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

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – None**

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

- 1) At our November 19, 2024 Council Meeting, Council Member Henderson made a directive to come up with a tool to help identify abandoned residential properties. They are currently still researching a way to do this; more to come on this.
- 2) Remembrance of our long time Auditor, Kenneth H. Pun, who has passed away at the age of 48. He has been our auditor since 2007, and a long-time friend. City Manager spoke on the number of years he has served the City of Gardena and the relationship they established; a Certificate of Recognition was presented to Frances J. Kuo of the Pun Group, who spoke on their behalf.

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

- (1) **COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS** – Since we last met, she attended a holiday boutique, Winter Wonderland, and Jolly Trolley Park tour. She also attended our Beautification Commission meeting and Los Angeles County Greater Vector Control District meeting. She mentioned we're in a holiday season and children will be on break, you'll see a lot more young people around on bicycles, skateboards, and scooters, it's a hectic time, so she encourages all to pack your patience as we're out and about shopping for the holidays. Extend a little grace to folks because you never know, in particular this time of year, whatever another person is going through, and there may be an empty chair at your table this year. A lot of things are going on so just as best you can show some kindness to folks, and we'll have a happy holiday season, she wished everyone a wonderful holiday season, and told everyone to enjoy your family and embrace them because you never know.
- (2) **COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON** – Since the last meeting, he attended the Employee Tree Trimming, the Employee Mixer, Breakfast at the North Pole, the Tree Lighting, and the GTrans Safety Awards Banquet. He also ended up going to meet and getting some new work; SCAG has now put him on their legislative committee, so he'll be going to Sacramento talking about "all things transportation," so GTrans be on alert because he'll be trying to find more resources for us. He wants to say to staff as we close out this calendar year that he appreciates the work that you all do on behalf of our community. He knows we joke about our awards and a lot of the things that we receive, but that comes from the work and the diligence that everybody really takes their position seriously, so he acknowledged that. He also acknowledged that when we do encounter a gap or some mishap, we identify it, we don't shy away from it and we work to remediate the issue right away so that says a lot of courage, it says a lot of things about the leaders that we have in our community, so that is really appreciated. To our community this is the holiday time so please take that time with your family, he wished everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa, and if you don't celebrate anything at all that's fine too, but just take this time to kind of reflect as we gear for the New Year.
- (3) **MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA** – He attended the Mayme Dear Library installation of officers, the South Bay City COG's Volunteer Recognition event, the COG Board meeting, Sergeant Luis Contreras's promotion to Lieutenant, congratulations, GTrans CHP Honors celebration. The City of Gardena hosted the Southern California Rent Energy Efficiency Awards luncheon at the Nakaoka Community Center and thank you to Public Works for all the effort that you guys put into getting us that gold medal award and again we're trying for platinum next year. He attended the City Tree Trimming event,

Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting, the Santa celebration, thanks Stephany, you guys did a great job. He attended Cherrystones Annual Christmas party, benefiting the Senior Pioneer project. He attended the COG's Steering Committee meeting, Rowley Park Santa Trolley, thanks Stephany, again, for your staff doing a great job. He attended the homeless task force for the COG, the CERT annual business potluck meeting with the surprise retirement celebration for Captain Osorio, this was a great event, his son Nico danced for him and his wife and her little group did a Hula Hoop presentation, but there was a single dance that his wife choreographed and performed for him that night and it was a great event; but much Aloha to Captain Osorio and his family and thank you for giving us 30 years of service. He attended the South Bay Chamber of Commerce installation of officers, and the Finance Committee with the Mayor; we had some great conversations from what you saw tonight, he attended the GDAAP Red Ribbon Awards dinner; we had a great representative, a bunch of young awesome students that are saying no to drugs, and mind-altering substances. He attended the City's Employee Christmas celebration at Gardena Bowl, and he had a great time watching our employees interact with each other and he just hopes that every city employee here knows how much they are appreciated for all the hard work and dedication that you do to make this the awesome Emerald City that it is. He attended breakfast with Santa at the Nakaoka, Helping Heroes' food donations for the Air Force Base in front of our Gardena sign, he attended Tyler Nash's promotion to Sergeant, congratulations; that's a great addition to our supervisors. He apologized to GTrans for missing the awards Christmas dinner. He'd like to officially wish a happy retirement to Captain Osorio, thank you for the 30 years plus service to our citizens and his family for supporting him all those years and we just wish him a blessed and enjoyed retirement because he knows Captain Osorio is going to be traveling. He's always going to be one of his guys. Condolences to Katherine Rhee and her family on the passing of her beloved mother, he's really sorry Katherine. Lastly, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

- (4) MAYOR CERDA – She attended her monthly CCGA meeting, the LA County Sanitation meeting, and the Friends of the Library Christmas party. She was a speaker at Peary Middle School for Career Day, a Thanksgiving event at Village Mobile Home, she also spoke at Grace Chapel Church which is affiliated with Gardena as well as their Pastor who lives in Gardena. She attended the promotion ceremony for Sergeant Contreras. Also, the Thanksgiving dinner celebration that happened at El Pollo Inka. She sends a special thank you to all the groups that participated, the Lions Club, the Elks, the Rotary, and the City of Gardena for making Thanksgiving for so many families, a great event, they served almost 500 people. Also, that same Thanksgiving weekend she attended the Renee Napier event where she honored First Responders, Military personnel, Firemen, Police Officers, and CHP, and she was one of the speakers there as they thanked the first responders for just doing an amazing job year-round. She also attended the swearing-in ceremony for the new District Attorney for the County of Los Angeles, Mr. Nathan Hoffman. She also attended the Police Volunteer dinner and a special memorial event that we had for tonight's veteran that we recognized Mr. Harry Choi with some of his friends there. who attended the senior lunch program, they had a small quick Memorial of recognizing his life. She also attended the Pollo Inka Lions Christmas party. She also attended the grand opening of a new meat market El Pacifico Carniceria; it was nice. She also attended Winter Wonderland. Also, one of our members from our City Clerk's office, Ms. Katherine Rhee, her mother's funeral services, again we just want to give our condolences to Katherine, we know it was very difficult for her to lose her mom.

She has attended two Jolly Trolley events, and she wants to commend the staff, it's so great when you can have not just one department, but three departments working together to make our Jolly Trolley fun. The Police Department, our GTrans Department, and our Parks and Recreations Department, she thanked those departments for being able to work great together. She also attended the Meals on Wheels and Top-Notch Christmas party, the CERT Holiday party, and the Finance meeting that we had and again she always commends our finance guys, you guys doing an amazing job, the GDAAP Red Ribbon Award ceremony. Last Friday she attended the KJLH and GTrans Stuff the Bus event with the DJ host from KJLH, Adai Lamar. She also attended the Second Time Around Clubs Christmas party and their installation where she installed the new Officers for 2025. Then she attended our City of Gardena Employee Christmas party and again she commended Stephany, you guys did an amazing job. She attended a Neighborhood Watch Christmas get-together. Also, the swearing-in ceremony for re-elected council member, Dionne Faulk in the City of Inglewood. She also attended the GTrans Awards Ceremony party and Ernie you throw a great party as well, so kudos to you. Also, she attended the promotion ceremony for Sergeant Tyler Nash. Immediately following that she attended the Helping Hands food distribution where food was donated to the Air Force. She just wanted to take a quick moment to thank all our departments for the amazing job that you guys did in 2024, she can't tell you how many people constantly come up to her and say they love Gardena and it's because of all the great things that we do collectively as a group. Often times when people tell her different department employees did something great, she always likes to tell you guys right away, so she doesn't forget. She doesn't get a chance to say it enough Thank you guys, some people say they don't have to worry about going to events outside of Gardena because we have so many events here this is all the entertainment that they need and she tells everybody that for all of our events we don't charge for parking and no matter where you live in our city you could be home in 5 minutes from any of our events so people just appreciate all that happens here whether it's for the kids, the seniors, or even our pets, so you guys do great, with that you guys have great customer service, and she always says there are only two things that she really demands of everybody and that's do your job and do your job with a smile and treat folks great and you guys showed that in 2024, so she wants to say thank you for that, 2025 is going to be even better.

- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE – She has attended the Second Time Around Christmas party and their new installation of Officers, the first Jolly Trolley, she had a great time with a lot of kids, kids always get excited when it's time to give away the toys. She attended the Rain Barrel giveaway at Serra High School, hundreds of people were in line to gather those rain barrels, early in the morning, so it was great to see the people out being conscious of conserving water with West Basin Water. She attended the Grand Opening of El Pacifico Carniceria she stopped by early that day and if you're ever looking for some fresh squeezed orange juice early in the morning, he is very proud of his amazing orange juice machine, and he's asking everybody to come and try out his new orange juice. She also attended the Winter Wonderland; she was only able to stop by for a minute. She attended the holiday boutique. She also did a check presentation from some of her discretionary funds from the City to the owner of Aunties, the wife has a nonprofit dance studio dance school, and she does really good work, so she reached out to her. Before she ends her report, she wants to say sorry to Ernie for missing the celebration, she was there last year she didn't get a chance to attend this year. She's going to end on a note, kind of co-signing what Council Member Francis said times are really hard and you do not know what people are going through; several times she has

seen posts on social media and has been tagged in posts where people in the community are calling out for everything, there was a post where a lady was asking if anybody had leftover food from Thanksgiving, there was another post where a lady was asking if anybody had toys to donate to her for her two-year-old child, and this is on social media, it's not for us to judge what the situation is or if the calls are legit, but it is for us to meet the needs of our neighborhood, our neighbors, our family, and our friends just calling out for help, so like Councilwoman Francis said just show some kindness and try to be there for our fellow humans. On that note, she also wants to ask that we support our small businesses during this holiday season of spending, our small businesses are struggling like a lot of people are and when you support these small businesses try to use cash versus credit cards because the amount small businesses pay in fees impacts their bottom line, and they're already small businesses. With that, she wants to wish everybody a Happy Holiday, a safe holiday celebrating whatever you celebrate during these holidays.

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

- 1) Jolly Trolley Park Tour – Wednesday, December 18, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. traveling from 162nd St. and Denker Ave. to Johnson Park.
- 2) CO-ED Youth Basketball registration period – Sunday, November 24, 2024, to Saturday, December 21, 2024. Encourage young folks to register, and volunteer coaching opportunity is available.
- 3) Introduction to Basketball registration period – Saturday, January 25, 2025 through March 1, 2025. For children in grades TK-Kindergarten.
- 4) Glow in the Dark Kickball Game – Saturday, January 11, 2025, 6:30 p.m. at Mas Fukai Park.
- 5) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Parade & Celebration – Saturday, January 18, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. beginning at Serra High School & ends at Rowley Park.
- 6) Ministerial Association Luncheon – Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center.
- 7) Candlelight Dinner – Thursday, January 23, 2025, check-in at 4:30 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center. Registration required.
- 8) Activity & Resource Guide available beginning Monday, December 9, 2024, at various city locations or visit us online at www.cityofgardena.org/guide or call (310) 217-9537 to receive a mailed copy.

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

Mrs. Cecillia Yeon Rhee, 63 years of age, and loving mother of Katherine Rhee, who works in our Elected & City Manager's Offices – City Clerk's Office.

Mr. Harry Choi, 99 years of age, Gardena resident and active participant within the Senior Bureau.

Mr. Kenneth H. Pun, who was the founder and managing partner at The Pun Group LLP. He worked with the City of Gardena since 2007 as our auditor.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:24 p.m. Mayor Cerda Adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on January 14, 2025.

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