

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:39 PM on Tuesday, February 13, 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 Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Paulette C. Francis and Council Member Wanda Love; Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

2. CLOSED SESSION - None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Michelle Bahena and Paola Leos led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both are in the 9th grade and attend Junipero Serra High School. Michelle is a member of the Ambassador program that helps to promote Serra High School and has been involved in the Robotics Club. Paola is serving on the Freshmen Student Council and is a member of the Gardening Club. Both Students have participated in the Fall play and are great leaders and assets to the school community. Both students thanked their principal for being present.

4. INVOCATION

Reverend John Iwohara, of the Gardena Buddhist Church, gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Gardena Events Video Presentation

5.B Gardena Military Veteran Recognition to Honor Eugene Vasquez, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was chosen at the recommendation of Mayor Pro Tem Henderson – ***was accepted by Eugene Vasquez***

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated that it is always an honor to recognize our Veterans, specifically Veterans from the Vietnam era. He thanked Mr. Vasquez for his service to our country and community.

Mayor Cerda read a brief Biography while pictures Mr. Vasquez provided were displayed in a slide presentation. Mr. Vasquez was given an opportunity to speak and appropriate photos were taken.

Phyllis Genereux and her husband Don Genereux of the Quilts of Valor Foundation presented Mr. Vasquez with a quilt to recognize his service to our nation.

- 5.C Certificates of Commendation presented to members of the Second Gardena Police Department Citizen's Academy – ***Chief Mike Saffell came up and introduced its member and presented the Certificate of Commendation. Chief Saffell thanked Lieutenant Chris Cuff for coordinating the Academy and his hard work.***

6. PROCLAMATIONS

- 6.A "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" February 2024 – ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

7. APPOINTMENTS – *No Appointments were made*

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 Approved Minutes:

Regular Meeting of the City Council, January 23, 2024

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, January 16, 2024

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, February 13, 2024

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

February 13, 2024: Prepay: 174848-174850; Check Numbers: 174851-175081 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$4,874,053.78; Total Payroll Issued for January 26, 2024: \$2,291,579.00; February 9, 2024: \$1,833,511.40.

- 8.E Personnel Report P-2024-3 2-13-24

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 8.F RESOLUTION NO. 6657, Adopting an Amended Paid Sick Leave Policy for Non-Represented Part-Time, Temporary, and Seasonal Employees, in order to comply with AB 1041 and SB 616, effective January 1, 2024

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 6657

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED PAID SICK LEAVE POLICY FOR NON-REPRESENTED, PART-TIME, TEMPORARY, AND SEASONAL EMPLOYEES, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH AB 1041 AND SB 616

- 8.G RESOLUTION NO. 6651, Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District Renewal for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2024, and Ending June 30, 2025
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO. 6651

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RENEWAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1ST, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2025.

- 8.H RESOLUTION NO. 6652: Consolidated Street Lighting District Renewal for the Fiscal Year Commencing July1, 2024, and Ending June 30, 2025
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO. 6652

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT RENEWAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1ST, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2025.

- 8.I Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Council Chambers Audio Visual Upgrade Design/Build Project, JN 536
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.J Approve Carnival Contract with CM Amusement for the Spring Carnival at Mas Fukai Park on Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, 2024
CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8.F and 8.J:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.F ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - RESOLUTION NO. 6657, Adopting an Amended Paid Sick Leave Policy for Non-Represented Part-Time, Temporary, and Seasonal Employees, in order to comply with AB 1041 and SB 616, effective January 1, 2024
- Item pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis stated that to her understanding this item is for part-time employees and seasonal workers – they can accrue 40 hours per year, and it is use

it or lose it and it does not affect full time employees. City Manager Osorio confirmed that the information was correct.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.F:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 8.J RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES - Approve Carnival Contract with CM Amusement for the Spring Carnival at Mas Fukai Park on Friday, April 19, Saturday, April 20, and Sunday, April 21, 2024 – ***Item pulled by Council Member Francis***

Council Member Francis brought forth her concern about safety, asking if it will be the same as last year where two police officers would be present for the duration of the carnival; and asked if there is an emergency plan in place. City Manager Osorio confirmed that it would be the same as last year and that an emergency plan is in place in the event something goes wrong.

Council Member Love asked if a Code Enforcement Officer be available because she noticed that at last year's carnival, there were unlicensed/unauthorized illegal vendors popping up. She understands that street vending is legal. She wants to make sure that only legal vendors are present during the event. City Manager Osorio replied that currently Police Officers will be present and can make contact with the vendors to determine whether or not they are licensed to operate. Currently, we do not have any Code Enforcement Officers scheduled to work at the carnival, but the Council can make a directive to have one present. Council Member Love stated she would be fine with the Police Officers making contact with the illegal street vendors.

Council Member Francis added that we have vendors who pay to participate in the carnival and if there are unpermitted vendors on the streets, wouldn't that impact their profit? She then asked about the unlicensed vendors. City Attorney Vasquez stated that legally if someone is licensed and is a vendor, when it comes to a public park area they cannot be restricted. So, they are allowed to set up, even if it is outside, as long as they are not intruding with ADA. As for the unlicensed vendors, all that the state has allowed us to do is cite them.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A FEBRUARY 6, 2024 MEETING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #10-23, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #19-23

The Planning Commission reviewed a request for a conditional use permit, per section 18.32.030.B of the Gardena Municipal Code, to allow the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption in a new retail market located in the General Commercial (C-3) zone with a Mixed-Use Overlay (MUO), make a determination of public convenience or necessity and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

LOCATION: 1332 W. Rosecrans Ave

APPLICANT: Khoushnaf Nasrou

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 2-24, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #10-23, making the findings for a public convenience and necessity, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

City Council Action: Receive and file or Call for Review (By way of two votes from the City Council)

This Item was Received and Filed.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Janet Klappoth, voiced her opinion and expressed her concerns about the closure of Mama Rosa's Food Pantry.
- 2) Travis Hernandez, Interim Library Manager of Masao W. Satow Library: came to give updates on both Mayme Dear and Masao W. Satow libraries.
- 3) Terri Mahkorn, spoke on her involvement with Mama Rosa's Food Pantry and expressed her concerns about the closure of the food pantry.
- 4) Brandon Smith, spoke on the recent tragedy where two pedestrians were struck at Budlong and Marine Ave., and a 5-year-old child lost his life. He asked for assistance in making the area safer and gave a list of solutions.
- 5) Paul Randall, Director of Mama Rosa's Food Pantry spoke of the issues they are having and gave the date of their last distribution, February 17th. He also provided information on how they distribute the food to the public.
- 6) Sherelle Diggs, commended the maintenance of the city streets. She also commented on the accident that occurred on Budlong and Marine and gave her suggestions to make that area safer. She identified another potential area in the city of Normandie and 145th - crosswalk that requires attention.
- 7) Chris Bennett, Block Club Captain of the Casimir Gatekeepers Network, wanted the record to note his letter of accommodation for Officer Andre Carter to be placed in his personnel file for his gratitude and amazing service.
- 8) Lydia Gutierrez, a 30-year veteran Teacher, spoke on some of her personal experiences and challenges with LAUSD.

11.A PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) City Clerk Mina Semenza, noted for the record one (1) email that was received. She stated that the email was received and filed and made part of the record.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – No Items

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13.A PUBLIC HEARING: A Substantial Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Annual Action Plan

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

At 8:38 p.m., Mayor Cerda announced that the Public Hearing was open. She 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 regarding the \$650,000 that is going towards the demolition of the Rosecrans Chase Bank property; and if there was any additional funding from CDBG to take the next step. She then asked if there is an estimated time when the city will be moving forward with the project. She stated there was a discussion a few years back that took place regarding some additional funding that would go towards the project. She then asked about the underground vault and stated how optimistic can we be looking towards the future to pay a consultant to at least draw up some plans. At this point, we can demo it; can we keep the dust down; she remembered there was a plan in place that required contractors to notify neighbors of the demolition, she stated she was concerned about the surrounding neighbors.

City Manager Osorio, Community Development Director Tsujiuchi and City Attorney Vasquez explained and answered all of her questions.

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Cerda then announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Conduct a public hearing and receive testimony, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker; Approve the proposed 2023- 2024 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment which allocates \$650,000 of unallocated CDBG funds for the demolition phase for a new Community Center; and Authorize the City Manager to execute and submit the plan, amendment and any other necessary and related documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

15.A Authorize and Execute Three-Year Agreement with Palicon Group for Background Investigation Services Not to Exceed \$246,800

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

Council Member Tanaka asked if the entire \$246,000 will cover you for three (3) years and if it will bring not just the police officers but it brings on non-sworn employees to your appropriate staffing.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson will the candidate be able to see where they are in the process.

Chief Saffell and Captain Todd Fox confirmed, yes, and the information was based on the last three (3) years, and yes, the candidate will be able to see where they are in the process.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize and Execute Contract:

Ayes: Council Members Love and Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Council Member Francis, 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 a Contract Change Order to Anser Advisory for Construction Management Services in the Amount of \$14,565 for the GTrans Dispatch Remodel Project, JN 512 and a Revised Contract Total of \$114,483

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

Council Member Francis asked if the item was to revamp the current dispatch area and equipment. City Manager Osorio confirmed that it was correct. Director of Transportation Ernie Crespo stepped in and explained why the item was being brought forth and answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Change Order:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

19. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items**20. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES - None****21. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS**

City Manager Osorio gave a verbal report of information to follow-up on matters that had been directed or requested by the Mayor and Members of Council. Those items were, as follows:

- 1) Memo – update regarding the electronic signage at Rowley Park.
- 2) City Manager Osorio reminded staff that there will be cake after the meeting in celebration of Director, Greg Tsujiuchi's birthday.
- 3) Lastly, City Manager Osorio showed the new sample signs that we have throughout the city. He informed everyone that revisions had been made to the signage based on the feedback received and would be moving forward with the replacement of all city signs. Mayor Cerda asked what the estimated date of when all the signs are replaced. City Manager Osorio answered roughly three (3) months.

22. COUNCIL REMARKS

(1) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended the League of California Cities' Mayor and Council Members Academy in Monterrey Bay and she learned a lot and said its always great to attend these academies put on by the League of Cities because if you're new to being an elected official you have the opportunity to learn to become a better council member or elected official at your job. She also partnered with the Gardena Chamber of Commerce with hosting a small business banking seminar with BMO Bank. BMO Bank took over the Bank of the West on the corner of Redondo and Western, and if you are in business and in need of any funding she would strongly, highly suggest BMO Bank because they are removing the barriers for small businesses to qualify. This past Saturday they hosted a Homebuyer's Workshop, where BMO is offering potential home buyers the opportunity to get a \$16,000 grant towards the down payment for their homes. Before she ended her report she wanted to thank the staff of the City Manager's office. She said the girls at the City Manager's office are amazing and she knows over the last couple of weeks she's thrown them some last minute requests for some certificates for death, death is always unpredictable and it's always great when our community residents can reach out and request a certificate to be read at the funeral of some of our loved ones and our residents, one of them was over 100 years old when she passed away so she just wanted to publicly thank the girls that run the City Manager's office for always being accommodating with the Council.

(2) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – Since the last time they got together he participated in the Holly Park Homeowners Candidate Forum and after that he drove up to the ICA Conference in Santa Barbara and he thanked our Chief of Police and Captain Osorio on a great presentation and representing our city well. They talked about their decision making and how cerebral they are in regard to when we pursue a new technology or something to service in public safety. They had a panel in Beverly Hills and they showed two ends of the spectrum where Beverly Hills, of course has all the gadgets and everything, but he thinks our presentation really hit home because it really showed how we go through our decision-making process, how the Chief goes through his decision-making process and how he works it through the whole team to make sure our mission,

our values, our vision are all in one accord as we move forward our decision making. He thanked the Chief again for accepting that invitation, it was a great opportunity, and everybody was impressed. He also attended the second Candidate Forum held by the League of Women Voters at the Nakaoka Center, said it was a great forum as well with a lot of great questions the community asked. He described the forum as very exciting and invigorating. He attended his SCAG Community Economic and Housing Development Committee Meeting as well as his Regional Council Meeting, he also did some business and community visits and attended our District Meetings. He told the Mayor he would like to add to adjournment his first cousin Rodney Henderson, who passed away from a stroke, he is the older brother of chairperson Daryl Henderson on our committee.

- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – She attended the employee mixer, went over to the Satao Library book presentation of Michelle Zauner's book, Crying in the H Mart, said it was a great book, kind of sad, but a great read. She encouraged parents to take their kids to the Smarty Pants Reading at the Satao Library if they haven't been because it has been beautifully remodeled. As a teacher, one thing she's noticed is that kids who have been read to often become good readers, so it's an opportunity to encourage reading in your scholar. She attended the New Year, New You candlelight dinner at Nakaoka where she had a great time dancing and said it was a wonderful event. Attended the Candidate Forum at Rowley Park presented by the Gardena Holly Park Homeowners Association and the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum. She wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Black History Month. She said if you have the opportunity to study about the contributions African Americans have made to our great country, please do so. On February 18, Pastor Dozier and the New Earth Christian Church is having a Black History Month program at Rowley Park.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended her new position of the Sanitation Personnel Committee, which was out in Whittier, the first of many where they will be looking at the union contracts as it relates to new changes and benefits for the employees of the LA County sanitation. She attended our city's employee quarterly mixer and wanted to thank all the directors who put it on, it seemed like a fun event going into, just something really great and festive, some of the games they had to break the ice she thought were really good. She just always thinks it's great when they recognize the new people coming to work for a city and introduce them to people so they can get a feel for what our city is like as well as recognizing those people who have gotten promoted, she thinks that's always great. Later on, that day, she got the chance to meet the Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris and she actually talked to her, so that was really exciting. Later on, that night, she participated in the homeless count, she found out our numbers are somewhere right around 70 homeless people in our city which was considerably less than what was reported before and she feels like this is a more accurate account that they had. She continued saying one person is still too many when it relates to being homeless, but 70 people is a lot less than what was initially reported by other agencies. On the next night she went to the candlelight dinner that is hosted by our Parks and Recreation Department. She said it seems like every event that she goes to there's more and more people there, everybody is hearing about our senior candlelight dinners and there are a lot of people coming from outside of Gardena which just goes to show that we're doing something right here so kudos to the parks and rec staff and she can't tell you the number of seniors that pull her aside and they really appreciate all the extra time and care that our staff puts into making that event really nice for them and they stay all the way to the end, nobody leaves early and she really thinks that's just a great testament to the great job they are doing and she thanked them for that. She also

attended career day at Maria Regina, those are always fun to attend and just share with the kids what a Mayor and City Council members do. She thinks after she finished telling them all of their duties, nobody wanted to be a Council Member or a Mayor, but it was still fun just hearing what the kids thought that they did. She attended the second candidate forum and wanted to thank the League of Women Voters for putting on a great forum. She attended the promotion ceremony for one of our officers who just became a sergeant, Sergeant Victor Gomez, so congratulations to him as well. It was mentioned there will be a program happening at Rowley Park, it is a stamp unveiling ceremony, where she will be unveiling the new stamp along with Pastor Dozier who was formerly the public relations guy for the post office so that will happen this coming Sunday at 2pm at Rowley Park.

- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – He participated in the homeless count, we in our city do take care of our homeless, we have an officer and a social worker who goes out when they find them and do try to find services for them, so he thinks that's why our numbers are a lot lower than anybody else. He attended the employee quarterly mixer and said the Mayor is correct in saying it is a way of bringing new employees and all the employees that are being promoted so that we can all get together and just show how much of a family that we are and that we appreciate everybody that works for our city. He attended the South Bay COG's Board Meeting, there is a legislative mixer coming up in March at Dominguez Hills so try to find that one. Attended the Holly Park Candidate Forum and the League of Women Voters Candidate Forum, said they were good events, and it was nice to hear the questions and the answers that people threw back at them. He just attended the South Bay Council of Governments Steering Committee meeting where they are working on their budgets and maybe the possibility of raising dues so the City Manager will be looking into that pretty soon. He attended the promotion to Sergeant for Victor Gomez, and he thinks in his entire career, Vic is one of the last of his guys in the department that is moving up and he was just happy to see that this young man, all the years that he put in even during the tough times of our budget, he stuck in there and worked his heart out and is now a really great officer that became a sergeant and is probably going to be a good leader.

23. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda announced:

- 1) City of Gardena Youth Sports Soccer and Futsal Registration, Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Saturday, March 9, 2024. For children in grades 1st -6th. For more information register online at www.cityofgardena.org/events.
- 2) Introduction to Soccer for children in grades TK-K. Registration period Sunday, February 4, 2024 – Saturday, March 9, 2024; visit www.cityofgardena.org/events. Group meets on Saturdays March 23 May 11, 2024; 8:30 am – 9:30 am at Johnson Park.
- 3) TRP – Love You To Pizzas' Dance, Friday, February 16, 2024; 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center. Join us for music, food, raffles, fun and more!
- 4) Join us as we Celebrate Black History Month with a trip to Then Pan African Film Festival, on Saturday, February 17, 2024; 9:30 am – 3:00 pm at Cinemark Baldwin Hills. For more information visit www.cityofgardena.org/events or call the Nakaoka Community Center. Tickets are \$10-Gardena Residents and \$20-Non-Residents, and must be 18 years old and over.

- 5) Soccer and Futsal Skill Clinics for Children in Grades 1st – 6th, Free to participate! Soccer at Johnson Park on February 21, 22, and 28, 2024, and Futsal at Freeman Park on February 29, March 6, and 7, 2024. For more information and dates see the flyer.
- 6) Mardi Gras Candlelight Dinner on Thursday, February 22, 2024; 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center.
- 7) Gardena Police Department Etch & Catch on Saturday, February 24, 2024; 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Gardena Police Department parking lot – 1670 W. 162nd St.
- 8) 34th Annual Gardena Orchid Show on Saturday, March 2, 2024; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center – Free Admission. Re-potting demonstration and free growing guides.
- 9) Girl-Boss Workshop on Friday, March 8, 2024; 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center. An empowering young woman who knows exactly what she wants, has the drive and determination to succeed, and achieve her dreams.

24. REMEMBRANCES

Ms. Gloria Oghie, longtime Gardena resident and mother of Beautification commissioner, Ochuwa Oghie.

Ms. Ruth Hamilton, owner of Dare U to Care organization.

Mrs. Missouri Billingslea, 108 years of age; Mrs. Billingslea migrated to Southern California in the 1940's and lived in Gardena for the past year. Mrs. Billingslea passed away on January 20, 2024, just shy of her 109th birthday. She will forever be remembered as a remarkable individual who brought joy and inspiration to those around her.

Mr. Bill Brand, 65 years of age, Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand fought stage four lung cancer for the last four and a half years. He will be missed.

Patrick Mateo Chacon, 5 years of age. The young child was killed in a hit-and-run car accident.

This past weekend, there were two separate accidents. I would like to take a moment to recognize the lives lost in both of these accidents.

Mr. Rodney Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson's cousin passed away.

25. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., and the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. The Gardena City Council Meeting for February 27, 2024, has been cancelled.

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