



GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Council Chamber at City Hall

1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California

Website: www.cityofgardena.org

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Closed Session 7:00 p.m.

Open Session 7:30 p.m.

TASHA CERDA, *Mayor*

RODNEY G. TANAKA, *Mayor Pro Tem*

MARK E. HENDERSON, *Council Member*

PAULETTE C. FRANCIS, *Council Member*

WANDA LOVE, *Council Member*

MINA SEMENZA, *City Clerk*

GUY H. MATO, *City Treasurer*

CLINT OSORIO, *City Manager*

CARMEN VASQUEZ, *City Attorney*

LISA KRANITZ, *Assistant City Attorney*

If you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. **VIEW THE MEETING live on SPECTRUM CHANNEL 22 or ONLINE at**
youtube.com/CityofGardena
2. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at publiccomment@cityofgardena.org by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.
3. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**

PUBLIC COMMENT: The City Council will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:

- Agenda Items – At the time the City Council considers the item or during Oral Communications
- Non-agenda Items – During Oral Communications
- Public Hearings – At the time for Public Hearings listed on the Agenda

If you wish to address the Council, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to the City Clerk or Sergeant of Arms. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Council. The City Council cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.

4. The City of Gardena, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend and/or participate in the City meeting due to disability, to please contact the City Clerk's Office by phone (310) 217-9565 or email cityclerk@cityofgardena.org at least 24 business hours prior to the scheduled general meeting to ensure assistance is provided. Assistive listening devices are available.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

Thank you for your attendance and cooperation

1. ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Edward Medrano v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO: ADJ18722621 and ADJ16893586
- 2.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Sherri Sheffield v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO: ADJ16831317 and ADJ17001258
- 2.C CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Michael Nguyen v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO: ADJ18114652
- 2.D CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Derrick Jones v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO: ADJ16338485
- 2.E CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
City of Gardena v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCP03577
- 2.F 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

- 2.G CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Mariya Wrightsman v. City of Gardena, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCP04453

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

156th Street Elementary School

4. **INVOCATION**

Joyce S. Watanabe
Baha'i Faith

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Recognition of Public Works Staff for Completing two (2) Railroad Crossing Projects

5.B Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena:

1. Daniel Le - Transit Mechanic with the Transportation Department - 15 years

3. Tonya Hill - Bus Operator with the Transportation Department - 25 years

[Recognition-Employee Retirement.pdf](#)

5.C Certificate of Recognition to Louis Enriquez for his service to the community as a Member of the Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission

[Recog-outgoing Commissioner - L. Enriquez.pdf](#)

5.D Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Presentation - *Presentation to be given by Caroline Gongora, Public Information Coordinator with the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District*

5.E Boards & Commissions Presentation - Beautification Commission

5.F Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A "Fair Housing Month" April 2025 (*To be accepted by members of the Fair Housing Foundation*)

[Proclamation - Fair Housing 2025.pdf](#)

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Rent Mediation Board - Owner Representative - Annie Roddy
(Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Tanaka)

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC- Roll Call Vote Required On The Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless a Council Member requests Council discussion, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately following this portion of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON 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, March 11, 2025

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

[03112025 CC MEETING - FINAL.pdf](#)

- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, March 25, 2025

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

[Warrant-Payroll Register 03-25-25.pdf](#)

- 8.D Monthly Investment Portfolio, February 2025

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

[February 2025 Investment Report.pdf](#)

- 8.E Personnel Report P-2025-6 03-25-25

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

[PERS RPT P-2025-6 3-25-25.pdf](#)

- 8.F [Gardena General Plan Annual Progress Report](#)

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

[Gardena General Plan APR.pdf](#)

[HCD Annual Housing Progress Report.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A MARCH 18, 2025 MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #18-24 and CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #8-24

The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit, to operate an amusement arcade within an existing commercial tenant space within the General Commercial (C-3) zoning district, in accordance with Section 18.32.030.H of the Gardena Municipal Code. The project was considered categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as an existing facilities project and Section 15061(b)(3).

Applicant: Wawa Claw LLC (Representative: Matthew Chi)

Project Location: 1425 W. Artesia Blvd

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 4-25, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #8-24, subject to the conditions of approval presented by staff with an added condition, 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.

10.B MARCH 18, 2025 MEETING

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #20-24, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #9-24

The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit, to operate an amusement arcade within an existing commercial tenant space within the General Commercial (C-3) zoning district, in accordance with Section 18.32.030.H of the Gardena Municipal Code. The project was considered for categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, as an existing facilities project Section 15061 (b)(3).

Applicant: Kiddleton Inc. (Representative: Kanako Nishikawa)

Project Location: 15484 S. Western Avenue

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 5-25, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #9-24, subject to the conditions

of approval presented by staff with an added condition, 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.

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11. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (LIMITED TO A 30-MINUTE PERIOD)**

Oral Communications by the public will be heard for one-half hour at or before 8:30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the last agenda item commenced prior to 8:30 p.m. Oral Communications not concluded at that time shall be resumed at the end of the meeting after Council Reports. Speakers are to limit their remarks to three minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. An amber light will appear to alert the speaker when two minutes are complete, and a red light will appear when three minutes are over. Your cooperation is appreciated.

12. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 12.A [Single Audit Report Required for Federally Funded Programs for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024](#)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File
[Gardena Single Audit Fiscal Year 2024.pdf](#)

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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

- 14.A [Approval of One-Year Agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for Legislative Advocacy and Grant Funding Services in the amount of \\$84,000](#)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Agreement
[townsend public affairs psa 2-13-25.pdf](#)
[TPA City Council Presentation March 2025.pdf](#)

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [Approve the Installation of Gardena Decorative Street Lighting by Southern California Edison \(SCE\), JN 506, on Gardena Boulevard between Vermont Avenue to Western Avenue and 162nd Street between Denker Avenue to Western Avenue, Authorize the City Manager to execute the SCE Application and Contract in a form approved by the City Attorney in the amount of \\$182,000, Declare California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Exemption and Approve the Remaining Budget of \\$47,000 as a Project Contingency](#)

Staff Recommendations:

- **Approve Project Installation by SCE with Chosen Color for Fixture**
- **Authorize City Manager to Execute the Application & Contract with SCE**
- **Declare CEQA Exemption**
- **Approve Project Contingency**

[Exhibit A_JN 506 SCE Streetlights & Images.pdf](#)

[Exhibit B_JN 506 Project Location Map.pdf](#)

[Exhibit C_JN 506 SCE Streetlight Mapping.pdf](#)

[JN 506 CEQA NOE.pdf](#)

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

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

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

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

1. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA
2. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE
3. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

Mrs. Kimiko Nakaoka, 95 years old, former resident of Gardena for many years and wife of former Gardena Mayor Ken Nakaoka;

Mr. Avelino "Cruz" Olivares, former Police Officer with the Gardena Police Department.

25. **ADJOURNMENT**

The Gardena City Council will adjourn to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at www.CityofGardena.org.

Dated this 21st day of March 2025

/s/ MINA SEMENZA
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk