



GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

Council Chamber at City Hall
1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California
Website: www.cityofgardena.org

Tuesday, May 13, 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*
LIZA KRANITZ, *Assistant City Attorney*
ROSEMARY KOO, *Assistant City Attorney*

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- 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 LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Employee Organizations:

1. Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA), Robert Rosales Jr., Association President
2. Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), Vicky L. Barker, Attorney
3. Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA), Fred G. Quiel, Attorney
4. Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Lexipol Policy Award 2024 - *Presented by Theresa Maza*

5.B Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A "Older Americans Month" - May 2025 (*to be proclaimed only*)

[Proclaim Only-Older Americans Month- May 2025.pdf](#)

6.B Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month (*to be proclaimed only*)

- 6.C 56th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week - May 4-10, 2025 (*to be accepted by City Clerk Mina Semenza*)
[Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week-2025.pdf](#)
- 6.D Public Works Week - May 18-24, 2025 (*to be accepted by Public Works Director Allan Rigg*)
[Proclamation - Public Works Week-2025.pdf](#)
- 6.E Cinco de Mayo Celebration Day - May 5, 2025 (*to be accepted by the Cinco de Mayo Committee*)
[Proclamation - Cinco de Mayo -2025.pdf](#)

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission (GEBAC) - Paul G. Giuliano
(Appointed by Mayor Tasha Cerda)

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, April 8, 2025
CONTACT: CITY CLERK
[04082025 CC MEETING - FINAL.pdf](#)
- 8.C Receive and File Minutes:
Planning and Environmental Quality Commission April 1, 2025
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
[2025_04_01 PCMIN - FINAL.pdf](#)
- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, April 22, 2025
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[Warrant-Payroll Register 04-22-25.pdf](#)

- 8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, May 13, 2025
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[Warrant-Payroll Register 05-13-25.pdf](#)
- 8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, March 2025
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[March 2025 Investment Report.pdf](#)
- 8.G Personnel Report P-2025-8 05-13-25
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[PERS RPT P-2025-8 5-13-25.pdf](#)
[Classification and Compensation Schedule - Eff. May 13 2025 - Attachment #1.pdf](#)
[Assistant Director of Community Development - Attachment #2.pdf](#)
- 8.H Approval of Carnival Permit for St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church to be Held May 16th through May 19, 2025, at 1050 West 163rd Street, Gardena, CA 90247
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
[St. Anthony's Annual Carnival Application.pdf](#)
[Community Development, Building and Safety Division Memo.pdf](#)
[Community Development, Planning Division Memo.pdf](#)
[Gardena Police Department Memo.pdf](#)
[LA County Fire Department Memo.pdf](#)
- 8.I [RESOLUTION NO. 6701](#): Adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2025- 2026 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS
[Resolution No. 6701.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

- 10.A [APRIL 15, 2025 - *Meeting Cancelled*](#)
[2025_04_15 CANCELLATION.pdf](#)
- 10.B [MAY 6, 2025, MEETING](#)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #1-25, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #1-25
The Planning Commission reviewed a request for a conditional use permit, per section 18.32.030.B of the Gardena Municipal Code, to operate an indoor batting cage within an existing 5,677-square-foot warehouse located in the Industrial (M-1) zone. The request also seeks approval to count street parking toward the facility's required parking per Section 18.40.080.B.3 of the Gardena Municipal Code.
Project Location: 18008 Halldale Avenue
Project Applicant: Peter Girgis (Maximize Athletic Performance)
Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 6-25, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-25, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

City of Council Action: Received and file OR call for review which requires two votes from City Council.

10.C MAY 6, 2025, MEETING

ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #1-25 (ORDINANCE NO. 1883)

The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1883 amending the Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.13 relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units.

Project Location: Citywide

Project Application: City of Gardena

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 7-25, by a vote of 4-1, approving Zone Text Amendment #1-25 recommending that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1883.

City Council Action: No action needed. This item will be brought forth to the Council for review at a City Council meeting on May 27th, 2025.

10.D MAY 6, 2025, MEETING

ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #2-25 (ORDINANCE NO. 1884)

The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1884 amending the Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.12, and 18.76 of Title 18, Zoning Code, of the Gardena Municipal Code, Chapter 17.08 of Title 17, Subdivision to implement State Laws relating to housing.

Project Location: Citywide

Project Applicant: City of Gardena

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 7-25, by a vote of 4-1, approving Zone Text Amendment #2-25 recommending that the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 1884.

City Council Action: No action needed. This item will be brought forth to the Council for review at a City Council meeting on May 27th, 2025.

[2025_05_06 PCAX.pdf](#)

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**

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A [PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of the Proposed 51st Year CDBG Annual Action Plan for FY 2025-2026.](#)

Staff Recommendation: Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and close the public hearing.

Staff Recommendation for Motion: Approve the Annual Action Plan for FY 2025-2026, as presented or as may be amended by Council action.

[Staff Report - CDBG 2025-26 Annual Action Plan.pdf](#)

[Draft Action Plan FY2025-2026.pdf](#)

[Proof of Publication.pdf](#)

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

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

- 15.A [PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1881: Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy of the City of Gardena, California Governing the Use of Military Equipment Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481](#)

Staff Recommendation: Conduct a Public Hearing, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and Introduce Ordinance No. 1881

[Attachment 1 - AB 481 Text.pdf](#)

[Attachment 2 - Ord 1881.docx](#)

[Exhibit A to Attachment 2 - 2025 Military Equipment Policy 706.pdf](#)

[ATTACHMENT A_2025.pdf](#)

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 16.A [Award Construction Contract for the Local Streets Improvement 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, for various locations, JN 525 and 544, to LCR Earthwork & Engineering, Corp. in the amount of \\$3,388,850.00. Additionally, award Construction Management and Inspection Services contract to Onward Engineering, in the amount of \\$111,270.00, and the Geotechnical Engineering and Soil Testing Consultant Services contract to Terracon Consultants Inc. in the amount of \\$20,000. Approve the Project Plans & Specifications, Contingency, and declare California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Exemption](#)

Staff Recommendations:

- **Award Construction Contract**
- **Award Construction Management, Inspection, and Geotechnical Soil Testing Services**
- **Approve Project Plans and Specifications**
- **Declare CEQA Exemption**
- **Approve Project Contingency**

[JN 525 & 544 LCR Earthwork & Engineering proposal.pdf](#)

[JN 525 & 544 Onward Eng Proposal for CMI services.pdf](#)

[PW_On-Call_Consultant_Agreement_Terracon_Consultants_FINAL PSA.pdf](#)

[Exhibit A - JN 525 & 544 Project Location Map.pdf](#)

[JN 525 & 544 Project Specifications.pdf](#)

[JN 525 & 544 CEQA_NOE.pdf](#)

[Project_Plans_1_of_4.pdf](#)
[Project_Plans_2_of_4.pdf](#)
[Project_Plans_3_of_4.pdf](#)
[Project_Plans_4_of_4.pdf](#)

- 16.B [PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6690](#): Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated March 24, 2025, for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscape Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Staff Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing; allow each speaker three (3) minutes; and Adopt Resolution 6690
[Artesia Landscaping District Resolution No 6690.pdf](#)

- 16.C [PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6691](#): Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated March 24, 2025, for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Staff Recommendation: Conduct Public Hearing; allow each speaker three (3) minutes; and Adopt Resolution No. 6691
[Consolidated Street Lighting District Resolution No. 6691.pdf](#)

- 16.D [Audit for the City's Refuse Hauler, Waste Resources of Gardena](#)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File the Audit for the City's Waste Hauler, Waste Resources of Gardena
[City of Gardena Audit Report for WRG.pdf](#)

- 16.E [Award Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Contract for the Pedestrian Safety Project FY 2024-2025, JN 545, to Southern California Precision Concrete Inc. in the Amount of \\$147,693.24, approve 10% construction contingency, and Declare California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Exemption.](#)

Staff Recommendations:

- **Award Construction Contract**
- **Approve Construction Contingency**
- **Declare CEQA Exemption**

[Appendix_A-_JN 527 Ped Safety Improvements FY 2023-2024_Sldewalk Trip Hazard Removal.pdf](#)
[Appendix_B-_JN545_Project Location Map_Zone 3.pdf](#)
[Appendix_B-_JN 545_List of Locations_Zone 3.pdf](#)
[Appendix_C-_JN 545 Precession Concrete Pricing.pdf](#)
[Appendix_D-_JN 545 CEQA NOE.pdf](#)
[Appendix_E-_JN 545 Ped Safety Improvement FY 2024-2025 Trip Hazard Removal Contract.pdf](#)

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

- 17.A [Ratify Administrative Approval of Professional Services Agreement between the City of Gardena and MDG Associates, Inc. for Grant Management Consulting Services for FY22 Community Project Funding Grant No. B-22-CP-CA-0033 for the Community Aquatics and Senior Center](#)

Staff Recommendation: Ratify Administrative Approval of the Professional Services Agreement Between the City of Gardena and MDG Associates, Inc. PSA with MDG for B-22-CP-CA-0033 Completed DOCUSIGNED Grant Agreement B-22-CP-CA-0033 Project Narrative

- 17.B [Authorization to Purchase a 2025 Ford Transit - 350 MR Passenger XL RWD Vehicle in the amount of \\$64,357.90](#)

Staff Recommendation: Authorize Purchase of one (1) 2025 Ford Transit - 350 MR Passenger XL RWD Vehicle from Airport Marina Ford in the Amount of \$64,357.90

[Airport Marina Ford_quote](#)
[Central Ford of South Gate - Los Angeles_quote.pdf](#)
[Ford of Montebello_quote.pdf](#)

- 17.C [Authorization to Purchase a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Touring ADA Commercial Mini Van with Folding Ramp from Mobility Works of California, LLC. in the amount of \\$71,551.06.](#)

Staff Recommendation: Authorize Purchase of one (1) 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Touring ADA Commercial Mini Van Conversion with a Side-Entry – E4 Power Door with Manual Folding Ramp Van from Mobility Works of California LLC. in the amount of \$71, 551.06

[ADA-Van Quote Pacifica.pdf](#)
[ADA-Van Quote Sienna.pdf](#)
[ADA-Van Braun 2024 Pacifica.pdf](#)
[ADA-Van Braun Sienna.pdf](#)

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

- 18.A [Approve Purchase of Bus Stop Amenity Equipment from Tolar Manufacturing Company in the amount of \\$62,376 and a Project Total of \\$68,613](#)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Purchase and Project Total

[Tolar Quote 23242PMR3.pdf](#)
[2025-04 APR 28 - Shelter Agmt - City of Gardena - Qte 23242PMR3.pdf](#)
[Tolar MBTA RFP 21-01 Signed Contract 10052021.pdf](#)
[Photos of Solar Lighting and Real Time Signs 5_13_2025.pdf](#)

- 18.B [Approve Purchase of Safety Barrier Components at a Cost of \\$57,018 and a Project Total of \\$62,720.](#)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Purchase and Project Total

[Mission Steel Fabrication Quote 1101.pdf](#)
[Bus Barrier Photos.pdf](#)

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

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

22. **COUNCIL REMARKS**

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

23. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

24. **REMEMBRANCES**

Mr. George Castro, 97 years old; longtime resident, business owner, and Wall of Fame Honoree, who lived a long and full life with photographs making and capturing history; he will always be remembered and cherished for his dedication to this community, love for his family and kindness towards everyone.

Mrs. Patricia Worthy, 84 years old; longtime resident and member of the City's Beautification Commission, the Senior Citizen Commission, the Jazz Festival Committee, and longtime volunteer with the City of Gardena; she will be missed by all.

Mr. Sam Kaskanyan, 68 years old; beloved father and brother of former Council Member Art Kaskanian; long-time business owner and Kiwanis Member; he will always be remembered for his dedication to this community and will be missed by all.

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, May 27, 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 9th day of May 2025

/s/ MINA SEMENZA
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk