



GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda

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

Tuesday, June 10, 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*
ROSEMARY KOO, *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)

Tamika Williams v. City of Gardena

WCAB NO: ADJ17514578

2.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation, pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) & (e)(3) of
Government Code Section 54956.9

One Potential Case: Claim No. 20-03 REC, filed November 11, 2023, by Dominic Kemp, a minor, through his mother and Guardian Ad Litem, Vanessa Perez
(Copy of Claim is available in the City Clerk's office)

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. INVOCATION

Pastor Ataru Nakagawa

Gardena Japanese-American Seventh-day Adventist Church

5. PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Atanacio Jimenez - Police Sergeant with the Gardena Police Department - 30 years

2. Marc Edwards - Bus Operator with the Transportation Department - 3 years

[Recognition-Employee Retirement-Nacho Jimenez.pdf](#)

[Recognition-Employee Retirement Marc Edwards.pdf](#)

- 5.B Special Recognition of Ed Iskendarian for his dedication and contributions to the world of automotive performance in the City of Gardena and the South Bay.
- 5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 6.A "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" - June 14, 2025, through July 4, 2025 (*to be proclaimed only*)
[Proclaim Only-Pledge of Allegiance-2025.pdf](#)
- 6.B JUNETEENTH Commemoration Day - June 19, 2025 (*to be proclaimed only*)
[Proclaim Only-Juneteenth 2025.pdf](#)

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

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

Beautification Commission - Darlene Castillo
(Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka)

Senior Citizens Commission - Annie Roddy
(Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem 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, May 27, 2025
CONTACT: CITY CLERK
[05272025 CC MEETING - FINAL.pdf](#)
- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, June 10, 2025
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[Warrant-Payroll Register 06-10-25.pdf](#)
- 8.D Personnel Report P-2025-10 06-10-24
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
[PERS RPT P-2025-10 06-10-25.pdf](#)

- 8.E [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1882](#), Adding Chapter 9.72 (Vacant Registry Program) to Title 9 (Public Peace, Morals and Welfare) of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to properties that are vacant, abandoned or in foreclosure proceedings, and find that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE 1882

- 8.F [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1883](#), Amending the Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.13 relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and find that the Ordinance is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Ordinance No. 1883

- 8.G [SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1884](#), Amending the Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.04 (E Definitions), 18.12 (Single-Family Residential Zone (R-1)), 18.57 (Low Barrier Navigation Centers), and 18.76 (Supportive Housing for Homeless as a Use by Right) of Title 18 (Zoning Code), and Chapter 17.08 (Procedures and Standards) of Title 17 (Subdivisions) to implement State Laws relating to housing, and find that the Ordinance is exempt under the commonsense exemption of CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Ordinance No. 1884.pdf

- 8.H Bingo License Renewal for Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute, located at 1964 W. 162nd Street.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Gardena Valley JCI Bingo License Renewal Application.pdf
Planning Division Comment Letter and Conditions.pdf
Gardena Police Dept Comment Letter.pdf
LACO Fire Dept Comment Letter.pdf

- 8.I [Approve Paratransit Service Agreement with Los Angeles County](#)

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION
[MOU_LA County Paratransit FY2025 & 2026.pdf](#)

9. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

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 [Acceptance of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 39th Consecutive Year](#)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

[Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.pdf](#)

[Award of Financial Reporting Achievement.pdf](#)

- 12.B [Authorization to Lease to Purchase Five \(5\) 2025 Chevrolet Blazer Electric Vehicles from Enterprise Fleet Management with a Down Payment in the Amount of \\$310,789, and Monthly Fees Over a 60-Month Period in the Amount of \\$66,061 for a Total Requested Amount of \\$376,850](#)

Staff Recommendation: Approve Purchase

[2025 Chevrolet Blazer EV Quotes 8912617 8912618 8912619 8912621 8937325.pdf](#)

- 12.C [Public Hearing: Annual Recruitment and Vacancy Report per Assembly Bill \(AB\) 2561, Government Code Section 3502.3](#)

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- Open the public hearing;
- Receive testimony from the public, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker;
- Close the public hearing

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive and file

13. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A [PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6706, Approving Conditional Use Permit #1-25 to operate an indoor batting cage within an existing 5,677 square-foot warehouse located in the Industrial \(M-1\) zone located at 13008 Halldale Avenue, approve counting street parking toward the facility's required parking per GMC Section 18.40.080.B.3., find the Project exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 \(Class 1 - Existing Facility\).](#)

Staff Recommendation: Staff respectfully recommends that the City Council: Open the public hearing; Hear Applicant's presentation; Receive testimony from the public, allowing three (3) minutes for each speaker; Allow Applicant to respond; and Close the public hearing. Staff Recommendation for Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 6706, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-25, Find the Project exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 - Existing Facility); Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

[City Council Staff Report](#)

[A- Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 6-25, approving the Project](#)

[B- Planning Commission Staff Report dated May 6, 2025
Parking Study](#)

C - City Council Resolution
Exhibit A - Project Plans.
Exhibit B - Conditions of Approval

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

15. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE**

- 15.A Execution of Five-Year Contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Police Body Worn Video in the Amount Not to Exceed \$681,072.94

Staff Recommendation: Authorize and execute contract
Axon OMNIA Contract with Attachments

16. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

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**

Ms. Cristina Castellucci, 95 years old, beloved aunt of our City Clerk, Mina Semenza, and long-time resident of Gardena.

Mrs. Joanna Giuliano, 81 years old, beloved mother of GEBAC Commissioner, Paul G. Giuliano, and an integral member of the Giuliano's Gardena Family Business.

Mr. Douglas Dixon, 83 years old and a long-time Gardena resident.

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, June 24, 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 6th day of June 2025

/s/ MINA SEMENZA
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk