

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, March 22, 2022

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, Governor Newsom has signed Assembly Bill 361. Please be advised that the Council Chambers are closed to the public and that some, or all, of the Gardena City Council Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 via Zoom, Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis; Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and City Clerk Mina Semenza.

At 7:03 p.m., the City Council recessed into Closed Session via Microsoft Teams, with the following in attendance: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Art Kaskanian; Council Member Paulette C. Francis. Other City Officials and Employees present City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Director of Administrative Services Ray Beeman.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

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), Matt Hassoldt, 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

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:32 p.m., and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members, who were present at the meeting. When City Attorney Vasquez was asked if there was any reportable action from Closed Session, she stated that staff was provided with direction, but no reportable action had been taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Gina Barnett of Purche Elementary shared audio of Zora Bass and Gracie Ngatcha, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Both students attend Purche Avenue Elementary School. Zora was chosen to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance because she shows leadership and responsibility and is a bright and outgoing student who is enrolled in the magnet program. Gracie was chosen to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance because she is eager to learn, she participates in classroom discussions, and enjoys collaborating and sharing ideas with her peers.

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS - None

6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A "Fair Housing Month," April 2022
- *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 Approve Minutes:
Regular Meeting of the City Council, March 8, 2022
CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Personnel Report P-2022-6 3-22-22
CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, March 22, 2022
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

March 22, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12137-12140; Prepay: 166621-166624; Check Nos. 166625 - 166793 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$5,638,532.07 Total Payroll Issued for March 11, 2022: \$1,564,492.24.

8.E RESOLUTION NO. 6567, Re affirming Proclamation and Resolution No. 6441, which declared the Existence of a Local Emergency
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6567

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 6441 WHICH DECLARED THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

- 8.F RESOLUTION NO. 6568, Making the legally required findings to Re-Authorize the use of Teleconferencing in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 for meetings of the Gardena City Council and other Commissions, Committees and Boards subject to State open meeting laws.
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6568

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE GARDENA CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS SUBJECT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAWS. 6567 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REAFFIRMING PROCLAMATION AND RESOLUTION 6441 WHICH DECLARED THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY

- 8.G Annual Housing Element Progress Report 2021
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 8.H Award Construction Contract for Installation of GTrans On -Street Bus Signal Priority System Project, JN 510, to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. for \$83,693.00, and Authorize a Project Total of \$96,247
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis and put into the Excluded Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8.H:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.H TRANSPORTATION - Award Construction Contract for Installation of GTrans On-Street Bus Signal Priority System Project, JN 510, to Elecnor Belco Electric, Inc. for \$83,693.00, and Authorize a Project Total of \$96,247
This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked for clarification of the On-street Bus Signal Priority System Project: What is it going to do or how will it help? Also, asked about the fees, traffic and was there any particular reason why Western corridor and Vermont corridor was chosen as opposed to others, and wanted confirmation if other cities have this project as well.

City Manager Osorio and Director of Transportation Ernie Crespo came into the meeting and explained what the project consist of and answered Council Member Francis questions.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A March 15, 2022 MEETING

Conditional Use Permit #1-22

The Planning Commission considered CUP #1-22 to allow the on- site sale and consumption of beer and wine to an existing restaurant located in the General Commercial (C -2) zone, per section 18.30.030.A of the Gardena Municipal Code and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 6-22, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-22 subject to the attached Conditions of Approval and directing staff to file a Notice of Exemption to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

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

Council Member Francis called for review – no second.

Received and Filed

10.B March 15, 2022 Meeting

Conditional Use Permit #2-22

The Planning Commission considered CUP #2-22 to allow the on- site sale and consumption of beer and wine to an existing restaurant located in the General Commercial (C -2) zone, per section 18.30.030.A of the Gardena Municipal Code and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 7-22, approving Conditional Use Permit #2-22 subject to the attached Conditions of Approval and directing staff to file a Notice of Exemption to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

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

Council Member Francis called for review – no second

Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Melanie Silverberg, Outreach Coordinator with Fair Housing Foundation, thanked the City for joining them in celebrating Fair Housing Month and acknowledging its importance and is very proud to represent the City of Gardena as its fair housing provider and looks forward to another year of working together and invited everyone to their virtual Fair Housing Month Celebration that will take place on April 25, 2022.
2. Tricia Dong, Founding School Leader of KIPP came into the meeting and thanked City Council for all their support.

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 11.A RESOLUTION NO. 6565, Approving the Unrepresented Positions to Share the Costs of the Employer Contribution Pursuant to Government Code Section 20516.

RESOLUTION NO. 6565

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE UNREPRESENTED POSITIONS TO SHARE THE COSTS OF THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 20516

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6565:

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

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 12.A PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION 6570, Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission Approving Site Plan Review #5-21, Conditional Use Permit #5-21, and Conditional Use Permit #6-21 to Develop a 121-Unit Single Room Occupancy Housing Development, with Seven Very Low Income Units, and Two, Six-Tier Automated Parking Structures on a One -Acre Property in the M-1 (Industrial) Zone with, and Directing Staff to File A Notice Of Exemption for a Class 32 In-Fill Development
APPLICANT: West Realty Group, Inc., Lee Johnson
LOCATION: 13126 South Western Avenue

RESOLUTION 6570

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW #5-21, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #5-21, AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #6-21 TO DEVELOP A 121-UNIT SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, WITH SEVEN VERY LOW INCOME UNITS, AND TWO, SIX-TIER AUTOMATED PARKING STRUCTURES ON A ONE-ACRE PROPERTY IN THE M-1 (INDUSTRIAL) ZONE WITH, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR A CLASS 32 IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT

(13126 S. WESTERN AVENUE (APN: 6102-006-013))

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Senior Planner Amanda Acuna gave the PowerPoint presentation and was available for any questions. Assistant City Attorney Lisa Kranitz and Community Development Director Greg Tsujiuchi were also available for any questions.

Applicant of West Realty Group, Inc., Lee Johnson, and his staff were also available for any questions.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public.

There was a discussion that included our Mayor and our Council Members. Some of the items discussed were development requirements; size of units; parking; target audience for apartment units; the number of tenants in each unit; low-income units; possibilities of condominiums or single-family dwelling development instead, the Applicant and his staff came into the meeting and answered all of Council's questions.

Public Speakers:

- (1) Zahid Ahmed
- (2) Gardena Resident
- (3) Wanda Love
- (4) Jose Novoa
- (5) Charisse
- (6) Claudia

All the above Public Speakers spoke in opposition of the project.

There was no further comment, Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 9:05 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6570 :

Ayes: Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka and Mayor Cerda

Noes: Council Members Henderson, Council Member Kaskanian and Francis

Absent: None

The project did not pass; staff was given direction to come back with a Resolution of Denial. Marios Savides, a partner of West Realty Group, spoke against the vote by Council and threatened to initiate litigation regarding the project at 13126 S. Western Avenue.

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES

13.A COVID-19 Update - City Manager Osorio presented the update.

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE – No Items

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

15.A Approve Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement between the City of Gardena and Waste Resources of Gardena for Integrated Solid Waste Management Services, and Direct Staff to Commence Majority Process Proceedings for Approval of the Rates and Rate Adjustments set forth in the Agreement

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Director of Public Works Allan Rigg, Deputy City Attorney Peter Wallin and Debbie Morris of HF&H also were available for any questions.

Director Rigg thanked staff and explained the City's position; he then shared his screen to show the comparison rate chart.

There was a discussion which included Council Member Francis and Henderson regarding the term and rate increase in years 2, 3 and 4; how the majority protest works; how the organic waste process works, and if WRG will be responsible for picking up illegal dumping; and if the public would be educated on the new process. City Manager Osorio, Director Rigg and Debbie Morris, HF&H Consultant answered all of Council's questions.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Amended and Restated Waste Hauler Franchise Agreement with Waste Resources of Gardena and Authorize Staff to proceed with Majority Protest Process:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 15.B Approve the Proposed Conceptual Design to proceed with the Final Design and Construction Document Phase of the Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center, JN 978.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Director of Public Works Allan Rigg gave the PowerPoint presentation and was available for any questions.

There was a discussion regarding the portal website address; the registration and parking lots; if there will be other swim hours for the public or is it only for seniors; the shade area facing west, and if solar panels are being considered; if the parking lot across from Rush Gym will be used; if there are emergency exits and if there will be some lighted areas during the night; will the area right in front at 160th be used for drop off or parking; and will there be electric charging stations.

Larry Ryan of RJM Design answered all of Council's questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed, spoke and made some suggestions of what he would like to see in the new facility.

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Proposed Conceptual Design:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – *No Items*

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION

- 17.A Approve Purchase of Seven (7), 40-foot Zero-Emission Battery Electric Buses for \$7,740,208 and Authorize Program Total of \$8,514,229

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Transportation Director Ernie Crespo was available for any questions.

There was a discussion regarding the buses that survived their useful lives if they are going to be sold; if so, will the money go back to GTrans; if we are buying the base of the bus and then adding components after; if the battery is going to be enough; if there are any solar panels on the charging station that is being built; how is it funded; is this the only company that builds these types of buses.

City Manager Osorio and Director Crespo came into the meeting and answered all of Council's questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke regarding the purchase and gave his recommendations.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Purchase and Program Total:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

18. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Francis

- 1) She asked if we could look into either getting the electronic billboard signs at Rowley and Mas Fukai Park replace or repair. *Mayor Cerda seconded it.*
- 2) She asked if there's anything that the City can do to ensure that the properties between 139th, Van Ness and Rosecrans are being maintained on a regular basis including parking and the trees. Mayor Cerda stated that Chief Saffell and his team are planning on having a meeting with the property owner.

Council Member Kaskanian

- 1) Asked if he can get a report/update of the Tree Company that is contracted by the City: What they are working on in the city? *Council Member Francis seconded it.*

Council Member Henderson

- 1) Asked if one member of each Board and Committee can appear at the Council Meetings for an oral report on their progress that the community may not be aware of, not including the PEQC. *Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka seconded it.*

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka

- 1) Ask for a Resolution of Support for Assembly Person Gibson's AB 2074 for Recovery of wages: liquidated damages. *Council Member Henderson seconded it.*

20. 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 regarding the Community Development Department Monthly Report that highlights various activities in the Building Department particularly construction and permit activity.

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON

Since the last meeting Council Member Henderson attended the State of the City event, Casino Night, Southern California Edison event regarding electric vehicles and the possibility of Edison assisting the city in future projects, Centinela Youth Services meeting, AQMD meeting, Gardena basketball event, Brownfield Remediation discussion, Bizfed Executive Board meeting, and Love is in need of Love event at Rowley Park. Lastly, thanked Commissioner LaWanda Staten for bringing the community our during the “Love is in need of love” event. Lastly, thanked all staff for working on the GIS system on the website.

2. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

Since the last meeting Council Member Francis attended the State of the City event and thanked all those that worked to put the event together. Council Member Francis also attended Casino Night, March Madness at Mas Fukai, and Love is in need of love event at Rowley Park. Council Member Francis thanked Commissioner LaWanda Stanton for putting the event together. She also asked to remember all the contributions that women have made to the world. Lastly, encouraged everyone to keep going as better days are ahead.

3. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA

Since the last meeting Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka attended the COGs Legislative Committee Subcommittee, Blue Ribbon Commission on homelessness, and State of the City event. Mayor Pro Tem complimented the mayor for a great presentation and thanked Director Santin and staff for their hard work. Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka also attended poker night, COG Hybrid Steering Committee, RCC Board Meeting, Community Worship Church Honoring the Police Department, and March Madness event. Lastly, shared Ed Russ was a kind gentleman that helped him throughout his career and will always be grateful to him and his family.

4. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN

Since the last meeting Council Member Kaskanian attended the State of the City thanked everyone for working hard and Director Santin for sharing the event live on Facebook. Also, attended Casino Night and apologized for not attended March Madness. Lastly, shared Ed Russ was a mentor to him.

5. MAYOR CERDA

Ed Russ’s family requested Mayor Cerda to read his obituary and his son and daughter also shared a few words. Since the last meeting Mayor Cerda attended the KIPP Generations Welcome party, monthly CCGA meeting, Sanitation meeting, Finance meeting, Community Worship Church, Khoi Show, and Khoi Awards banquet. Mayor Cerda apologized from not attending March Madness event as she attended Kimberly Hatton’s retirement event on that day. She is happy to hear everyone talk great things about State of the City. Also, special thanks to Parks and Recreation staff and all departments for working together and making the events a success. Lastly, shared she received a lot of great compliments on State of the City.

22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda Announced:

1. Video presentation highlighting the Recreation and Human Services Department current and future events:
 - State of the City 2022, Thursday, March 10, 2022, at City Hall Lawn. For additional information please call (310)217-9507 or visit citymanager@cityofgardena.org.
 - Casino Night, Friday, March 11, 2022, 4:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at City Hall Lawn.
 - Paint in the Park, Thursday, March 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Rowley Park. For further information contact the Senior Bureau Office at (310)217-9552.
 - Co-ed Youth Basketball Outdoor Skills & Drills Clinics: Mas Fukai Park on Saturday, March 19, 2022.
 - 46th Annual Koi Show, March 19-20, 2022, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at City Hall Complex. Open to the Public, Free Admission.
 - March Madness Youth Competition, Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Mas Fukai Park.
 - Garden Party, Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Lawn. Special guest Congresswoman Maxine Waters.
 - Youth Dance Classes at Freeman Park, Saturday, April 2, Saturday, April 30, 2022. No classes Saturday, April 16, 2022. Registration begins on Saturday, March 19, 2022, online: www.cityofgardena.org/events; In-person: Nakaoka Community Center.
 - Karate for All Ages at Thornburg Park, Class Session: Monday, April 4 – Friday, April 29, 2022. Registration begins on Saturday, March 19, 2022, online: www.cityofgardena.org/events; In-person: Nakaoka Community Center.
 - Instructors Needed: Do you have a skill that you would like to teach others? Do you want to earn extra income? The City of Gardena is actively searching for instructors for classes for youth, adults, and seniors. If you are interested, call 310-217-9537 or email gardenaevents@cityofgardena.org.
 - Co-ed Youth Soccer League, Registration Period Wednesday, March 9 – Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
 - City of Gardena Spring Yard Sale, Saturday, April 9, 2022, 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Mas Fukai Park. Vendors Spaces (first come, first serve) visit www.cityofgardena.org/events to sign up.
 - Spring Camp, April 11-15, 2022, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 a.m., at Freeman and Johnson Park. Online registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, until full or visit www.cityofgardena.org/events.
 - Spring Carnival at Mas Fukai Park on Friday, April 15, 2022: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 16, 2022: 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Sunday, April 17, 2022: 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - Easter at the Parks, Saturday, April 16, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Freeman and Rowley Park. Egg Hunt Starts at 10:00 a.m. ages 12 & under.
 - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at City Hall Lawn, Saturday, April 16, 2022, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Free Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m. (ages 12 & under).

- Happy Earth Day, Saturday, April 23, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Earth Day Community Clean-Up and Celebration Come Join Our Efforts to Keep Gardena Beautiful. For further information contact (310)217-9537.
 - Save the Date! Healthy Pet Clinic, Sunday, May 15, 2022, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center, for questions please call (310)217-9537.
 - Save the Date! City of Gardena’s Dodger Day, Friday, July 8, 2022. Game start time 7:10 p.m. Come enjoy a night of baseball followed by a firework show.
 - Save the Date! City of Gardena Jazz Festival, Sunday, August 28, 2022, at Rowley Park. Stay tuned for ticket information & artist announcements on our social media pages.
2. Notice of Public Hearing for Line 7x and the Child Fare Policy Change on March 31, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom: Join the meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84924026826>; call-in 1-669-900-9128. Comments may also be submitted by phone: 310-965-8888; email: publiccomments@gardenabus.com; mail: 13999 S. Western Ave., Gardena, CA 90249. Comments will be accepted until April 7, 2022.
 3. Assembly District 62 Special Primary Election on April 5, 2022. Purpose of this Election: The April 5, 2022, Assembly District 62 Special Primary Election was called by California Governor Gavin Newsom to fill the vacancy in the 62nd Assembly District. This seat was previously held by The Honorable Autumn Burke. Vote In Person: Tuesday, April 5, 2022: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. at Rowley Park Gymnasium, 13220 Van Ness Ave., Gardena. This Election affects Gardena residents who live within District 62 and is for one day only. Residents who live north of Rosecrans Ave., you can Vote by Mail: Ballot Drop Box Location at Rowley Park as of March 3, 2022.
 4. Reiterated, Garden Party, Thursday, March 24, 2022, from 5:3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Lawn 1700 W. 162nd Street. Special guest Congresswoman Maxine Waters with a Special Community Project Funding Presentation.
 5. Council Member Francis announced that on Saturday, March 26, 2022, there is going to be a Candidates Forum for the Special Election on April 5th at Rowley Park from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

23. REMEMBRANCES

Daisy Bynum; 87 years of age, beloved mother of Dianne Dent from the Recreation & Human Services Department; **The Honorable Mayor Emeritus Edmond J. Russ**; 93 years of age. He was elected to the Gardena City Council as a Councilmember in 1968 and was elected as the Mayor from 1969-1970 and 1974-1982. There is so much that can be said about Mr. Russ and the many things he did for the City. One thing you might take notice of is when you are transitioning on the 91 freeway, take a look at the sign at the merging directions, it says “Edmond J. Russ Interchange,” he helped bring the 91 freeway into Gardena in the early 1980’s. He will be greatly missed.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:19 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, April 12, 2022.

MINA SEMENZA
City Clerk of the City of Gardena and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda
Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: Becky Romero
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk