

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 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 Official and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not present.

At 7:01 p.m., the City Council recessed into Closed Session in the Management Information Center of the Council Chamber at City Hall, 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; City Manager Clint Osorio; and City Attorney Carmen Vasquez.

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 Hassholdt, 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 8:24 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 were any reportable actions from the Closed Session, she stated that no reportable action had been taken.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meleana Dyogi and Emmanuel Gillam led the Pledge of Allegiance. These 2 students are well rounded in all aspects and are the best example of an ideal graduate of St. Anthony of Padua School. Both are tremendous scholar athletes, and are kind, compassionate leaders, and have hearts for service.

4. **INVOCATION**

Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

5. **PRESENTATIONS - *No Items***

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A Older Americans Month - *Proclaimed by Mayor Cerda*

6.B 52nd Annual Municipal Clerks Week, May 2-8, 2021 - *was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda. The Proclamation was accepted by City Clerk Mina Semenza*

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

8.B Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of the City Council, March 9, 2021
CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Receive and File of Minutes: Planning & Environmental Quality Commission
MARCH 2, 2021
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.D Receive and File of Minutes: Planning & Environmental Quality Commission
APRIL 6, 2021
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, April 27, 2021
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

April 27, 2021: Wire Transfer: 11995- 12000; Prepay: 162853- 162861; Check Nos. 162862 -163022 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,614,346.33; Total Payroll Issued for April 23, 2021: \$1,904,389.26.
- 8.F Monthly Portfolio, February 2021
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER
- 8.G Monthly Portfolio, March 2021
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER
- 8.H Personnel Report No. P-2021-08
CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES
- 8.I Approval of Extension Agreement with JAS Pacific for Building Inspector services
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- 8.J Second Reading and Adoption of ORDINANCE No. 1827, Amending Section 8.08.035 (Amendment of Section 7802.3) of Chapter 8.08 (Fire Code) and Amending Sections 8.16.010 (Definitions), 8.16.020 (Permit-Required), Section 8.16.130 (Dates and Hours of Sale and Use), Section 8.16.150 (Prohibitions on Discharge), 8.16.170 (Violation-Penalty) and Adding Section 8.16.155 (Social Host Liability) of Chapter 8.16 (Fireworks) of Title 8 (Health and Safety) of the Gardena Municipal Code
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

ORDINANCE NO. 1827

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.08.035 (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 7802.3) OF CHAPTER 8.08 (FIRE CODE) AND AMENDING SECTIONS 8.16.010 (DEFINITIONS), 8.16.020 (PERMIT -REQUIRED), SECTION 8.16.130 (DATES AND HOURS OF SALE AND USE), 8.16.150 (PROHIBITIONS ON SECTION 8.16.155 (SOCIAL HOST LIABILITY) OF CHAPTER 8.16 (FIREWORKS) OF TITLE 8 (HEALTH AND SAFETY) OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE

- 8.K Authorization to Purchase Personal Protective Equipment, in the amount of \$70,185.00, Under the 2018 Homeland Security Program Grant
CONTACT: POLICE
- 8.L Purchase of High Yard Lighting for GTrans Campus from Majestic Lighting, Inc. in the amount of \$43,306.20
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION
- 8.M Receive and File: Gardena General Plan Annual Progress Report
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 8.H and 8.I:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

8.H HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Report No. P-2021-08 - This item was pulled by Mayor Cerda. City Manager Osorio introduced our new Public Works Director, Alann Rigg, and brought him into the meeting to say a few words.

8.I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Approval of Extension Agreement with JAS Pacific for Building Inspector services. This Item was pulled for discussion by Council Member Henderson. He asked if extending this agreement would reduce our back log we are experiencing in CDD, and if the item is for an extension. Interim Director McClain responded that our backlog is not with inspections; it is with permits. He added that yes, it is an extension.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Items 8.H. and 8.I

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A APRIL 20, 2021

Environmental Assessment #9-20, Site Plan Review #4-20, Zone Change #4-20, General Plan Amendment #5-20, Tentative Tract Map #3-20, Variance #2-20.

Commission Action: No action taken.

Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Jen Harris, representing GDAAP - Gardena Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Task Force. She expressed her gratitude and support to the City of Gardena. Due to COVID, social media was utilized this year to get the word out and educate the youth and focusing on marijuana prevention. A special thank you to Chef Jordan Kim for preparing a great meal and streaming it through Zoom and Facebook Live. Upcoming event National Mental Health Awareness Month.
2. Wanda Love, she pointed out that two departments are being placed under one section in the Gardena Strategic Plan and expressed her concerns. Also commented on "creating a partnership with the Chamber" stating she would love to work with the City.

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE - No Items

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 12.A PUBLIC HEARING: Environmental Assessment #1-20; General Plan Amendment #1-20; Specific Plan #1-20; Zone Change #1-20; Zoning Code Amendment #3-20; Development Agreement #1-20; Lot Lint Adjustment #1-20; Site Plan Review #1-20 (Gardena Transit Oriented Development Specific Plan)
Applicant: Din/Cal 4, Inc.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Senior Planner John Signo gave the first Power Point presentation.

City Consultant Rita Garcia gave the second Power Point presentation.

Applicant Josh Vasbinder gave the third Power Point presentation which included two videos.

Gilad Ganish was available for any questions.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:40p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Public Speakers:

Zahid Ahmed, spoke in opposition of the project; Steven Ludwig, Wanda Love and Joey Rodgers spoke in support of the project.

There was a discussion, and it was unanimous that everyone agreed that what a great project this was. All three presenters were commended for the very informative and detailed presentations that were given. There were some questions that Council had regarding putting a retail store on the first floor; the cost of rent; who the building will be managed by; if nearby residents were notified of the project; if there was any plan to put a turnout lane closest to the property going northbound on Crenshaw Blvd.; the types of advertisement that will be advertised on the billboard; how an 8 - story building might not fit in; how the property was once on a Brownsfield list and if those issues have been resolved; how there was no mention of the warehouses in the area and how it might impact traffic; if the units would be advertised as Air BnB's; if the fire lane would be 24 or 26 feet and parking. It was also brought up how the billboard sign would be a distraction to drivers.

The Applicant responded that there would not be a retail store on the first floor this is where the leasing office would be located; the cost of rent would be fair market rate; the building would be managed by a full time professional management company with a concierge; Senior Planner Signo responded that all residents within 300 feet of the project were notified and no one came forward; the Applicant responded that a separate turnout lane would not be added to Crenshaw Blvd; he continued to say that there would be no negative advertisements displayed on the billboard; that 8-stories would fit in that area; our City Consultant responded that Environmental Impact Report was done and the land required mitigation to reduce impact; the Applicant responded that a study of the surrounding areas was done which included the warehouses and the proximity to the Green Line; and that the fire lane is 26 feet.

There was no further comment; Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 10:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 6507

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA CERTIFYING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ADOPTING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND MAKING CEQA FINDINGS RELATING TO THE GARDENA TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT SPECIFIC PLAN AND RELATED ENTITLEMENTS FOR THE 1.33 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12850 - 12900 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD
(APN # 4060-004-039)

RESOLUTION NO. 6508

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE LAND USE PLAN OF THE CITY OF GARDENA GENERAL PLAN BY CHANGING THE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF THE 1.33 ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12850 - 12900 CRENSHAW BOULEVAD TO SPECIFIC PLAN AND MAKING MINOR TEXT CHANGES PRIMARILY RELATING TO SPECIFIC PLANS
(APN # 4060-004-039)

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution Nos. 6507 & 6508:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1828

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 18.08.010 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ESTABLISHED ZONES, AMENDING CHAPTER 18.58 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE REALTING TO DIGITAL BILLBOARDS, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, APPROVING A SPECIFIC PLAN, INCLUDING THE SITE PLAN, AND APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH DIN/CAL 4, INC. RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 265 DWELLING UNITS (APN # 4060-004-039)

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No 1828:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

At 10:45 p.m. Mayor Cerda excused herself from the Council Meeting and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka.

12.B ORDINANCE NO. 1829, Adopting the most recent version of the Los Angeles County Fire Code as set forth in Title 32 of the Los Angeles Code by Reference.

ORDINANCE NO. 1829

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MOST RECENT VERSION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE CODE AS SET FORTH IN TITLE 32 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE BY REFERENCE

Ordinance No. 1829 was Introduced by Council Member Kaskanian

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No. 1829 and set hearing date for May 25, 2021:

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

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE 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 RESOLUTION NO. 6504, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for fiscal year 2021-2022, declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments under the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for fiscal year 2021-2022, and setting a time and place for hearing protests in relation thereto (Public Hearing: May 25, 2021)

RESOLUTION NO. 6504

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING: May 25, 2021)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6504:

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

- 15.B RESOLUTION NO. 6505, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District for fiscal year 2021-2022, declaring its intention to levy and collect assessments under the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting District for fiscal year 2021 -2022, and setting a time and place for hearing protests in relation thereto (Public Hearing: May 25, 2021)

RESOLUTION NO. 6505

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING: May 25, 2021)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Members Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6505:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Cerda

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

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION - *No Items*

18. COUNCIL ITEMS - *No Items*

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Henderson

1. Asked City Manager Osorio if city staff can research the Hero Pay - ***Directive was withdrawn***

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 a New Water Splash Park at Rowley and/or Johnson Park, including cost and maintenance.
2. Memo in reference to the public comments made in the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting regarding missing sidewalks along Redondo Beach Blvd and Budlong.
3. Memo regarding Hero Pay - Brief discussion of the policies and terms of conditions for the Hero Pay was between Council Members, City Attorney Vasquez and City Manager Osorio
4. Memo regarding the G3 installation of entrance gate located at Rosecrans and Van Ness Ave.
5. Memo regarding the driveway at 1450 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., it has been determined that the temporary barricades are within limits of state and local law.
6. Memo regarding pedestrian crossing near the intersection of Gardena Blvd and Brighton Ave, has been recommended to re-paint the cross walks and update the signage.
7. Flyer for COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, hosted at Johnson Park 1200 W. 170th Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 1st Dose: Saturday, May 15, 2021 and 2nd Dose: Saturday, June 12, 2021. Make an appointment through the City by contacting the Senior Bureau at (310)217-9552.
8. Flyer for the City of Gardena 18th Annual Jazz Festival, hosted at Rowley Park on Sunday, August 22, 2021. Tickets sales begin Wednesday, June 23, 2021.
9. Flyer for the Housing Element Community Meetings hosted via Zoom; Tuesday, May 4, 2021 and Tuesday, May 11, 2021.
10. Cinco De Mayo Video - highlights of previous years.
11. Recreation and Human Services Department Highlight Video for the Annual California Park and Recreation Society.
12. Birthday wishes to Director Crespo.

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN - Reported after 106 years the U.S government acknowledged the Armenian Genocide and thanked President Biden, stated everyone in the Armenian community is very excited and there were seven newborns in Armenia which were named after President Biden.
2. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA - Attended the Paper Shredding Event, South Bay COG Board Meeting, met with Latrice, Public Relations of Kinecta Bank how they would like to engage without our City, and reminded everyone to attend at the Hermosa Beach Community Center a family friendly event at the Asian American Pacific Islander Hate also known as LA vs. Hate which will be on May 1st from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
3. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - Encouraged everyone to keep washing hands, physically distance and keep an eye on traffic as children are returning to school.
4. MAYOR CERDA – *Absent*
5. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - Attended the LA Business Federation Meeting, South Bay California Area of Governances Meeting, Air Quality Management District Meeting sitting as an alternate for SCAG, funeral for Edward Reginald Lewis who was the husband of Commissioner LaWanda Staten and completed a couple of community visits. Lastly, reminded everyone to socially distance and wash their hands as we all get through the pandemic.

22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka announced:

1. Reminder, COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, hosted at Johnson Park, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - 1st Dose: Saturday, May 15, 2021, and 2nd Dose: Saturday, June 12, 2021. Make an appointment through the City by contacting the Senior Bureau at (310) 217-9552.
2. Birthday wishes to City Manager Osorio.

23. REMEMBRANCES

David Livingston Jr., resident of Gardena, was laid to rest on this day.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:25 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, May 11, 2021.

APPROVED:



Tasha Cerda, Mayor

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

By: 

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk