

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, May 11, 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, May 11, 2021, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California.

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus Governor Newsom has issued Executive Orders that temporarily suspend requirements of the Brown Act. 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.

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; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not present.

2. CLOSED SESSION - *No Items*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stephanie Tellez and Erika Shintaku led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Stephanie and Erika are High School Seniors. Stephanie attends Gardena High School and Erika attends San Pedro High School.

4. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS - *No Items*

6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A Public Works Week - May 16, 2021 through May 22, 2021 - ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda. The Proclamation was accepted by Allan Rigg, Public Works Director.***

6.B Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month - ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

6.C Safety Seat Checkup Week - May 16 through May 22, 2021- ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

6.D Provider Appreciation Day - May 07, 2021- ***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 23, 2021

Special Closed Session City Council, March 31, 2021

Special Meeting 2nd Virtual Workshop, March 31, 2021

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C. Receive and File of Minutes: Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, APRIL 20, 2021

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.D. Personnel Report No. P-2021-09

CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

8.E. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, May 11, 2021

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

May 11, 2021: Wire Transfer: 12001-12006; Prepay: 163023- 163027; Check Nos. 163028 -163177 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,149,780.64; Total Payroll Issued for May 7, 2021: \$1,454,015.76.

8.F. **SECOND READING: ORDINANCE NO. 1828**, Amending Section 18.08.010 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to established zones; amending Chapter 18.58 of the Gardena Municipal Code relating to digital billboards; amending the Zoning Map of the City of Gardena; approving a Specific Plan, including a Site Plan; and approving a Development Agreement with Din/Cal 4, Inc. relating to the development of up to 265 dwelling units

(Introduced by City Council, 4-1 vote, April 27, 2021)

LOCATION: 12850-12900 Crenshaw Boulevard

APPLICANT: Din/Cal 4, Inc.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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 RELATING 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)

- 8.G RESOLUTION NO. 6512, Reaffirming Proclamation and Resolution No. 6441, which declared the Existence of a Local Emergency
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6512

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.H RESOLUTION NO. 6513, Amending the list of authorized games and authorizing the play of certain games in licensed card clubs
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6513

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LIST OF AUTHORIZED GAMES AND AUTHORIZING THE PLAY OF CERTAIN GAMES IN LICENSED CARD CLUBS

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

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.F COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT - SECOND READING:
ORDINANCE NO. 1828.

This item was pulled for discussion by Council Member Francis. She inquired if this Ordinance had to do with the billboard display, how much display time the City would get, the wording in the agreement relating to the developer selling the property, and the one-time bus pass as opposed to a monthly bus pass. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz explained that the Ordinance amends Chapter 18.58 of the GMC relating to the digital billboard, amends the zoning map from general commercial to specific plan, approves the specific plan that guides the development and approves the development agreement with Din/Cal 4, Inc. Applicant Josh Vasbinder joined the meeting and answered the questions regarding the display time of the billboard which he explained was 8%, and the one-time bus pass is in the welcome packet to make the tenant aware of this service used as an education awareness tool.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.F:

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

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A MAY 4, 2021

2021-2029 Housing Element Update – Inventory Sites

The Planning Commission considered specific sites that staff identified as being suitable for residential development in order to determine the City’s capacity to accommodate residential development and reconcile that capacity with the City’s Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). The Commission gave members of the public the opportunity to participate in the analysis of the draft sites. All comments received were taken into consideration as staff continues to analyze the inventory of suitable land.

Commission Action: No action taken

Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- No Speakers

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

11.A Approve Contract for Animal Sheltering Services with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles (spcaLA)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed, spoke in favor of the agreement.

There was a discussion regarding the turnaround time being and what is stated when the call is made, that City staff would be doing the pick-ups and wearing protective equipment while working, and that spcaLA is a non-profit and a no kill shelter.

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

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

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12.A Review of sites inventory for the 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element update

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Interim Community Development Director Gregg McClain and Senior Planner Amanda Acuna presented a Power Point Presentation. Assistant City Attorney Lisa Kranitz moderated and answered questions from Council and the Public.

There were questions from Council regarding zone changes, traffic, parking, and Brownsfield sites. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz explained the RHNA allocation and gave her perspective. Council gave their input and Interim Director McClain spoke about the next steps.

Public Speakers: 1) Zahid Ahmed, spoke about the project and offered his suggestions; 2) Gardena Cinema spoke and gave her input regarding the presentation.

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 - No Items

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

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION - No Items

18. COUNCIL ITEMS - No Items

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Kaskanian

1. Asked for an update regarding the southeast corner of Marine and Western; he mentioned that he sees homeless people going in and out of the building.

Council Member Francis

1. Asked about property clean-up once a project has been approved. Both Assistant City Attorney Kranitz and City Attorney Vasquez replied that it was the property owner's responsibility for cleaning it up
2. Asked if there was anything we could do to attract more affordable housing.
3. Asked if anything was being done about enticing businesses to come to Gardena. City Manager Osorio replied that we are currently working on it.

Council Member Henderson

1. Thanked staff for responding to all of his requests. Encouraged everyone to use the Gardena Direct App.

Mayor Cerda

1. Asked if we could find out who it was that told an employee at a grocery store that the City of Gardena would not be supporting Hero Pay. She then said we have not even made a decision regarding Hero Pay, we are still discussing, and it was not right for someone to disclose that information and to say they were a representative for the City.

20. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - Attended SCAG General Assembly, Race Equity Committee meeting, Black Student Alliance meeting with LAUSD. He also shared that his family celebrated the 15th birthday of one of his second cousins, Hailey Henderson, and the graduation of his son Mark Henderson II which received his master's degree.
2. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN - Attended the Gardena Finance Committee meeting and thanked everyone in the Finance Department. Wished all his Muslim friends a happy Ramadan and shared the month of Ramadan began on April 13 and ends on May 12th.
3. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA - Shared to the public that the Cinco de Mayo Committee is having a raffle opportunity tickets are \$5.00, and all proceeds will go to the committee's scholarship fund. Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can contact the Recreation Department. Lastly, anyone may also contact the Human Services Department to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.
4. MAYOR CERDA - Attended the funeral services for an LA County firefighter, Brian Levasseur who at one time served at the Gardena Station. Also attended the CCGA Meeting via zoom, monthly Sanitation Meeting, and the Gardena Finance meeting. Mayor Cerda thanked all the finance staff, city employees, and union groups for their great work. Also, encouraged residents to use Gardena Direct and shared she met with representatives from an organization called "You Are Enough" and they put a billboard on Western and Rosecrans to share that regardless of the struggles "You Are Enough". Lastly, she congratulated all graduates.
5. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - Wished and hopes all mothers had a Happy Mother's Day. Attended the Zoom California State Democratic Convention meeting and shared a few words on Asian Pacific Islander Month as it is celebrated in May and acknowledged all Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders that have contributed to the United States.

22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda announced:

1. City of Gardena and the Cinco De Mayo Committee presents a Fiesta Raffle Fundraiser that will be held live on Facebook on Friday, May 28, 2021. For ticket information please visit www.cityofgardena/events or call (310)217-9537.
2. City of Gardena is hosting a UCLA Blood Drive at the Rush Gym 1651 W. 162nd Street on Tuesday, May 18, 2021; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For information visit www.ucedonor.com.
3. 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 by contacting the Senior Bureau at (310)217-9552.
4. Fun in the Sun Senior Day on Thursday, May 27, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the City Hall Complex Lawn.

23. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Stephen Taniform, 87 years of age, beloved member of the Casimir Gatekeepers Network; **Detective Luca Benedetti**, of the San Luis Obispo Police Department, killed in the line of duty while serving a search warrant; **Officer Jimmy Inn**, of the Stockton Police Department, killed in the line of duty while responding to a domestic violence call.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:16 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 25, 2021.

APPROVED:



Tasha Cerda, Mayor

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

By: Becky Romero
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

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