

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:08 PM on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Paulette C. Francis; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; and Council Member Wanda Love; Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Treasurer Guy H. Mato; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation, pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) One Potential Case.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:00 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 no reportable action was taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mylee Hurst and Nicole Galvez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both are in 5th grade and attend 186th Street Elementary School. Both children introduced their parents and principal.

4. INVOCATION

Pastor Edward G. Hawthorne, Hollypark United Methodist Church, gave the Invocation.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Boards & Commissions Presentation - Senior Citizens
- Chair, Linda Barentine provided an update and presented a video to update everyone on past events and programs that have taken place, along with upcoming events and classes.

5.B Rotary Club Presentation to City of Gardena
Glenn Mitchell, representative of the Rotary Club of Carson-Gardena, Sheri Repp-Loadsman, President of the Rotary Club of Carson-Gardena and David Henseler of the South Bay Sunrise Rotary Club were present and provided an update and thanked all members of the Council and City staff for their tremendous support. They mentioned they are always looking for new members and/or sponsors and invited the community to come out; Mr. Henseler and Mr. Mitchell spoke about the donation of diapers to Camp Pendleton and presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Rotary Club of Camp Pendleton and District 5280.

Mayor Cerda expressed her appreciation to all staff and for their generosity. She also thanked the VFW for allowing the City to use their lot as a drop-off location.

5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation – ***There was no video presentation.***

6. **PROCLAMATIONS - None**

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, April 25, 2023
Regular Meeting of the City Council, May 9, 2023
CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Receive and File of Minutes:
Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, April 18, 2023
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, May 23, 2023
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

May 23, 2023: Wire Transfer: 12394-12415; Prepay: 171726-17127; Check Numbers: 171728-171912 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,306,941.45; Total Payroll Issued for May 19, 2023: \$2,182,154.19.

8.E Monthly Investment Report, April 2023
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

8.F Personnel Report P-2023-8 5-23-23
CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

8.G Appointments of Representatives to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.H RESOLUTION NO. 6628: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 6628

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

8.I RESOLUTION NO. 6629: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 6629

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024

8.J Approval of the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Lawndale and the City of Gardena for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services beginning July 1, 2023 through June 28, 2024

CONTACT: RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

8.H RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES - RESOLUTION NO. 6628: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. - **Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Francis**

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked the following: Do we get any feedback on whether or not our seniors are enjoying it or if the food is okay; Do we ever do any comparison shopping to see if there are other programs that may better serve the needs of our seniors; Does this also include Meals on Wheels and how much does this cost, do we have an amount or is it just for the agreement.

City Manager Osorio explained how the program operates and informed everyone that no bad feedback has been received.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 8.I RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES - RESOLUTION NO. 6629: Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. ***Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Francis***

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked for clarification, what type of Supportive Services are being offered; are they the in-home healthcare and are the services being offered through the Senior Bureau?

City Manager Osorio explained the type of services that are being provided.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.I:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 8.J RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES - Approval of the Contract Services Agreement between the City of Lawndale and the City of Gardena for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services beginning July 1, 2023 through June 28, 2024. – ***Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Francis***

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked for confirmation if the Elderly Nutrition Program Agreement through the City of Lawndale, is the one we just approved; how is the feedback, are our seniors enjoying it or do they want something more?

City Manager Osorio explained the difference between the agreements.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A MAY 16, 2023 MEETING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #1-23

The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit, per section 18.32.030.B of the Gardena Municipal Code, to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine in an existing restaurant located in the General Commercial (C-3) zone and direction to staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

LOCATION: 1425 West Artesia Boulevard Unit #21-22 (APN: 6106-034-001)

APPLICANT: Tim Mao (Top BBQ & Noodle Restaurant)

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 6-23, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-23 and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption, by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

This Item was Received and Filed.

10.B MAY 16, 2023 MEETING

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #1-23

The Planning Commission considered a request for a vesting tentative map per Chapter 17.08 of the Gardena Municipal Code, for the subdivision of airspace to create five condominium units for a property located in the Medium Residential Multiple-Family Residential Zone (R-3) zone and direction to staff to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)/ LOCATION: 1715 West 149th Street (APN" 6103-022-091)

APPLICANT: FM Marketing & Properties

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 6-23, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-23 and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption, by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

This Item was Called for Review by Mayor Pro Tem Francis - Council Member Love seconded it. A Public Hearing was set for the June 27, 2023 Council Meeting.

10.C MAY 16, 2023 MEETING

ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT #3-23

The Planning Commission considered a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption of an ordinance amending Title 18 and Title 5, Zoning, of the Gardena

Municipal Code relating to regulations for short-term home sharing rentals in residential zoning districts throughout the city and direction to staff to file a Notice of Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and 15308.

Commission Action: A motion was made to reopen the public hearing and continue it to the June 20, 2023 meeting, and direction to staff to make modifications to the draft ordinance relating to onsite parking space requirements, timeframe for compliance properties with existing listings, and to add a time extension process for compliance. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-0-0

City Council Action: No City Council action is needed.

This Item Required No Action by City Council.

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Andrea Simental – Interim Manager for the Mayme Dear Library; she came to announce library events for Gardena Mayme Dear and Masao W. Sato Library.
- 2) City Clerk Mina Semenza, noted for the record that two (2) public comments were received, Council was provided copies and copies were put in the Public Review binder that is at the back of the Council Chamber.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

12.A Presentation of the City of Gardena's Proposed Amended Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget

City Manager Osorio gave a PowerPoint presentation with his Staff Report. Also present was Director of Administrative Services Ray Beeman.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Cerda thanked City Manager Osorio for the presentation stating it was very well put together.

Council Member Henderson thanked staff for the report and suggested that if we could highlight the timing of the payments so folks could understand why the timing is off and why we may be out of balance and may be spending more than what we have; he then asked about our Police Departments' overtime, do we anticipate their new hires being able to now reduce that amount or is that with current staff or new staff coming in; and has the Finance Committee discussed reducing the reserve percentage and if we are getting any extra interest off that savings somewhere in our bank account.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis thanked City Manager Osorio for the thorough presentation; she then asked that we are amending it because of the fluctuations; she asked about the CDBG funds going to the general fund and asked if he could speak on that; she talked about the charges that were made and that should not have been made; she asked if these two funds could be co-mingled; what happens if our expenditures go higher than our revenue, are we going to be okay; she asked about the Rosecrans project and could we look forward to seeing it move forward; she then asked in next year's budget will be there be any more money allocated that could be used for this project.

Council Member Love asked where the \$250,000 grant for the façade come from; she then asked about the franchise TOT and other taxes staying flat; how is it going to stay flat with inflation being so high, is that number not going to change at all.

City Manager Osorio and Director Beeman explained the budget in detail and answered all their questions.

Director Osorio spoke about Council Member Henderson's Budget in Brief and spoke where it would be available.

The Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Budget Presentation was Received and Filed.

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 13.A PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 1851: Adopting by Reference the 2022 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code Of Regulations, Title 24), Except for the Fire Code, and Making Amendments thereto; Adoption of the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code; Repealing Chapter 15.08 of the Gardena Municipal Code; and Finding the Action Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3)

ORDINANCE NO. 1851

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2022 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), EXCEPT FOR THE FIRE CODE, AND MAKING AMENDMENTS THERETO; ADOPTION OF THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; REPEALING CHAPTER 15.08 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE; AND FINDING THE ACTION EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO THE COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION OF CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(3)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

At 9:18 p.m., Mayor Cerda announced that the Public Hearing was open. She asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if Council had any comments or questions.

No public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if we are required to adopt this Ordinance and do not have any other options to make changes?

City Manager Osorio, confirm, yes that is correct, unless the city wants to create their own code. City Attorney Vasquez added that she would not recommend that.

At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Cerda then announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote for City Council to Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt Ordinance No. 1851 and Resolution No. 6624:

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

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

14.A Proclamation to Declare Juneteenth Day as a Public Holiday, and approve Side Letters and Resolution with employee groups to observe Juneteenth Holiday

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

No public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis talked about the language on the proclamation and about its history; she stated that Juneteenth was not the official ending of slavery, it is when the people of Texas heard about it. She just wants to make sure that proclamation is historically correct.

Mayor Cerda asked City Attorney Vasquez if they can make those changes/corrections and are they able to vote on this item tonight.

City Attorney Vasquez stated that the only change would be to the actual proclamation, and we would have it entered into the minutes and ensure that next year the language as stated by Mayor Pro Tem Francis would be changed.

Council Member Henderson asked for clarification because he feels that the proclamation language is correct.

Mayor Cerda made a motion to take a roll call vote to first accept the proclamation language as is and second vote to approve the Resolution and side letters.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Proclamation Language as it reads:

Ayes: Council Members Love, Henderson and Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Francis

Absent: None

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6627, Police Managers' Resolution; and Approve Side Letters with employee groups: Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA), Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), and Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA):

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 14.B Approve Employment Agreement between the City of Gardena and the Chief of Police Michael Saffell, and Approve the City of Gardena Classification and Compensation Plan, Effective May 23, 2023

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

No public speakers.

Council Member Henderson thanked Chief Saffell for having an open-door policy, for listening and allowing to work alongside him and thanked him for his service to the community.

Council Member Love expressed her appreciation for his leadership and style of policing because it is unusual to see. She thanked him for his service and for how he leads his department.

Council Member Tanaka thanked Chief Saffell for being a great leader, for bringing respect to the department and is grateful to still have him to lead the department.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis spoke about the Chief's new type of policing; she stated because we are a small city, we have to make sure that we offer a compensation package that will attract the best talent; you have to make sure they are compensated and paid well. She strongly encouraged him to continue his high standards of excellence and leadership.

Mayor Cerda was happy to hear to that everyone was in favor of renewing the Chief's contract and provided great feedback. She stated that she is thankful for his district policing and everything he has done for our community and what he is doing for his department because it goes a long way.

City Manager Osorio stated that it has been a pleasure to work with Chief Saffell for the past 3 years. He wanted a longer contract but had to take it one step at a time. He stated he was very thankful for his department and leadership.

Chief of Police, Mike Saffell was present and thanked all members of the Council and City Manager for all their support and appreciation.

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Employment Agreement between the City of Gardena and the Chief of Police Michael Saffell and Approve the City of Gardena Classification and Compensation Plan, Effective May 23, 2023:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

14.C Revision to City Travel Policy to Limit Domestic Travel Over 150 miles Outside the Jurisdictional Limits of the City of Gardena to Two Councilmembers for One Event

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

No public speakers.

Mayor Cerda asked if this merits for international travel as well.

City Manager Osorio replied to her question.

Council Member Love asked a question regarding the miles, is it possible to change it to miles/time; can that be taken into consideration? Also, how are the two elected officials chosen? She gave an explanation about traffic in LA and asked if time vs. miles can be taken into consideration.

City Manager Osorio replied to her questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if two hours was a reasonable timeframe? She then asked about attending by Zoom and being physically present and stated the Brown Act may need updating.

City Manager Osorio explained and answered all questions.

City Attorney Vasquez explained the rules of the Brown Act and spoke about newly adopted legislation.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Revision to City Travel Policy:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE - No Items

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

16.A Approve the Conceptual Design for Southern California Edison to Build the Infrastructure for Electric Vehicle Chargers for Arthur Johnson Park, Rowley Park and the Police Department Parking Lot.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Public Works Director Allan Rigg gave a presentation and was available for questions.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

No public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis thanked Director Rigg for his presentation; asked what type of analysis was conducted to come up with the 27 spaces; She then asked about the following: public vs. private; is it \$1,500 per charger that we're paying; Smart charger or a Intelli charger; about an easement, and if Edison owns that part of the land; are they paying us for this easement; are we gonna get any revenue out of it, and if this is forever; she also mentioned that she is very concerned about the parking, there are many functions that take place at Rowley Park where all the parking spaces have been taken up; parking is very critical at Rowley Park; doesn't see a need for this many parking spaces.

Council Member Henderson asked if the proposed project can be incorporated to the Environmental Justice plan as well as to our sustainability plan? Is TELLUS interested in co-branding with the City of Gardena and are they willing to pay a franchise fee?

Council Member Love commented on a great presentation and spoke in favor of the proposed project and spoke about Edison and them taking the initiative to invest in that amount of chargers and is glad to hear that we are getting ahead of it and making the community aware of it. She then asked will the city be able to generate revenue or are we going to generate enough to cover the cost, can a breakdown be provided?

Mayor Cerda asked how would our parks be patrolled because of the park's hours of operation; asked if idle fees could be explained; do these types of decisions have to be made at tonight's meeting; what is the average time to charge an electric car?

Council Member Tanaka asked who will be responsible for monitoring and managing the EV stations?

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked for confirmation and stated based on what Edison is proposing, it's going to cost us \$100,000 to put these in place, and so far we haven't identified the revenue on how were going to recoup the costs; we're giving them permission to use our property without any revenue; and how does this fit into our Park Master Plan.

Mayor Cerda then asked how many can we vote on tonight and confirmed its for Rowley and Arthur Johnson Parks and the public lot at our Police Department/City Hall.

City Manager Osorio and Director Rigg answered all questions and explained the proposed project in detail, and the roles of Edison and city staff. Director of Community Development Greg Tsujiuchi was also present and answered questions.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Conceptual Design for the Infrastructure for Electric Vehicle Chargers:

Ayes: Council Members Love, Henderson and Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Francis

Absent: None

- 16.B RESOLUTION NO. 6631: Adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 funded by SB1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 6631

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 FUNDED BY SB 1: THE ROAD REPAIR AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT of 2017

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked is this just to adopt the resolution cause we don't have the list of projects yet. She then asked if this would include where Golden State Water is installing new water lines all around the city.

Director of Public Works, Allan Rigg explained the work and answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6631:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 16.C PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6617: Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated April 25, 2023 for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscape Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 6617

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 25, 2023, FOR THE GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

At 10:41 p.m., Mayor Cerda announced that the Public Hearing was open. She asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if Council had any comments or questions.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked for confirmation if this is for the Artesia, Western, and Normandie medians and if it was going to cost us anything.

City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

At 10:42 p.m., Mayor Cerda then announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution No. 6617:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 16.D PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6618: Confirming the Diagram and Assessment contained in the Engineer's Report dated April 25, 2023, for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District and ordering the levy of assessments on the same for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 6618

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT DATED APRIL 25, 2023, FOR THE GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND ORDERING THE LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS ON THE SAME FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

At 10:44 p.m., Mayor Cerda announced that the Public Hearing was open. She asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if Council had any comments or questions.

There were no public speakers. There were no Council comments or questions.

At 10:45 p.m., Mayor Cerda then announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution No. 6618:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION - *No Items*

19. COUNCIL ITEMS

- 19.A RESOLUTION NO. 6630: Authorizing a Reward in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for information leading to the apprehension, identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Andrew Price in the City of Gardena on November 30, 2019.

RESOLUTION NO. 6630

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING A REWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION, IDENTIFICATION, ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER OF ANDREW PRICE IN THE CITY OF GARDENA ON NOVEMBER 30, 2019

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any comments or questions.

There were no public speakers.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis spoke on behalf of the Price family.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6630:

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

20. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Henderson

- 1) Asked if we could have staff work on the SCAG Grant for the EV Signage project - ***Council Member Tanaka seconded it.***

Mayor Cerda

- 1) She would like to propose that we amend the Council Policy, to read that Council can only make one (1) directive per meeting, and it must:
- State the purpose;
 - Why the directive is warranted; and
 - How it would benefit the City (with details).

Council Member Henderson seconded it and asked for guidelines for those three bullet points.

City Attorney Vasquez stated for the record that the directive will be agendized and placed on the agenda for a future meeting because it will be an amendment to the Council Policy.

21. 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 Photovoltaic canopies.
- 2) Memo regarding City Council inquiry on 1323 S. St. Andrews Pl.
- 3) Memo sent to Council regarding feasibility of open house real estate signs on parkways.
- 4) Memo regarding the Brown Act.

22. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. MAYOR PRO TEM FRANCIS - Since the last meeting she attended the Tea at the Willows and stated that "it was very nice", commended staff for their hard; attended the South County Labor breakfast to present Larry Barragan with the Dan Foley Award for Labor; Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District meeting and Beautification meeting. She mentioned she did some research on mute buttons during Council Meetings and discovered that another case happened in the City of Carson and a complaint was filed with the District Attorney where the mute button was removed; she spoke about Asian American Pacific Islander month mentioned Jonny Kim who will be the first Korean American born Astronaut, who grew up here locally, and if you have a chance to attend a Memorial Day celebration, please do as we are honoring our military men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Lastly, she stated that "Better days are ahead."
2. COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA - Since the last meeting he attended the COG Steering Committee meeting; COG Legislative briefing; Childcare Provider Appreciation dinner at Cherrystones; the Police Medal of Valor presentation and congratulated the Chief, Captain Osorio, the two recipients and mentioned he was proud of our Honor Guard, and the Gardena Police Department. Lastly, he attended the South County Labor Awards breakfast.
3. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE - Since the last meeting she attended the Medal of Valor, Fun in the Sun, and thanked our USPS and Postmaster Ms. Lawanda from Gardena Postal Branch that is located on Redondo Beach Blvd for the Food Drive event she did last week, where they collected and donated a ton of non-perishable food items. She and some of her carriers came over the Human Services Food Pantry giveaway and got a lot of information on how the food pantry works; she thanked them for choosing Gardena.

4. MAYOR CERDA - Since the last meeting she attended Childcare Provider Appreciation dinner and special shout out Recreation Staff for putting that together. Mayor Cerda attended the monthly Sanitation meeting, California City's Gaming Authority meeting, Medal of Valor and commends the two officers who received the Medal of Valor. She also commended the Police Department for their services to the community.
5. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – started by thanking the Human Services Department for their services and thanked the Senior Commission for their presentation. Since the last meeting he attended Childcare dinner at Cherrystones; BizFed Homeless Committee meeting; South County Labor breakfast. He had the opportunity to partake and speak in a Broadband for all event that was hosted by the California Public Utilities Commission and California Department of Technology in the City of Long Beach and gave me an opportunity to speak; attended the Medal of Valor, asked Chief to please pass on that we are proud; attended AQMD meeting; the Mental Health event, TELACU CDC Gala dinner at the JW Marriot they are doing some great community work. Lastly, he reminded everyone of the Community Forums that he will be hosting in the Council Chambers on the third Saturdays in June, July, and August from 9am-12pm. Also, thanked the public for the comments regarding their behavior of last week's Council Meeting.

23. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda announced:

- 1) A Night in Paradise Candlelight Dinner, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Nakaoka Community Center Auditorium. Doors open at 4:30 pm: Dinner Served at 5:15 pm.
- 2) Health Pet Clinic, Saturday, May 27, 2023, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center.
- 3) Organic Waste Meeting hosted by Waste Resources, Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Rowley Park Auditorium.
- 4) Bring It On the Blvd, Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.
- 5) Budget Forum FY 2023-2024, Wednesday, June 7, 2023, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center. Virtual Budget Forum FY 2023-2024, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm - Zoom Meeting.
- 6) Summer Glow Up Dance Party, Friday, June 9, 2023, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center.
- 7) Compost Giveaway, Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm at Rowley Park. Free for all Gardena Residential Customers.
- 8) Etch & Catch, June 10, 2023, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm at Gardena PD Parking Lot.
- 9) Flag Day Celebration, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at City Hall Lawn at 11:00 am.
- 10) Save the Date! Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 17, 2023, at City Hall Lawn.
- 11) Show & Shine Car Exhibit, Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Rowley Park from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.
- 12) Neighborhood Watch Meetings: District 1, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 pm. District 3, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

24. REMEMBRANCES


Angel Perez, 45 years of age, beloved brother of Robert Fata, Sewer Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Department

25. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:12 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, June 13, 2023.

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

APPROVED:



Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: *Becky Romero*

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk