

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

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.

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was held via Zoom and was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 8, 2021; 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; Council Member Paulette C. Francis; City Manager Clint Osorio, City Attorney Carmen Vasquez, City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

At 7:03 p.m., the City Council recessed into Closed Session via Zoom 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; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; Attorney Amanda Pope; Chief Financial Officer Ray Beeman; Transportation Director Ernie Crespo; and Recreation & Human Services Director Stephany Santin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL  
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9  
(One [1] Matter)

**2.B 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 Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

2.C CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 2501 W. Rosecrans Ave Gardena CA 90249  
Agency Negotiator: Clint Osorio, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Casey Metcalf, JP Morgan Chase BK NA  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

2.D CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
Government Code Section 54956.8  
Property: 17120 Normandie Ave, Gardena CA  
Agency Negotiator: Clint Osorio, City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Bible Baptist Church represented by: Robert Fletcher and Eric Knowles  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

***Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:08 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 regarding item 2.A. the City Council Authorized the initiation of litigation to bring a receivership action in connection with the property located at 14949 Miller Ave., the vote was unanimous 5-0. No reportable action had been taken on items 2.B, 2.C, and 2.D.***

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Luis Lizarraga and Mason Kroger led the Pledge of Allegiance. Luis attends North High School and Mason attends El Camino College. Both are also Gardena Youth Commissioners.

### 4. INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A Fireworks Enforcement Plan Summary 2021  
- ***Captain Vince Osorio led the Power Point Presentation; Chief Mike Saffell joined the meeting and thanked Captain Vince Osorio, Lt. Chris Cuff and Liz Hernandez for all their hard work in putting this plan together. He confirmed that our City is on the right track with Education Enforcement Plan; Council also commended staff for a great presentation.***

### 6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" - June 14, 2021 through July 4, 2021  
- ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda; a video was presented***

6.B "JUNETEENTH Commemoration Day" - June 19, 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

8.B Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting of the City Council, April 27, 2021  
**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

8.C **RESOLUTION NO. 6515**, Authorizing the Application for the Federal Transit Administration's Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRSSAA) of 2021  
**CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6515**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 53, TITLE 23 UNITED STATES CODE, AND OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

8.D Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for the Transit Access Pass (TAP) Program  
**CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION**

8.E Personnel Report No. P-2021-11  
**CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES**

8.F Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, June 8, 2021  
**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

June 8, 2021: Wire Transfer: 12010-12014; Prepay: 163358-163361; Check Nos. 163362 -163497 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,845,357.87; Total Payroll Issued for June 4, 2021: \$1,466,505.69.

8.G **Second Reading and Adoption of ORDINANCE 1830**, Amending Section 5.16.190 (Days and Hours of Operation) of Chapter 5.16 (Bingo) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Operations) of the Gardena Municipal Code  
**CONTACT: CITY MANAGER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1830**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 5.16.190 (DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION) OF CHAPTER 5.16

(BINGO) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND OPERATIONS) OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar:

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Anonymous email – was read by City Clerk Semenza
- (2) Beverly Wimberly, resident; spoke regarding the T-Mobile cell phone tower at Serra High School.

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - No Items

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - No Items

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

13.A Appointment of Representative to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Appointment of Spencer Dela Cruz to the Public Sector Seat of SBWIB:

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

13.B COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE - No Items

**15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

- 15.A Approve purchase of a 2021 MC1510-3S3S GapVax Combination Jet/Vac Truck from Plumbers Depot, Inc. in the amount of \$510,766.08 for Public Works Sewer Equipment Purchase, JN 991

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Council and Public Works Director, Allan Rigg, who explained that the City has 80 miles of sewer lines and has a 2-truck system that is operated by two operators; he mentioned that the new truck is identical to the other two, which could be maintained by city staff; there is a 28 year old truck that will eventually be auctioned off, at this time there is no rebate that we could get for this truck with it being at its end of life; the new truck is a much more valuable and is much more functional than the 10 year old truck and we will utilize all of its options; he continued to say that the City has a grid maintenance system which has a spot clean time process; different sewer lines are also cleaned every 3 months; LA County does maintain 1 of 3 sets of sewer lines in our City and that the funding source is the Sewer Fund.

**Public Speakers:** Zahid Ahmed, who spoke in favor of the item and gave some recommendations.

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

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

***Mayor Cerda excused herself from the Council Meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka presided.***

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

**17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION - *No Items***

**18. COUNCIL ITEMS - *None***

**19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

- (1) Council Member Kaskanian – inquired about an electronic billboard at 162<sup>nd</sup> and Western; Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka seconded the motion.

## 20. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

- (1) Memo regarding CDD permit processing update;
- (2) Memo regarding our partnership with So Cal Rent;
- (3) Big Belly Video Presentation was presented;
- (4) PPE Event taking place on Thursday, 6/10/2021 from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. at City Hall; is being sponsored by both the City and the Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce; and
- (5) Mayor's State of the City on June 10, 2021.

***Mayor Cerda returned and presided over the rest of the meeting.***

## 21. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - He thanked City Manager Osorio regarding the CDD-Community Development Department Plan Check update. He also thanked Mayor Cerda for reading the Juneteenth proclamation. Since the last meeting he attended the 2nd District Budget Discussion with LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell. He also attended the BizFed Responsible Government Meeting and discussed "What it looks like for communities to come out of COVID from an economic standpoint". In addition he attended the Planning Commission & City Council joint Meeting; SCAG-Southern California Association of Governments Meeting and the G-Trans Study Session, that was very informative. Lastly, he stated that Gardena is a proactive and progressive City.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - Since the last meeting she attended the following: Children's Caucus Meeting of the California State Democratic Party, discussing Police Officers on school campuses; the Los Angeles Business Journal Presentation on "How Businesses can emerge more successful after COVID"; the Joint Planning Commission Council Housing Element; the Neighborhood Watch Meeting for 147th Street, discussing traffic concerns. She thanked Captain Osorio for the Fireworks Presentation and illegal fireworks can be reported by calling (310) 323-7911 and expressed her fireworks concerns. She wished all the dads a Happy Father's Day. She commented on Juneteenth and provided history information. She reminded all to stay safe, continue to wear a mask, wash our hands and practice social distancing stating "We will get through this, and better days are ahead".
- (3) MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA - Since the last meeting he met with Supervisor Holly Mitchell and talked about our City and funding. He attended two zoom meetings at the same time; the Planning Commission Meeting and the California Cities Meeting where our State Treasurer was the guest speaker, the Non-profit funding that is available was discussed. He thanked G-Trans for a great presentation and for the information provided. He also thanked the United State Post Office for the Nisei Soldier Stamp, that honors our military. He expressed his condolences to LA County Fire Station 81 and all personnel, stating that the City of Gardena supports them and is thankful that the suspected killers were caught. He wants everyone to take advantage of the free COVID shot at Johnson Park and thanked all the volunteers. Lastly, he thanked Parks and Recreation for recognizing the kids that are graduating and for doing a great job for our community.

- (4) MAYOR CERDA - Since the last meeting she met with Supervisor Holly Mitchell and had a great conversation about Gardena. She attended the Special Council Housing Element Meeting and the G-Trans Study Session. She congratulated and recognized the new Mayor of the City of Compton Emma Sharif and the new Council Member winners as well. Lastly, she reflected on those men and women who we lost in the military during this Memorial Day holiday.
- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN - Since the last meeting he attended the Town Hall Meeting with ADAP-Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program regarding "How kids are getting flavor tobacco and leading to other drugs", he expressed his concerns. He attended the Planning Commission, Council Joint Meeting regarding the Housing Elements, and G-Trans Study Session. He was in attendance in the Procession held for the fallen firefighter who was shot and killed. He expressed his condolences to the firefighters families. He wished all the fathers a Happy Father's Day.

## 22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

- (1) Gardena Police Department's Ride Tour for District 2, will be taking place on 7/10/2021;
- (2) The Mayor's State of the City Address which is pre-recorded due to Covid and will be airing on Spectrum Channel 22 and on YouTube;
- (3) Mobile Vaccination Clinic at Rowley, GTrans, Lucky Lady, Hustler and Johnson Park; and
- (4) Under the Sea Painting Party for Seniors, which is taking place on 6/17/2021.

## 23. REMEMBRANCES

Ms. Dorothy Emma Lee, 107 years of age, beloved grandmother of Dana Pynn, Transit Administrative Officer, from the Transportation Department. Dorothy was remarkably mentally active until the end, emailing, using her iPad, winning frequent pinochle games, and giving sage advice; Ms. Veronica Denise Lilly Mitchell, daughter of Willie May Lilly, a long-time resident of Gardena. She attended Gardena High School where she was a cheerleader and a member of the choir. She was a member of New Mt. Calvary, under the direction of Pastor Sonia Dawson.

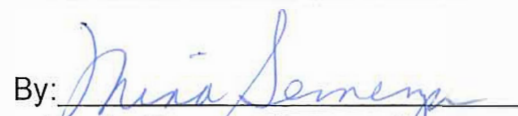
## 24. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:42 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 22, 2021.

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

APPROVED:

  
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Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By:   
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Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

