

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting Notice of the**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 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, June 14, 2022, 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 Attorney Carmen Vasquez.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

2.A Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Government Code Section 54957  
Title: City Manager

***Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:53 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**

Damilola "Dami" Ogundimu and Abisola "Abi" Ogundimu led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Dami and Abi attend Chadwick School. Today we have a duo, two sisters who have been residents of Gardena for ten years. They are committed to the City and passionate about giving back and providing service. They have just begun their quest on community service by assisting with Kid's to Park Day we had in May and will be volunteering for Flag Day and Juneteenth. So be on the lookout for these two. They are our future leaders for the City.

**4. INVOCATION**

Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5.A Drought Update by Golden State Water – **Presentation was made by Customer Service Manager, Regina Cullado.**

Council Members Kaskanian, Francis, Henderson and Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka had questions and voiced their concerns.

Public Speakers: Abel Ruan and Hopeton Hutchinson had questions and voiced their concerns.

Customer Service Manager Cullado answered all the Council Members and public speakers' questions and explained in detail the drought requirements/restrictions/conditions, watering schedule and the State Board's emergency regulations.

Director of Public Works, Allan Rigg came into the meeting and informed everyone of what the city and residents will be required to do during the drought.

*Mayor Cerda announced that if anyone is having issues with the Zoom hyperlink; meeting can be viewed on Spectrum Channel 22 and on YouTube: [youtube.com/CityofGardena](https://www.youtube.com/CityofGardena); or by going directly to Zoom and entering the Meeting ID: 813 7129 8336 and or calling in with Phone number 1 669 900 9128: Press \*9 to Raise your Hand and \*6 to unmute when prompted.*

*City Attorney Vasquez provided clarification regarding the Zoom hyperlink issue and options on how to log into the Council Meeting.*

## 6. PROCLAMATIONS

- 6.A "JUNETEENTH Commemoration Day" - June 19, 2022  
– **was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda**
- 6.B "Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" - June 14, 2022 through July 4, 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, May 24, 2022  
**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**
- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, June 14, 2022  
**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

June 14, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12168-12182; Prepay: 167562-167566; Check Nos: 167567 -167774 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,523,065.89 Total Payroll Issued for June 3, 2022: \$1,543,385.34

8.D Monthly Investment Portfolio, April 2022

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

8.E Personnel Report P-2022-11 6-14-22

**CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES**

8.F RESOLUTION NO. 6583, 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. 6583

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

8.G RESOLUTION NO. 6581, Amending the list of authorized games and authorizing the play of certain games in licensed card clubs

**CONTACT: CITY MANAGER**

RESOLUTION NO. 6581

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

8.H Approve the Revised Master Agreement Administering Agency -State Agreement for Federal Aid Projects with Caltrans and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

8.I Approval of Final Tract Map No. 77159

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

8.J RESOLUTION NO. 6585 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

**CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMANSERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 6585

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 2022/2023

- 8.K RESOLUTION NO. 6586 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.  
**CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

RESOLUTION NO. 6586

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 2022/2023

- 8.L Approve Contract with Remix Technologies, LLC. for Transit Planning Software for a Total of \$103,900  
**CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION**

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke on Item 8.L. and voiced his concerns.

**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 Items 8.C, 8.H, 8.J and 8.K:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 8.C CITY TREASURER - Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, June 14, 2022.  
– ***This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis***

Council Member Francis asked about the overpayment of citations.

Mayor Cerda, City Manager Osorio and Chief Saffell answered Council Member Francis' question and explained why refunds happen.

- 8.H PUBLIC WORKS - Approve the Revised Master Agreement Administering Agency - State Agreement for Federal Aid Projects with Caltrans and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement. – ***This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis***

Council Member Francis wanted confirmation that the item was only an agreement and does not have a dollar amount attached to it; she also asked if we are going to get money from Caltrans and if so, how much?

City Manager Osorio and City Attorney Vasquez answered all questions and provided detailed information on how the agreement came before Council tonight.

- 8.J RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES – Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. – ***This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis***

Council Member Francis asked for an explanation of the agreement in detail; is there an evaluation that indicates if the program “works or does not work”; are we taking request for proposals?

City Attorney Vasquez and City Manager Osorio answered all of Council Member Francis’ questions and gave clarification that this is just an agreement for us to be able to provide the program.

8.K RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES - Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program on Behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. – ***This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis***

Council Member Francis had questions regarding who the program was for; and then asked if supportive services and meals will be provided to kids.

Public Speaker: Wanda Love commented on the meals for kids program and voiced her concerns.

City Manager Osorio answered all of Council Member Francis’ questions.

Mayor Cerda asked City Manager Osorio to address the comment made by the public.

Mayor Cerda gave her suggestions to City Manager Osorio about reaching out to Supervisor Holly Mitchell representative. City Manager Osorio agreed and had some suggestions of his own.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Items 8.C, 8.H, 8.J and 8.K:**

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

**10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET**

10.A June 7, 2022 MEETING - ***Meeting Cancelled***

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Wesley Saunders asked for assistance from the city regarding his property.

Mayor Cerda thanked Mr. Saunders for bringing the issue to their attention and asked that he send his contact information to Deputy City Clerk at [bromero@cityofgardena.org](mailto:bromero@cityofgardena.org), to personally meet with him.

2. Judy Kim thanked Mayor Cerda and all Council Members for coming to her mother’s funeral and presenting the family with a certificate.

**11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

- 11.A Second Reading and Adoption of ORDINANCE NO. 1842, Authorizing an amendment to the contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CALPERS") and the City of Gardena

ORDINANCE NO. 1842

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("CALPERS") AND THE CITY OF GARDENA

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 Ordinance No 1842:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No Items**

**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 Four-Year Contract for Citywide Landscape Maintenance Service Contract to Mariposa Landscapes Inc. in the amount of \$425,471.80.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka and Council Member Francis had questions regarding: the bids received, the scope of work, the performance impact, the contract duration, if this is comparable to what other cities are paying, and given that we are going through a drought, will this impact the proposal.

City Manager Osorio provided information on the landscape company.

Director of Public Works, Allan Rigg came into the meeting and answered all questions and further explained the pricing and conditions of the agreement.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke on this item and voiced his concerns.

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

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

**Noes: Council Member Francis**

**Absent: None**

- 15.B Approve Four-Year Contract for Citywide Tree Trimming Maintenance Service Contract to Mariposa Landscapes Inc. in the amount of \$480,472.02

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Kaskanian had questions regarding the new contract and expressed in detail how he felt about the service the City received from West Coast Arborist; he continued to say it was not adequate for the money we paid. Council Member Francis asked about the number of trees that were being serviced and asked if park trees were included; she then asked if staff could do the work, and who is doing the work now. Mayor Cerda asked if the vendor had a back-up plan in the event their equipment broke and talked about the complaints.

Director of Public Works, Allan Rigg came into the meeting and gave history regarding the past work and he spoke about his plan to start a more aggressive tree planting program and manage the new contract more diligently, he then stated if they didn't perform to our satisfaction that we would be able to terminate the contract and then asked City Attorney Vasquez to speak on the non-performance clause; City Attorney Vasquez replied that with regards to non-performance, we would have to give them the opportunity to cure the issue, before we could terminate the contract.

Public Speakers: Zahid Ahmed, Abel Ruan, and Wanda Love spoke on this topic, voiced their concerns and offered ideas.

**It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Tree Trimming Maintenance Service Contract:**

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

**Noes: Council Member Francis**

**Abstain: Council Member Kaskanian**

**Absent: None**

- 15.C Authorize the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement Amendment with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (LACMTA) in the amount of \$2,523,000 and approve a Contract Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement with Cannon Corporation (Corp.) in the amount of \$63,114 for the Artesia Boulevard Arterial Improvement Project JN 935

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson had questions regarding the work that triggered the change order and asked if we had a lease agreement when it came to the public

right of way. Council Member Francis asked for confirmation of the change order and asked if it was a new agreement.

Director of Public Works, Allan Rigg and City Attorney Vasquez answered all questions and provided additional information.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke on this item and gave his recommendations.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement (FA) Amendment and Approve a Contract Change order (CCO) for Professional Services with Cannon Corp:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 15.D PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6582, Approving a Franchise Fee, an AB 939/SB 1383 Fee, and Residential and Commercial Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Rates Effective July 1, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 6582

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A FRANCHISE FEE, AN AB 939/SB 1383 FEE AND RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Consultant Debbie Morris, WRG representatives, Bevan Thomas and Michelle Nichols were present and available for any questions.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 10:12 p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public.

Public Speakers: Hopeton Hutchinson; Abel Ruan; Wanda Love; Judy Kim and Zahid Ahmed spoke in protest of this item.

There was discussion that included Mayor Cerda, Council Member Francis, City Attorney Vasquez and WRG representative Bevan Thomas regarding the types of items that could go into a dumpster, the number of protests that would need to be collected in order for the rates to not be approved; who was allowed to protest; why the increase is necessary now.

Director Rigg came into the meeting and spoke about the conditions in the contract and how the residents of Gardena would benefit; some of the benefits included a spring cleaning to happen every six months; bulky item pickup two times a year; an annual compost giveaway; and an annual document shredding event. He continued to say that the contract did not offer a senior discount and that our rates are right in the middle when compared to other cities; and our commercial rates are slightly

higher than the average. Attorney Vasquez confirmed that in order for the rates to not be approved, we would have had to receive 50% plus 1 protests from the property owners or customer of record; she also indicated that parcel owners or customer of record were the only ones allowed to make a protest; she then stated that our contract was up for renewal and since we had additional state laws with the organic waste that were recently passed, and an additional service was required, we had a little more leverage since our contract was about to expire. She commended Consultant Debbie Morris and Director Rigg for the great negotiation they provided to the City in the positive rates for our residents. She then stated that we had no control over the commercial rates since the state was adding this service but not giving us any funding.

Deputy City Clerk Romero read into the record the amount of written protest received which was 14.

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

**It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Conduct Public Hearing and Adopt Resolution No. 6582:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

**17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

- 17.A Approve Change to Fare Policy to Raise Maximum Age of Free Fare to Under Six (6) Years of Age

City Manager presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Francis and Mayor Cerda had questions and asked for clarification for the max age of a child to ride for free; and what age can a child ride a bus unattended; it was asked if we had a policy.

City Manager Osorio and City Attorney Vasquez answered all questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke on this item.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Change to Fare Policy:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

17.B Approve Service Changes - Line 7X Stadium Express

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Members Henderson, Francis and Kaskanian had questions about the Super Bowl's impact on our pilot program numbers and the hours of the bus schedule.

Director of Transportation, Ernie Crespo came into the meeting and answered all questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed spoke on this item.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Service Changes:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

17.C Approve Contract with Pulsar Advertising, Inc. in the amount of \$49,829

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Francis had questions regarding the advertising outlets.

Director of Transportation, Ernie Crespo answered the questions and informed everyone that our campaign hits all assets which include: print, digital and social media. He continued to say that one of the most used assets is mobile, where all ticketholders are able to access a digital ticket on their phone.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Contract:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

18. **COUNCIL ITEMS** – *No Items*

19. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka

1. Asked if there's anything that can be done to make sure that the green trash cans on the curbs are getting emptied when they are full, because for the last week he has seen no less than five of them dumped over into the street.

### Council Member Francis

1. She thanked Director Rigg for the memo regarding the replacement of drought tolerant turf on Manhattan Beach. She would like to meet with West Basin and begin a conversation about replacing and looking at our Parks and City Hall landscape, that was the recommendation that she brought before from the Beautification Committee. *Council Members Henderson and Kaskanian seconded it.*
2. Asked if someone can update our city website on a regular basis to make sure the information is current. City Manager Osorio confirm that we do have somebody that updates the website but not on a regular basis, we are looking into potentially hiring a webmaster.
3. Asked if the security cameras at Rowley Park have been updated; are they still functioning; are they part of the capital improvement? City Manager Osorio replied that some cameras are inoperative and are past their life expectancy. The cameras were purchased using the asset forfeiture and there was nothing programmed to keep maintaining that asset. Chief Saffell came into the meeting and confirmed that there are cameras at Rowley Park and the system is approaching end of life, and we do have a contract with Data Gear to maintain the cameras and a decision will need to be made about improving the cameras system.

### Council Member Henderson

1. Requested a follow-up memo on the study that was being executed on 147<sup>th</sup> regarding speeding mitigation.
2. Requested a follow-up on the application to CPUC regarding the broadband initiative. *Council Member Kaskanian 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 drought related measures.
2. Memo regarding the results of the internet connection survey, which is approximately \$25,000 to do the survey and get the responses back, includes postage both ways.
3. Memo regarding the cost to participate in the Wall that Heal Tour. The cost to participate is \$11,000 plus 20 to \$25,000 in staffing, security, police services and other incidentals that we may need, overall, we are looking at 35 to \$36,000 to participate. We must be selected by the Committee that puts out the tour and if we are selected, we will be notified in October 2023 and a deposit of \$5,500 will be sent to them and council approval will be required because of the amount that exceeds City Manager Osorio authority.
4. Video presentation highlighting the Recreation and Human Services Department current and future events:
  - Gardena Youth in Government Day! Thursday, May 26, 2022.
  - "Gardena On The Go" Trip to the LA County Fair, Thursday, May 26, 2022.
  - Candlelight Dinner & A Show, Friday, May 27, 2022.

- 2022 Budget Forum, Wednesday, June 1, 2022.
- City of Gardena is hosting a Summer UCLA Blood Drive on Thursday, June 2, 2022.
- Gardena Police Foundation Meet & Greet Mixer, Thursday, June 2, 2022.
- Bring It On The BLVD Downtown Street Fair, Saturday, June 4, 2022.
- Youth Futsal and Soccer Awards Banquet, Sunday, June 5, 2022.
- Gardena Sandlot! Saturday, June 11, 2022.
- The Annual Flag Day Celebration, June 14, 2022.

#### Upcoming Events:

- Juneteenth – Acknowledge/Educate/Celebrate, Saturday, June 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., City Hall Complex.
- Hello Summer Candlelight Dinner, Thursday, June 23, 2022; 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. Contact the Senior Bureau at (310)217-9559 or email [seniors@cityofgardena.org](mailto:seniors@cityofgardena.org).
- Passport Pop Up, Saturday, June 25, 2022; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., First Come, First Served (Please Bring All Requirements) at City Hall 1700 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> Street; for more information call (310)217-9565.
- City of Gardena Senior Bureau Presents “Gardena On The Go” Excursion SoFi Stadium Tour, Sunday, June 26, 2022. Pre-Registration required, call the Senior Bureau Office at (310)217-9552 or visit [www.cityofgardena.org/events](http://www.cityofgardena.org/events) to secure your sport today!
- Save the Date – Come out and enjoy the City of Gardena’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Park Party, Monday, July 4, 2022, at Rowley Park 13220 S. Van Ness Ave.
- 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.
- City of Gardena Jazz Festival, Sunday, August 28, 2022, at Rowley Park. Tickets Sales Begin Monday, May 2, 2022. To purchase tickets, visit [www.gardenajazzfestival.com/tickets](http://www.gardenajazzfestival.com/tickets). Stay tuned for artist announcements on our social media pages!
- Save the Date - Gardena 12th Annual Food, Wine & Brew; Saturday, September 24, 2022, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Gardena City Hall Complex.

## **21. COUNCIL REMARKS**

1. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN – Shared he witnessed people speeding on 147<sup>th</sup> street between Van Ness Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd. Since the last meeting Council Member Kaskanian attended Youth in Government Day, Meet and Greet, Bring it on the Blvd, and Flag Day event. Council Member Kaskanian complimented Director Santin and staff for great events.
2. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – Since the last meeting Council Member Henderson attended the Responsible Governance Committee meeting and the topic of the meeting was Affordable Housing does not increase crime. He also attended the SCAG Community Economic and Housing Development, Regional Council Meeting and the topic of the meeting is on arena numbers, challenges, and errors. Other events he attended were Gardena Street Fair, El Camino Jubilee Celebration, Gardena Sandlot, Cannabis round table great discussion on cannabis. Council Member Henderson shared

a few words on long term contracts and budgeting. Lastly, shared the City Manager from City of Los Altos led a symposium about being a future city and is looking forward to City of Gardena being a smart city and working on the Environmental Justice Element.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – Since the last meeting Council Member Francis attended, Bring it on the Blvd. event, Senior Resource Workshop at Rowley Park, Flag Day Celebration, and Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District meeting. Council Member Francis is a trustee at the Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District. She also shared that June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup> is National Mosquito Control Week and since it's mosquito season there are a few things everyone can do to protect themselves. Also mentioned in the next City Council Meeting there will be a presentation, and if anyone has questions or would like more information, they can go to [mosquitowatch.org](http://mosquitowatch.org). Reminded everyone about the Juneteenth Celebration as it's a Federal Holiday signed by President Joe Biden and shared the importance of Juneteenth. On June 19, 1865, federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and told slaves that they were free. Since then, it has been celebrated and it's now a national holiday. Council Member Francis also shared that on June 19<sup>th</sup> it's Father's Day and wished all the dads, daddy's, uncles, big brothers, grandpas, bonus dads, mentors, and all the dads that stepped and stood into the gap a very Happy Father's Day.
4. MAYOR CERDA – Since the last meeting Mayor Cerda attended the City Selection Meeting, and Youth and Government Day and shared it was a great event, thanked all departments, and is looking forward to hosting the event again. Mayor Cerda also attended the Candidates Forum, and funeral services for Ms. Esther Barbick, who had turned 102 years old a couple months prior and the Gardena Police Department and Fire Department hosted a drive-by for her. Mayor Cerda thanked the GVN for taking pictures as the drive by really made her day. She also attended the Senior Candlelight dinner, the funeral services for Joseph Ward son of Nancy Ward, presented a certificate on the Rosemary Martinez retirement from LAUSD, Budget Forum, City Manager and Chief of Police mixer, donation from Kinecta Bank to the Senior Bureau with a check in the amount of \$250.00, Bring it to the Blvd. event, LA County Sanitation Collective Meeting and they were negotiating the raises for the sanitation workers, and Senior Resource Fair at Rowley Park, Flag Day Ceremony. Mayor Cerda would like to encourage the community to report graffiti by using the Gardena Direct App, calling City Hall, and email.
5. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA – Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka shared he reported graffiti using the Gardena Direct App and it was removed. Since the last meeting Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka attended Youth in Government, Seniors Candlelight luncheon, and donated blood at the UCLA Blood Drive. He also attended the Budget Session and thanked the Finance Department and City Manager. Also attended John and Nancy Ward's memorial for their son Joseph, and Gardena Blvd. event. Mayor Pro Tem shared he also attended the COG Legislative Committee meeting with Senator Al Muratsuchi and Senator Allen. They are trying to help the COG get started a housing trust. Shared he also attended the City Manager and Chief of Police Meet and Greet, Police Department Sandlot Baseball, District 3 meeting, memorial for Esther Barbick, South Bay COG Budget review meeting, South Bay COG Steering Committee meeting, and 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion 1971 Mohicans. Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka also attended Flag Day event and shared he was very

impressed with the youth present their essays. Wished everyone a Happy Father's Day and invited everyone to the Elks Lodge 1919 at 7:30 pm where the girl scout troop will be having a Ceremony presentation on Flag Day. Lastly, asked everyone to pray for the City of El Monte Police Department and the families of the two officers that were killed tonight.

Mayor Cerda – Mayor Cerda would like to correct the amount that was donated from Kinecta it was not \$250.00, the amount donated was \$2,500.00.

## 22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

1. Willows at Dusk taking place from 6:00-8:00p.m. on several Fridays over the summer. Please visit our City of Gardena events page on Facebook for more information.
2. Active Shooter Training taking place on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 10:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center.

## 23. REMEMBRANCES

**Mr. Richard Kisung Chun**; business owner and Chairman of the South Bay Korean Soccer Club. Mr. Chun was also a long time Gardena resident for the past 20 years; **Mr. Tad Torao Uyemura**; 96 years of age, longtime resident of Gardena. Mr. Uyemura owned the Nisei Oriental Gift Shop in Gardena for over 40 years, he was a member of the Gardena Valley Kiwanis Club with 55 years of perfect attendance, he was inducted into the City's Wall of Fame for his dedication to the betterment of the City, former president of the Town & Country Business Association, and he was one of the organizers and first president of Gardena's Downtown Businessman's Association.

## 24. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:38 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 28, 2022.

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