

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, July 26, 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, July 26, 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 Wanda Love; 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 Wanda Love; 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 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Steven Prendergast v. City of Gardena
L.A. Sup. Ct. Case No. 20STCV17648

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 Hassoldt, Association President
2. Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), Vicky L. Barker, Attorney
3. Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA), Fred G. Quiel, Attorney
4. Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:40 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 with regards to both items, no reportable action had been taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Connor Church led the Pledge of Allegiance. Connor is from the Boys and Girls Club at 156th Street Elementary. Connor is a leader among his peers as well as a visionary for his community. Connor was Mayor Cerda's tour guide when she went to visit the Boys and Girls Club and he had a lot of great questions as far as what the City Council does and more specifically what she does as the Mayor. She sees him potentially as a future leader. Also, some of the different things that he's in charge of are his day-to-day activities; he's just helpful all around with all the other young people; he's eager to learn and she was very impressed with him.

4. INVOCATION

Presented by Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.A South Bay Regional Housing Trust Presentation - ***Presented by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, David Leger***

Mayor & Council had questions for Mr. Leger, for which he provided answers.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka made a motion to have staff draft a letter in support SB44,. Council Member Francis seconded it.

5.B CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION to Commission and Board Appointees of the Honorable Council Member Art Kaskanian, for dedicated community service

- a. Sean Dixon, Human Services Commission
– ***was accepted by Sean Dixon***
- b. Kale Eaton, Planning and Environmental Quality Commission
– ***was accepted by Kale Eaton***
- c. Terri Haase, Recreation and Parks Commission
– ***was accepted by Terri Haase***
- d. Martha A. Kirksey, Senior Citizens Commission
– ***was not present***
- e. Dulce Ordonez, Gardena Youth Commission
– ***was not present***
- f. Esther Trujillo, Gardena Beautification Commission
– ***was accepted by Esther Trujillo***
- g. Zoraida Hernandez, Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission
– ***was not present***
- h. Robert K. Kwon, Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission
– ***was accepted by Robert K. Kwon***
- i. Timothy McClone, Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Owner Representative
– ***was accepted by Timothy McClone***
- j. Woods Woolwine, Gardena Rent Mediation Board, At-Large Representative
– ***was accepted by Woods Woolwine***

Mayor Cerda thanked and appreciated everyone on behalf of the entire City Council for serving on the commissions.

- 5.C Certificate of Recognition to Shirley Ann Lewis in appreciation of her service to the community as a Rent Mediation Board Member: Member-at-Large Representative - ***Commissioner Shirley Ann Lewis came into the meeting and thanked Mayor Cerda and everyone for the recognition.***

Mayor Cerda thanked Ms. Lewis for all that she has done in representing her on the Rent Mediation Board and congratulated and wished her good luck on her future endeavors on her move to the east coast.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** - None

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

- 7.A Reorganization of the City Council - Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

Select Mayor Pro Tem to serve from July 2022 to July 2023

City Manager Osorio presented Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda thanked Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka for his time in the position.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka thanked Mayor Cerda and Council for having confidence and allowing him to be her backup and trusted him to represent her and the City.

Mayor Cerda made a motion to appoint Council Member Francis to the position of Mayor Pro Tem – current Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka seconded it.

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Appoint Council Member Francis to serve as Mayor Pro Tem from July 2022 to July 2023:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 7.B Reorganization of Council Assignments of Delegates and Alternates to Outside/City Committees

Mayor Cerda made the recommendation that Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka sit on the Finance Committee – Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka accepted. She asked all the Council members if anyone had any changes or wants anything added.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka commented on his committees and will keep what he has.

Council Member Love accepted the position for the Inglewood Fire Training Facility Authority Commission. She asked for clarification regarding the Finance Committee position.

City Attorney Vasquez made Council aware that three (3) Council Members cannot participate on the Finance Committee, but that anyone of them could attend, they would just not be able to vote.

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Reorganization of Council Assignments of Delegates and Alternates to Outside/City Committees:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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, July 12, 2022

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Receive and File of Minutes:

Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, June 21, 2022

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVLEOPMENT

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, July 26, 2022

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

July 26, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12196-12204; Prepay: 168155 -168157; Check Nos: 168158 -168356 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$5,147,111.50 Total Payroll Issued for July 15, 2022: \$2,268,447.94.

8.E Monthly Investment Portfolio, June 2022

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

8.F Personnel Report P-2022-14 7-26-22

CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

8.G RESOLUTION NO. 6597, 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. 6597

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.H Approve One-Year Contract Between the City of Gardena and SPCALA for Animal Control and Sheltering Services
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- 8.I Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Van Ness Ave. and 139th Street Improvement Project, JN 952
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS
- 8.J RESOLUTION NO. 6594, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Local Transportation Funds
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION NO. 6594

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

- 8.K RESOLUTION NO. 6596, Authorizing the Filing of Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Application for Transportation Assistance
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION NO. 6596

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.L Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for Proposition C 5% Transit Security Funds
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

- 8.M Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for Proposition C 40% Discretionary Funds
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 8.D, 8.E, 8.F, 8.H, 8.J, 8.K, 8.L and 8.M:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.D CITY TREASURER - Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, July 26, 2022
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked about the Economic Assistance Agreement, asked about the amendments, and extension to the Agreement; and also asked if the hotel was not developed, what would happen in this instance. City Manager Osorio asked City Attorney Vasquez to respond to Council Member Francis' question; she stated she did not have the agreement in front of her but did explain the terms of the agreement; Council Member Love asked a question regarding the non-compliance from the other party; and City Attorney reminded Council that the agreement was not an agenda item.

- 8.E CITY TREASURER - Monthly Investment Portfolio, June 2022
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Love

Council Member Love asked about the Investment Report; asking what type of services Chandler Asset Management provides besides investment advice; and what type of services does the PUN Group provide; City Manager Osorio answered her questions.

- 8.F HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Report P-2022-14 7-26-22
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked about the Homeless Coordinator job, and asked if this person will work with GMET team and will this person eventually be assigned a staff; will the Measure H money go toward this person's salary; and if somewhere down the line if there will be an outreach team; Mayor Cerda asked if this position will be paid with Measure H funds; she then asked about the homeless unit that we had before, was that paid with Measure H funds? Council Member Love asked if the Measure H money would require us to have a homeless plan in place to before we hire this position and asked about ongoing funding. City Manager Osorio answered all of Council's questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and gave his suggestions.

- 8.H COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Approve One-Year Contract Between the City of Gardena and SPCALA for Animal Control and Sheltering Services
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked about the services the SPCALA is providing, how do we know they are taking care of our animals. City Manager Osorio responded to her question.

- 8.J TRANSPORTATION - RESOLUTION NO. 6594, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Local Transportation Funds
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked if this item was applying for extra funding for Gardena transit, and if so, how much are we getting? City Manager Osorio responded to her question.

- 8.K TRANSPORTATION - RESOLUTION NO. 6596, Authorizing the Filing of Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Application for Transportation Assistance
- This Item was pulled by Council Member Francis

Council Member Francis asked if this is a grant application for the buses, and if so, how much are we getting? City Manager Osorio responded to her question.

- 8.L TRANSPORTATION - Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for Proposition C 5% Transit Security Funds
- This Item was pulled by Council Members Francis and Love

Council Member Francis asked if this would provide a security officer to ride on the bus; does the contract also include one Gardena Police Officer to follow the buses and be available at all times? Council Member Love asked if the Police Officer who is assigned, would be solely assigned to transit matters? Is one officer enough? City Manager Osorio responded to all of Council's questions.

- 8.M TRANSPORTATION - Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for Proposition C 40% Discretionary Funds
- This Item was pulled by Council Members Francis and Love

Council Member Love asked about the one time offering and asked if she could get an explanation of how it all worked. Transportation Director Ernie Crespo came into the meeting and explained and answered all questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and voiced his concerns.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Items 8.D, 8.E, 8.F, 8.H, 8.J, 8.K, 8.L and 8.M:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A JULY 19, 2022 MEETING

Conditional Use Permit #5-22

The Planning Commission considered a request for a conditional use permit, to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine in a new karaoke bar located in the General Commercial (C-2) and Parking (P) zone with a Mixed-Use Overlay (MUO) and direction to staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

APPLICANT: Kyeang Linda Jo

LOCATION: 15210 S Western Ave

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 10-22, by vote of 4-0-1, approving the project and directing staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

11.A Approval of Blanket Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

City Manager Osorio presented Staff Report.

Council Member Love asked if there have been times that an item had to come back for an increase; if there was a time when the estimate was lower, does it go back into the pot? How often does that happen? Is the City considering writing an Ordinance for local spending in the City whenever the costs allow; she stated she is looking out for smaller businesses. She then asked if we could keep an eye on the budget.

Council Member Francis asked if we are changing the \$30,000 amount; she then asked about the checks and balances to make sure that staff is not exceeding their spending; and if we are going to approve the blanket purchase of \$3M; will we get some kind of monthly report; she then recapped by saying that we already approved these items but are doing this so we do not have to come back and approve again.

Mayor Cerda asked if the terminology can be changed to something else rather than a blank check; she then stated there are reasons why we do what we do, she just wanted to make sure the public knows they are hearing accurate information.

City Manager Osorio and City Attorney Vasquez answered all of their questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and gave his recommendations.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Blanket Purchase Orders:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12.A Review of Revised 2021-2029 Housing Element

City Manager Osorio presented Staff Report.

Senior Planner, Amanda Acuna gave a presentation.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz, Community Development Director Greg Tsujiuchi and Planning Consultant Gregg McClain were present and available for questions.

There was a very lengthy discussion which included all members of the City Council, Assistant City Attorney Kranitz, CDD Director Tsujiuchi, Planning Consultant McClain, and Senior Planner Acuna regarding the changes made to the Housing Element which was discussed in great detail.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and gave his recommendations.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Review and Discuss the Changes to the Adopted Housing Element for Resubmission to HCD:

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

Noes: Council Member Francis

Absent: None

Abstain: Council Member Love

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

13.A COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

- 14.A Authorization to Purchase Five (5) Patrol Vehicles from National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$210,825.21 and expend Build-Out Costs in the amount of \$95,876.30

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson asked if we have received any data on the electric vehicles.

Council Member Francis asked if these five cars are SUV's or sedans; and eventually will we go all SUVs.

City Manager Osorio replied to all of their questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and gave his recommendations.

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

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

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

- 15.A Approve the Proposed Master Plan to proceed with the Design and Construction Document Phase of the Mas Fukai Park Improvements, JN 820.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

Council Member Francis asked the following questions: how long is it going to take to complete the whole process; how is the sand going to keep clean if they are rubber tiles and if the park was going to be kept open during construction; she then commented that the picnic area is relatively new.

Council Member Love asked the following questions: how many restrooms does this plan have; is it a total of two buildings with two restrooms each; what is the size of the community center; and the large meeting room?

Mayor Cerda asked about the soft foam.

Council Member Henderson asked the following questions: can we put some stormwater capture underneath the field; does that increase the dollar amount of the project; are we looking to make the community building leagued certified; and when do you want the technology portion to get approved?

Public Works Director Rigg and City Manager Osorio answered all of their questions.

Public Speaker: Zahid Ahmed came into the meeting and offered his recommendations for the park improvement.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Proposed Master Plan:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 15.B Approve purchase of the 2023 TYMCO Model 600 Regenerative Air Sweeper from TYMCO in the amount of \$443,177.44 for Public Works Street Sweeper Equipment Purchase, JN 515

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

Ayes: Council Member Love, 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 Purchase of Seven (7), 40-foot Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Buses for \$6,130,421 and Authorize Program Total of \$6,743,463

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Transportation Director, Ernie Crespo was present and available for any questions.

Council Member Francis asked the following questions: why did they take 19 modifications from 2017 to get this going; didn't we approve a safety barrier; will there be cameras inside and out of the buses?

Director Crespo answered all questions.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

18. COUNCIL ITEMS

18.A Discussion Regarding the Issuance of Cell Phones to Elected Officials

Discuss issuing cell phones to Elected Officials and provide staff direction regarding a Cell Phone Policy

Mayor Cerda asked what other Council Members are doing when returning phone calls; she continued to say that she uses her personal cell phone to return calls to the public and has not had any issues keeping it separate; didn't see the need for an additional phone; she then said she uses her secretary for screening her messages and returns all calls using her personal cell phone. She suggested that Council Member Love use her stipend to purchase a cell phone.

Council Member Love stated that she needs to make sure she keeps her personal, business and city business all separate; she then asked for the City Manager and City Attorney's advice and said if she gets a text message on my personal device, it is subject to a PRA.

Council Member Francis commented and said when she became a Council Member she was told she would receive a laptop and a cell phone; she stated she would like it to be an option if the Council Member would like a cell phone or not.

Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka stated that he uses the Council Secretary to screen messages.

Council Member Henderson commented and said he uses an alternate phone number for the residents to call me on; he continued to say he uses the Council Secretary mechanism for messages; you have to be careful with the Freedom of Information; he then continued to say that our roles are different than staff and Department Heads.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Discussion Regarding the Issuance of Cell Phones to Elected Officials:

Ayes: Council Members Love and Francis

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, Council Member Henderson and Mayor Cerda

Absent: None

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Francis

- 1) Asked for a follow-up to Council Member Henderson's directive regarding getting information from Spectrum and how we can add content to our PEC channel – *this was not considered a directive*
- 2) Asked for a list of all CUPs for beer and wine consumption that was approved by City Council from July 1, 2021, to present. *Council Member Henderson seconded it.*

City Attorney Vasquez asked for clarification of directive: City staff to provide a memo of all the CUPs for business with alcohol licenses from July 2021 to current year.

Council Member Henderson

- 1) Asked if our City Attorney could give a briefing on the HCD lawsuit that is circulating through the State of California regarding RHNA. *Council Member Francis seconded it.*

City Attorney Vasquez stated that she will proceed to agendize item for Closed Session.

Mayor Cerda

- 1) Asked if we can ask Developers to use local hires when projects are being developed in our City. *Council Member Francis seconded it.*

City Attorney Vasquez informed Mayor and Council that GEBAC has asked for a presentation for their meeting in September and she would like to hear the feedback from GEBAC first, before bringing back any potential recommendations to Mayor and Council in October. Mayor Cerda and Council Member Francis agreed.

Council Member Love

- 1) Asked if staff could come back with a report regarding the findings, identifying a location and the costs for a dog park. *Council Member Henderson seconded it.*

Mayor Cerda explained that this was already in the works and that an update can be provided.

- 2) Asked if there was a way, she could get the Agenda Forecast Packet prior to the Agenda being finalized; she feels there is not enough time to review when she gets the finalized Agenda Packet on Friday before a Council Meeting.

City Attorney Vasquez explained that we do have a Forecast Project Calendar that would give her titles, and further explained that she is also receiving the PEQC Action Sheet the day after Planning Commission meets that would provide information that was discussed at that meeting. Deputy City Clerk Romero explained that all Council Members already have access to the Forecast Project Calendar which is in the same folder with the Agenda Packet on SharePoint and gets updated prior to the Department Head meetings that takes place on Wednesday morning.

Council Member Francis shared her recollection of past agenda forecast information.

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 Housing Project update that was dated July 21, 2022.
2. He wished Mayor Cerda, Mayor Pro Tem Francis and Recreation Director Stephany Santin a Happy Birthday.

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

- 1) Council Member Henderson – Since the last meeting Council Member Henderson met with City Manager Osorio regarding the broadband project. Council Member Henderson was surprised on how connected everyone is around the city. There was also a discussion on the environmental justice element. Council Member Henderson also attended Ice Cream with a Cop at Rowley Park and welcomed Council Member Love.
- 2) Council Member Francis – Since the last meeting Council Member Francis attended the weekly CERT response team meeting, California Food Administration demonstration on Medford Release Program, and Hawthorne Airport Noise Committee Meeting. Council Member Francis sent her condolences to the Wallin family, sympathy to staff City Attorney Vasquez and Assistant City Attorney Lisa Kranitz. Lastly, encouraged everyone to continue to stay safe and better days are coming.
- 3) Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka – Since the last meeting Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka attended the Parks and Recreation Day, thanked Stephany for putting on a good event. Also attended a celebration and awards for retiring members at a brewery, Ice Cream with a Cop, RCC users meeting, and SBCCOG Legislative Briefing. Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka shared Peter Wallin was a long-time friend of his and will be greatly missed, his sincere condolences to the Wallin family and city staff.
- 4) Mayor Cerda – Since the last meeting Mayor Cerda attended the Parks and Recreation Day and thanked Director Santin for an amazing job. Mayor Cerda also attended the Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp Program at 156th Street School, and Ice Cream with a Cop. Mayor Cerda thanked and shared she appreciates all that the Gardena Police Department does to enhance their community policing. Also attended the monthly CCGA meeting, Sanitation meeting, and Serra High School Golf Tournament. Mayor Cerda gave her condolences to the Wallin family and shared Peter Wallin was an amazing person and attorney for the City. She mentioned Gardena is a better place because of him.
- 5) Council Member Love – Since the last meeting Council Member Love attended Ice Cream with a Cop, thanked Kinecta for providing ice cream. Council Member Love attended the grand opening of Simply Salad and looks forward to attending more events in the future.

22. **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Mayor Cerda announced:

- 1) S'mores & More Family Fun Night! Friday, July 29, 2022; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at City Hall 1700 W. 162nd Street.
- 2) Summer Block Party in Celebration of National Night Out; Tuesday, August 2, 2022; 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on the City Hall Complex.
- 3) City of Gardena has adult Co-ed Softball which will be Friday Nights at Mas Fukai and Rowley Park. Season begins Friday, August 5, 2022. For more information call (310)217-9537 or visit our social media site on Instagram, Facebook, and city website.
- 4) City of Gardena is hosting a Summer UCLA Blood Drive on Thursday, August 11, 2022; 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Ruch Gym 1651 W. 162nd Street.
- 5) Keep Gardena Beautiful Day, Community Cleanup, Saturday, September 17, 2022; 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information visit www.cityofgardena.org/events.
- 6) 2nd Annual FurBaby Love Fest, Saturday, October 1, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Gardena City Hall Lawn. For more information visit our city website and social media sites.

23. **REMEMBRANCES**

Mr. Broderick May Sr., 65 years of age. Mr. May lived in Gardena for more than 25 years and worked several jobs in Gardena before working for the State of California. He also played Alto saxophone in the Gardena Marching Band. He has 2 sons and 2 stepdaughters and had recently retired in 2020; **Peter L. Wallin**, 81 years of age. A beloved City Attorney for the City of Gardena who provided over 20 years of service. Peter received his bachelor's degree from the University of California Berkeley in 1962 and attended Boalt School of Law with the practice emphasis on Municipal and Real Estate Law. Peter was a partner at Wallin, Kress, Reisman & Kranitz LLP and he had recently retired as a City Attorney from the City of Gardena in 2020. Peter decided to take a step back to enjoy life and a few extra rounds of golf. He was still very much involved as he became the Deputy City Attorney for the City of Gardena through the Jones & Meyers law firm. Peter provided a great wealth of knowledge to the city staff, and he will always greet you with a warm smile, he will be greatly missed.

Adjournment video was presented in Memory of Peter Wallin.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 a.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, August 9, 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