

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, August 22, 2023

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Paulette C. Francis and Council Member Wanda Love; Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. It was stated for the record that Mayor Cerda was late but was on her way.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

2. CLOSED SESSION

- 2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Sarai Gil-Morales v. City of Gardena, et al. L.A. Sup. Ct. Case No.: 21STCV16661
- 2.B CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
(One [1] Matter)

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:05 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 for the record, regarding Item 2.A, staff was provided with direction from Council; with regards to Item 2.B, on March 28, 2023, the City Council was presented with a single audit report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the audit report identified several significant deficiencies or findings as such the city retained an outside Law Firm to conduct an independent investigation into the following audit findings: No. 1. CDBG Cash Management Internal Control and compliance overdraw down request; No. 2: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Cash Management Internal Control and compliance over reimbursement requests and Closeouts, and No. 3: CDBG reporting internal controlling compliance over reporting. The independent investigation concluded that all three (3) findings were due to one (1) employee failing to do their duties and responsibilities such employee is no longer employed with the City, which concludes the closed session report.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Hollis Mason and Hailey Mason led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both are in the 8th grade and attend Dodson Middle School. The Mason twins have participated in many of the City programs since they were 5 years old. They attended Purche Elementary School – kinder through 5th grade. Hollis and Hailey have previously attended the Youth Day Camp Programs and participated in the Teen Camp this past summer. They have also participated in Gardena's Youth Basketball, Baseball, and Football Programs. They were active in the city events such as the Halloween Program and Easter Program. They both introduced their mother.

4. **INVOCATION**

Ruling Church Elder, Sallie Cuaresma, of First Presbyterian Church of Gardena led the Invocation.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.A Gardena Military Veteran Recognition to Honor Richard Suzuki, who served in the U.S. Army. He was chosen at the recommendation of Councilmember Wanda Love - ***was accepted by Richard Suzuki***

Council Member Love introduced Mr. Richard Suzuki and shared stories about Mr. Suzuki. She also thanked him for his service and for being a great friend.

Mayor Cerda read a brief Biography. Mr. Suzuki was given an opportunity to speak and appropriate photos were taken.

- 5.B Presentation from the Quilts of Valor Foundation and Recognition of Richard Suzuki as he is awarded a Quilt of Valor for his service - ***Phyllis Genereux and husband Don Genereux presented Richard Suzuki with a quilt to recognize his service to our nation.***

- 5.C Gardena Events Video Presentation – ***was not presented***

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- 6.A Lemonade Day - August 12, 2023 – ***was accepted by Chief Mike Saffell***

- 6.B "City of Gardena 93rd Anniversary Day" - September 11, 2023 – ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

- 7.A Senior Citizen Commission - Joyce Warren - ***was Appointed by Mayor Cerda***

Mayor Cerda spoke about Ms. Warren and congratulated her on her appointment.

Ms. Joyce Warren came up to the podium and spoke; she said she was honored to accept the position and was looking forward to working with Mayor Cerda and our seniors, and indicated great things were going to happen.

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Appoint Joyce Warren to the Senior Citizen Commission:

Ayes: Mayor Cerda, Council Member Tanaka, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, 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 25, 2023

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

- 8.C Receive and File of Minutes:
Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, July 18, 2023

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 8, 2023

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

August 8, 2023: Wire Transfer: 12455, 12472, 12474-12501; Pre-Pay: 172753-172755; Check Numbers: 172756-172907 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,241,698.03; Total Payroll Issued for July 28, 2023: \$2,469,560.94.

- 8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 22, 2023

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

August 22, 2023: Wire Transfer: 12502-12520; Pre-Pay: 172908; Check Numbers: 172909-173135 for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,456,493.75; Total Payroll Issued for August 11, 2023: \$1,762,019.87.

- 8.F Monthly Investment Portfolio, July 2023

CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

- 8.G Personnel Report P-2023-13 8-22-23

CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

- 8.H Ratification of Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order for Shige's Foreign Car Service, Inc. from \$50,000 to \$80,000 to Pay for Vehicle Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

CONTACT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 8.I Approve the revised Agreement for Streetlighting Maintenance between the City of Gardena and the City of Los Angeles related to the Traffic Signal Reconstruction Project on Vermont Avenue at Redondo Beach Boulevard and Rosecrans Avenue Project, JN 930.

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.J Approval of Final Tract Map No. 82437

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.K Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Fire Station No. 158 Roof Replacement Project - Water Damaged Repair Phase, JN 509.

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

- 8.L Approve Purchase of Six Bus Mobile Validators (BMV) from Cubic Transportation Systems for a total of \$32,376

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, 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 Item 8.H:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

- 8.H POLICE DEPARTMENT - Ratification of Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order for Shige's Foreign Car Service, Inc. from \$50,000 to \$80,000 to Pay for Vehicle Maintenance Services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 – ***was pulled by Council Member Francis***

There was a lengthy discussion which included questions and comments by Council Members Francis and Love, and Mayor Cerda regarding the Ratification of Amendment to Blanket Purchase Order for Shige's Foreign Car Service, Inc. from \$50,000 to \$80,000 to pay for vehicle maintenance services for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

City Manager Osorio and Chief Saffell answered all of Council's questions.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 8.H:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

- 10.A August 1, 2023 MEETING - ***Meeting Cancelled***

10.B AUGUST 15, 2023 MEETING

DISCUSSION OF OUTDOOR DINING REGULATIONS

The Planning Commission considered design standards for outdoor seating areas for restaurants.

Commission Action: The Planning Commission provided Planning Staff with direction on design standards for outdoor dining areas for restaurants.

City Council Action: This Item Required No Action by City Council

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Andrea Simental, Interim Community Manager for the Mayme Dear Library; she came to announce library events for the Gardena Mayme Dear and the Masao W. Sato Libraries.
- 2) Russ Bryant, works as an Artist; he came out to complain about a body shop business that is next door to his home/studio, where he and his neighbors get all the paint and sanding overspray into their homes, which makes it impossible to live; he came out tonight to ask for Council's help.
- 3) Ian May, representative of Jeff Prang, LA County Assessor, came out to introduce himself to the community.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 12.A Amendment to the Contract between the California Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration and the City of Gardena
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 6641, Adopting the Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to the Contract between Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Gardena
 - b. INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 1858, Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract Between the Board of Administration the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Gardena

RESOLUTION NO. 6641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF GARDENA

ORDINANCE NO. 1858

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

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.

There was a discussion which included questions and comments by Council Member Francis regarding the cost sharing plan for our employees.

City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

Council Member Tanaka introduced Ordinance No. 1858.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6641 and Introduce Ordinance No. 1858:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12.B Approval of Blanket Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

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.

There was a lengthy discussion which included questions and comments by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and Council Members Francis and Love regarding the Blanket Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2022-2024.

City Manager Osorio responded to all of Council's questions.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Blanket Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 13.A PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 1854, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California Amending Title 18, and Adding Chapter 5.76 to Title 5 Relating to Home Sharing Rentals and finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to the Commonsense Exemption of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3)

ORDINANCE NO. 1854

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING TITLE 18 AND ADDING CHAPTER 5.76 TO TITLE 5 RELATING TO HOME SHARING RENTALS

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Senior Planner Amanda Acuna gave the PowerPoint presentation and was available for any questions.

Assistant City Attorney Lisa Kranitz was present and available for any questions.

At 9:38 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.

Public speakers: The following people came into the meeting and spoke in opposition to Ordinance No. 1854: Vera Povetina; Mariya Wrightsman, and Yegor Kuchutor.

There was a lengthy discussion which included questions and comments by Mayor Cerda, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and Council Members Tanaka, Francis and Love regarding the proposed Home Sharing Rentals Ordinance.

Senior Planner Acuna, Assistant City Attorney Kranitz and City Attorney Vasquez answered all of Council's questions.

At 10:30 p.m., Mayor Cerda then announced that the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson introduced Ordinance No. 1854.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Conduct a public hearing, allow three (3) minutes for each speaker, and direct staff to Introduce Ordinance No. 1854 with the amended language proposed by Council Member Francis, the amended definitions language proposed by Assistant City Attorney Kranitz, and also correcting the typo under relief changing it from 90 to 180 days after the effective date:

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

Noes: Council Member Love

Absent: None

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES – *No Items*

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE

- 15.A Approval of 4-Year Lease Extension with Williams Scotsman, Inc. for the Police Modular Building at a Total Cost of \$109,405

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.

There was a discussion which included questions and comments by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson regarding Approving the 4-Year Lease Extension with Williams Scotsman, Inc. for the Police Modular Building at a Total Cost of \$109,405.

City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Lease Agreement:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

- 16.A Award Construction Contract for the Van Ness Avenue Street Improvement from Redondo Beach Boulevard to Marine Avenue Project, JN 992, to Hardy and Harper, Inc. in the amount of \$1,382,000. Additionally Award Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract to KOA Corporation, in the amount of \$124,064, Approved the Project Plans & Specifications, Approve Budget Contingency, and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

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.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Construction Contract; Award Construction Management and Inspection Services; Approve Project Plans and Specifications and Amendment; Approve Expenditures of Remaining Budget as Contingency and Declare CEQA Exemption:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION – *No Items*

19. COUNCIL ITEMS – *No Items*

20. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Love

- 1) Asked for an evaluation report on Mariposa Landscaping for their tree trimming and landscaping services - ***Council Member Francis seconded it.***

Purpose – Wants a progress report of the work they have been doing

Reason – Some of our trees are growing into our electrical wires and causing safety concerns

Benefit – Public safety, and raising the quality of life

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) Video highlighting National Night Out.
- 2) Memo to the City Council for the pending Council Directives. They are still working on two (2) items.
- 3) He commended the Public Works staff and the Director of Public Works for going above and beyond the call of duty when they learned that there was an impending hurricane coming our way. They came together and helped the residents fill sandbags on Friday and Saturday.
- 4) He wished a belated Happy Birthday to Mayor Cerda, Council Member Francis, and City Clerk Mina Semenza

Mayor Cerda then invited everyone to stay for cake after the meeting for City Clerk Mina Semenza's birthday.

22. COUNCIL REMARKS

(1) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON

Since our last meeting, I attended the following: my Open City Hall, and thanked everyone who emailed, called and came down; the Gardena Moneta Lodge 372 where we recognized Gardena Police Department officer and LA County Fire; our National Night Out; the City of Hawthorne State of the City event; had a couple of other community meetings met with a few business leaders to get feedback on what they would like to see improved around the City; I participated at a conference regarding degenerative artificial intelligence in City government, the do's and don'ts and best practices; what we're coming to find out there are no best practices because it's still pretty new; met with the CPUC regarding some more broadband funding to address the last mile of our fiber network with the South Bay COG; had a brief phone call with the Department of Justice about what we are doing to protect all our houses of worship in

our City; my SCAG Community & Economic Housing Development Committee meeting, we had Housing Community Development (HCD) do a presentation on the regional housing needs assessment; every agency is having challenges, I did let them know we did our zoning work and are trying to move forward; the Board of Directors meeting for Los Angeles County Business Federation; attended my AQMD meeting and proud to report because we are part of the corridor that comes from the port, we were able to award quite a few millions of dollars for zero emission trucks for trucks coming out of the port; Independent Cities Association Seminar, it was a great seminar; I'm president elect once again, and will be hosting the winter seminar in Santa Barbara.

(2) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS

I wanted to commend Chief Saffell and our CERT Team for being proactive in getting out emails and taking care of our City as we prepared for the hurricane; I attended the following events: Mayor's Meet and Greet for Non Profits, National Night Out, Beautification Commission meeting, Candlelight dinner; ;LA County Vector Control District meeting; Park Master Plan Workshop which provided good information; she encouraged everyone to come out on 9/28 for the next Park Master Plan at Nakaoka; it's important that you have a say of what you would like our parks to look like; we are back at school started today; young people are back on the streets on their cell phones, they are not paying attention to you, please watch out for our young people; all kinds of crazy stuff is going on with the weather, just keep remembering and keep the faith that "better days are coming".

(3) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA

Since the last Council Meeting, I attended the following events: City Employee Mixer for new hires and promotions, South Bay COG Board Meeting; National Night Out; Serra High School and watched the Space X project live launch; Serra's engineering students sent an experiment into outer space, we are waiting to get some information back on how the experiment is going; G to the Beach kickoff, trolleys are still running; Officer Rene Lopez's promotion to Sergeant; the League of California Cities LA County Division installation of their new President, Bea Dieringer, who is a Rolling Hills Council Member; the Senior's s'more luncheon at Nakaoka; Non-Profit Meet & Greet; the Bafang Dumpling's grand opening; Steering Committee for the South Bay COG; gave blood today for UCLA's Blood Drive; participated in the South Bay Disaster Control Systems during the tropical storm and earthquake warnings, Stuart Gorsky and city staff did a great job, that system worked out really well; I needed sandbags came to Public Works there was a line of about 15 cars waiting; thanked city staff and Director Rigg; my apologies to Police and Fire for not being able to attend the Masonic Lodge recognition, the Park Master Plan and the End of Summer Dinner.

(4) MAYOR CERDA

Gave a special thanks to Public Works for doing an amazing job; I came out briefly on Friday night and on Saturday; I thought I heard 10,000 bags, Director Rigg confirmed it was 3,000 during the hurricane over the entire weekend; I attended the following events: the Employee Quarterly Mixer and thanked all the directors for recognizing our new hires as well as those who get promoted; the Independent Cities Association seminar with Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, great topics were discussed from what cities should know, to mental health, homelessness, things that are constantly changing; District

Attorney Gascon was the guest speaker; it was great sharing ideas with other elected officials; the trolley kick off; she encouraged everyone to get on; National Night Out was truly a great event; it was great night for our community to come out to talk to our different departments, thanked everyone involved; we have an awesome staff; Los Angeles County Fire Lifeguard Medal of Valor for 50 years of Women Lifeguards; Promotion for Rene Lopez to Sergeant; met with TR Trading which is a non-profit organization who helps people who are incarcerated or homeless find jobs as welders; I have some information I can leave in our office if we need to refer people over; met with and toured several businesses and met with the business owners in the unincorporated areas of LA regarding the issues they are having with Chief Saffell and our police officers; walked with Dave Matthews; this was geared more with the businesses and what issues they are dealing with; just so everyone knows that area is not Gardena it is the unincorporated area of Los Angeles, we stop at Vermont; we do what we can to offer any assistance but we have no jurisdiction there; I attended my Non-Profit Meet and Greet, and wanted to commend staff for doing such a great job; the grand opening of Bafang Dumpling; attended my normal monthly CCGA meeting; Hawthorne State of the City Address; the Park Master plan workshop; Masonic Lodge where they recognized police and fireman of the year; special thanks to Detective Tyler Nash and Firefighter Nicholas Pitchford.

(5) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE

Thanked Director Rigg and Public Works' staff for all their hard work; went by Public Works on Saturday morning and saw that staff was working really hard; I brought them Gatorade, water and donuts; please tell your staff they made us proud; attended the City of Carson street festival, it was a great turnout; National Night Out; she commented Chief Saffell you showed up and Director Santin and all of the departments did a great job; we committed to 300 trays of nachos, it gave me an opportunity to connect with the people; the swearing in of Sergeant Lopez; attended Senator Bradford's Back to School event at Cal State Dominguez; it showed the need that was out there for the parents to receive some assistance with getting their kids the school supplies they needed to go back to school; attended a lot of the senior lunches and candlelight dinners with the seniors; went to the Venice Health Clinic that operates on the eastside of Vermont on Gardena Boulevard, it's a free health clinic; I know we have a couple of them in the City, this one is a chain they own and operate a few other ones; it used to be South Bay Health Clinic, if you are in need of any regular checkups or need medical attention, they do free services for the community; attended the Mayor's Non-Profit Meet and Greet; where we met with a lot of them; it was good to see a lot of the work their doing in giving back and helping the residents in our community; grand opening of Bafang Dumpling restaurant; the Park Master Plan Workshop, I really encourage the community to come out and get involved to the next workshop; we hear a lot when we are talking to people about what they would like to see, here is an opportunity to put your ideas on paper; we don't know what you want unless you tell us. Thanked Chief Saffell; for saying yes when I reached out to him and asked him to be a judge for Lemonade Day. I would also like to thank Council Member Francis for coming out. The kids that ran them, the oldest was 9 and the youngest was 6, they literally did everything, to hear some of them to become an entrepreneur, between 5 stands they raised almost six thousand dollars; and they got to keep all that money; Chief Saffell came out and was serious about judging; the kids were so impressed, for some it was their first encounter with a police officer to see them supporting their business, I can't thank Chief Saffell enough he really stepped up, we are hoping to do more.

23. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda announced:

- 1) Reminder! New Pilot Service Line G to Manhattan Beach is still running until September 2, 2023. Pick-up locations are City Hall and Rowley Park, and it takes you free of charge to Manhattan Beach.
- 2) Willows At Dusk, join us on the following date to explore the Willows, August 25, 2023, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- 3) Reminder! 20th Year Anniversary City of Gardena Jazz Festival, Sunday, August 27, 2023, at Rowley Park. The headliner is Boney James. General admission is \$30 and box seating is \$75 per person.
- 4) Youth Softball Clinics – Free to Participate. Dates Saturday, September 9 & 16, 2023; Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Thornburg Park for 1st - 2nd Grade: 3rd – 5th Grade and 6th – 8th Grade.
- 5) Movies in the Park – The Super Mario Bros. Movie on Friday, September 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Mas Fukai Park.
- 6) 22nd Anniversary 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony, Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 am at the City Hall Lawn.
- 7) Keep Gardena Beautiful Day, Saturday, September 16, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. followed by lunch and a raffle at Mas Fukai Park. We encourage everyone to register by September 1, 2023, at <http://www.eventbrite.com>; search “Keep Gardena Beautiful Day” or contact City Hall.
- 8) Food, Wine & Brew, Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The headliner DW3. General Admission \$25; Reserved Table Seating \$85.
- 9) Park & Recreation Master Plan Workshops: Wednesday, September 27, 2023, 6 pm – 8 pm at the Nakaoka Community Center; Thursday, October 26, 2023, 6 pm – 8 pm at Rowley Park.
- 10) Save the Date – Fall Games, Thursday, September 28, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Freeman Park. Free Event sponsored by the Gardena Police Department; featuring Games, Sweet treats, Raffles & more.

24. REMEMBRANCES - None

25. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:30 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, September 12, 2023.

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