

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

In order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, Governor Newsom has issued Executive Orders that temporarily suspend requirements of the Brown Act. Please be advised that the Council Chambers are closed to the public and that some, or all, of the Gardena City Council Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order via Zoom at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Art Kaskanian; 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; City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Outside Counsel Angela Powell.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

2. **CLOSED SESSION**

2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)  
Fouzia Almarou, et. al v. City of Gardena, et al.  
United States District Court, Central District of California, Case No.2:18-cv-04908-CJC

2.B CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS  
Gov. Code Section 54957.6  
Agency Designated Representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager Employee Organizations:  
1. Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA), Matt Hassholdt, Association President  
2. Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), Vicky L. Barker, Attorney  
3. Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA), Fred G. Quiel, Attorney  
4. Confidential/ Unrepresented Employees

***Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:04 p.m., and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members, who were present at the meeting. When City Attorney Vasquez was asked if there was any reportable action from Closed Session, she stated that no reportable action had been taken.***

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Adrian Avila and Caycee Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance. Adrian and Caycee are both in the 5th grade and attend Denker Elementary School. They were chosen to represent Denker as they are students demonstrating excellent citizenship and dedication to academic achievement in their classroom.

**4. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

**5. PRESENTATIONS - *None***

**6. PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A Constitution Week - September 17 through September 23, 2021 - ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

6.B City Employee Recognition Day - Thursday, September 16, 2021 – ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

6.C "21st Annual Keep Gardena Beautiful Day" - Saturday, September 18, 2021 - ***was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda***

**7. APPOINTMENTS**

7.A Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils and Boards (Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn In)

Human Services Commission - Sharon Pamplin – ***was Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka***

Gardena Beautification Committee - Ochuwa Oghie and Dan Medina – ***both were Appointed by Council Member Francis***

**It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Appoint Sharon Pamplin to the Human Services Commission, and Ochuwa and Dan Medina to the Beautification Committee:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

## 8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### 8.A Approve Minutes:

Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 13, 2021

Regular Meeting of the City Council, July 27, 2021

Special Meeting of the Gardena Financing Agency, July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council, August 10, 2021

Regular Meeting of the Gardena Financing Agency, August 10, 2021

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

### 8.B Receive and File of Minutes: Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, July 20, 2021

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 24, 2021

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

September 9, 2021: Wire Transfer: 12047-12049; Check Nos. 164245-164423 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,777,385.07; Total Payroll Issued for August 13, 2021: \$1,519,750.72.

### 8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, September 14, 2021

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

September 9, 2021: Wire Transfer: 12050-12053; Check Nos. 164435-164593 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,543,511.03; Total Payroll Issued for August 27, 2021: \$1,896,416.86 and September 10, 2021: \$1,714,409.79.

### 8.E Monthly Portfolio, July 2021

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

### 8.F Personnel Report No. P-2021-16

**CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES**

### 8.G Approve Carnival Agreement with Baque Bros/Classic Rides for Fall Carnival at Mas Fukai on Friday, October 29, Saturday, October 30, and Sunday, October 31, 2021.

**CONTACT: RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

### 8.H Approve Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the City of Gardena for Proposition A Incentive Funding for Sub-Regional Paratransit Services

**CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION**

### 8.I RESOLUTION NO. 6530, Authorizing the Application for Federal Transit Administration funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) of 2021

**CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION**

RESOLUTION NO. 6530

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDING UNDER THE AMERICAN RESURE PLAN ACT (ARP) OF 2021

8.J Approval of Final Parcel Map No. 82449

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

8.K Award Construction Contract for Mas Fukai Park Improvements - Existing Fence Rehabilitation Project, JN 820, to Ed's Fencing, Inc., in the Amount of \$83,730.00; Additionally Declare CEQA Exemption, and Approve Project Plans

**CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

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

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

10.A AUGUST 17, 2021 MEETING

A General Plan conformity determination for purchase of 1.19-acre parcel located at 2501 W. Rosecrans Avenue (APN: 4059-018-013).

**Commission Action:** The Commission approved Resolution No. PC 11-21, which serves as the Planning Commission's General Plan conformity report in accordance with Government Code section 65402.

**City Council Action:** No action needed.

**Received and Filed**

10.B AUGUST 17, 2021 MEETING

The Planning Commission considered an ordinance amending Gardena Municipal Code Chapter 18.40 relating to parking and loading to permit off- site parking, street parking, and tandem parking with a conditional use permit in certain circumstances.

**Commission Action:** The Commission approved Resolution No. PC 12-21, recommending the City Council approve Ordinance No. 1883.

**City Council Action:** No action needed; this item has been set for the September 14, 2021, City Council meeting.

**Received and Filed**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No Speakers**

**11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - No Items**

**12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

12.A **PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6531**, Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission and approving Site Plan Review #2-21 and Vesting Tentative Map #1-21, for the Construction of 30 Attached Condominium Townhomes, Including Three Affordable, Low-Income Units, in Six Buildings on a 0.9- Acre Lot Located in the High-Density Multiple-Family Residential Zone (R-4) Per Section 18.44.010 and Title 17 of The Gardena Municipal Code, and Direction to Staff to File a Notice of Exemption from CEQA pursuant to Guidelines Section 15332 (Class 32), as an In-Fill Development Project

**APPLICANT: G3 Urban Inc.**

**LOCATION: 15717 and 15725 S. Normandie Avenue**

**RESOLUTION NO. 6531**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION AND APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW #2-21 AND VESTING TENTATIVE MAP #1-21, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF 30 ATTACHED CONDOMINIUM TOWNHOMES, INCLUDING THREE AFFORDABLE, LOW-INCOME UNITS, IN SIX BUILDINGS ON A 0.9-ACRE LOT LOCATED IN THE HIGH-DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE (R-4) PER SECTION 18.44.010 AND TITLE 17 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FROM CEQA PURSANT TO GUIDELINES SECCTION 15332 (CLASS 32), AS AN IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
(15717 & 15725 S. NORMANDIE AVENUE) (APN # 6105-009-008, 009)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report

Senior Planner Amanda Acuna gave a Power Point presentation.

There was a discussion regarding affordable housing numbers, it was asked if a gate was going to be put in, if the property had been cleared from any contamination and about parking. They also discussed having transit near the project, the types of units and number of guest parking spots, and lighting and landscaping for the project.

Assistant City Attorney answered Council's questions and brought in Consultant Veronica Tam came into meeting and she explained the benefits of low-income housing.

The Applicant, Mitch Gardner came into the meeting and explained what due diligence was done on the property; he also talked about the parking and amount of spaces for each unit. He then said he enjoys working with staff and is always out looking for more.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 8:32 p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Public Speakers:** Graham Jenkins, resident spoke in favor of the project and said it would be a good project for Gardena.

There was no further comment; Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 9:03 p.m.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Resolution No. 6531:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent:None**

- 12.B **PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 1832**, Introduction of an Ordinance adopting amendments to the Gardena Municipal Code, Chapter 18.40 relating to parking and loading, to permit off-site parking, street parking, and tandem parking with a conditional use permit in certain circumstances. The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

ORDINANCE NO. 1832

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 18.40 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL RELATING TO REQUIRED PARKING AND LOADING TO PERMIT OFF-SITE PARKING, STREET PARKING, TANDEM, AND OTHER CONFIGURATIONS WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Former Interim Director Gregg McClain gave a Power Point presentation.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:17 p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public.

There was a discussion regarding reaching out to the business community regarding loading zones, if a portion of the public street or alley way can be used as a parking space, if we would allow a towing company to park their trucks on the street, and if now would be the time to put in the code that we do not approve of lifts.

Former Interim Director McClain answered Council's questions and Assistant City Attorney Kranitz spoke regarding the Ordinance and the amendments to the municipal code.

There was no further comment; Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 9:38 p.m.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to make a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1832:**

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

**Noes: Council Member Francis**

**Absent: None**

- 12.C ORDINANCE NO. 1834: Introduction of an Ordinance regarding City Council review of Planning Commission actions. The project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3).

ORDINANCE NO. 1834

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING SECTION 18.72.050 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE CALL FOR REVIEW PROCEDURES

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Council; Council Member Francis spoke about how Council conducts their business and how there are things that need to be discussed as a body; she then spoke about the calls for review and thinks they have all been valid; she then said it's an opportunity to have a discussion. It was then brought up by Council Member Kaskanian that it's a good idea to talk with your appointed commissioner to check the status of the projects; and Mayor Pro Tem stated that Council appoints these commissioners because we trust they will do the right thing. Mayor Cerda then stated if we have a concern about a certain project, then we need to bring it to the City Manager's attention for clarification.

Director of Community Development Tsujiuchi spoke about the 10-day appeal period.

Former Interim Director, McClain added that these reviews are not funded, and advised Council to call for review when it's important.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz explained the way the municipal code is currently set up for the Planning Commission to be the decision-making body and then how it would go to Council for receive and file.

Developer Mitch Gardner of G3 Urban came into the meeting and shared the developer's perspective.

**Public Speaker:** Zahid Ahmed, came into the meeting and agreed with Council Member Francis that each of the Council should have the right to call for review.

**It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to make a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1834:**

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

12.D 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element Presentation

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Veronica Tam presented a Power Point Presentation.

There was a discussion about how we might change our view on zoning between now and 1/27/2022; an increase in our RHNA numbers; how do we make sure HCD doesn't penalize us because we didn't meet our numbers

Consultant Veronica Tam and Assistant City Attorney Lisa Kranitz answered questions from Council.

**13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

13.A ORDINANCE NO. 1833, Adding Chapter 2.68 to the Gardena Municipal Code Codifying the Gardena Beautification Commission

ORDINANCE NO. 1833

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING CHAPTER 2.68 TO THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE CODIFYING THE GARDENA BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion about how the commission mainly deals with more of the landscape and right of ways throughout the City.

**It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to make a motion to Introduce Ordinance No. 1833:**

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

- 13.B RESOLUTION NO. 6532: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena supporting the Cities Gaming Initiative

RESOLUTION NO. 6532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING THE CITIES GAMING INITIATIVE

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

**It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6532:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 13.C Approval of Purchase and Sale Agreement for Acquisition of Property at 2501 W. Rosecrans Avenue, Gardena, CA 90249

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson commended Council for making this decision; it's a reinvestment in our community. Council Member Francis agreed. City Manager Osorio explained that this a direct result of Measure G.

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

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 13.D COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE - *No Items*

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS – *No Items*

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

## **17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION**

- 17.A Approve the Purchase of two (2) 2016 Trolley Buses from Sawyer Inc. for a Total of \$174,184.

There as a discussion about the deposit and what was the reasoning for purchasing two trolleys; it was mentioned that maybe one could run on the north side and one could run on the south side of town; it was stated that it will add some fun to our transportation and how our City will morph into a modern city developing restaurants, card casinos, etc. Mayor Cerda asked about cameras and if they are ADA compliant.

City Manager Osorio replied that we are purchasing two; one will be used as a back up; he then mentioned that these trolleys will bring a hometown feel. Director Crespo then added that we will retrofit them with cameras and make them smart buses; he then said you could get a wheelchair on them, they are equipped with a ramp.

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

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

## **18. COUNCIL ITEMS - No Items**

## **19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

### Council Member Henderson

- (1) If we could look at the vacant property on Marine next to the Hospital; Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka seconded it.
- (2) Barriers on Redondo Beach Boulevard at Bank of America if we contact the business owners regarding the trash; Council Member Kaskanian seconded it.

### Council Member Francis

- (1) Street Vendor Ordinance – City Attorney Vasquez reported on the status.
- (2) Can the website regarding Boards and Commissions be updated.
- (3) Can we see why it's taking so long to get plans approved; I got a complaint that it's taking months. Council Member Henderson seconded it.

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

- (1) Co-Ed Softball happening at Rowley Park – we are sold out but have waitlist for next season;
- (2) Food, Wine and Brew Festival October 2, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Featuring: DW3 at City Hall, Rick Parma, Eagles Tribute band;
- (3) Harvest Festival October 16, 2021 from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. at City Hall;
- (4) Chili Cook off during Harvest Festival on October 16, 2021 12-2pm at City Hall;
- (5) Let's have fun at Freeman 9/23/2021 from 5-7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social;
- (6) Community Clean-up Day 9/18 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; We are also having a Waste Event see flyer for items you can bring;
- (7) Fur Baby Lovefest taking place 10/10 from 1:00-5:00p.m. at City Hall; Donations appreciated – well behaved dogs on leash; cats in secured carriers are welcome.
- (8) Jazz Festival / Senior BBQ and upcoming events video;
- (9) 9/11 video;
- (10) Brought in Ray Beeman who was just recently promoted to Director of Administrative Services, has been here 6 years in October.

## **21. COUNCIL REMARKS**

1. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN - He congratulated Ray Beeman for his Director promotion. Since the last meeting he attended the following: the Grand Opening for Raising Cane's; the Gardena Jazz Festival, he thanked everyone who participated and the Park and Recreation Department for doing a great job. He apologizes to the Seniors because he was unable to attend the Senior BBQ Event. He also attended the Jewish Celebration "Rosh Hashanah" and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that he looks forward to seeing everyone on Saturday for Clean-Up Day.
2. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON - Since the last meeting he attended the following: the LACO Redistricting Meeting; the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Broadband - discussion regarding Fiber Network; a discussion regarding Metro Developing Express Lanes on the 405 Freeway and how it impacts the Westside as well as the South Bay; AQMD meeting regarding a potential Fulfillment Center at the LA Harbor Gateway; Joint SCAG League of Cities discussion regarding SB-9; LACO Business Federation COVID-19 Meeting; attended the Gardena Jazz Festival; Music Festival in Long Beach and Festival in Carson. One of his highlights was that he had a chance to tour Ramona's and had a great time doing so. Since his been off, his enjoying being a "Grand Dude" not a grand dad to his grandchildren. He celebrated his daughter engagement and congratulated his daughter and her husband to be. He also, attended ICA (Independent Cities Association) in Santa Barbara.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS – Since the last meeting she attended Raising Cane’s Grand Opening; the Local California Meeting via Zoom; the Redistricting Meeting for LAUSD as well as the County of Supervisor Assembly District; the Gardena Jazz Festival; the 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony. She stated that she enjoys voting at the polls and went to Rowley Park to cast her ballot where she votes no on the re-call, while she was there, she also got a COVID test. She is looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday for the community Clean-up in conjunction with the Bulky Item pick-up at Rowley Park. She mentions that the SB-2 Bill has passed and is waiting for it to be sign. She wants to remind everyone that our young people are back in school, which means that they are walking and riding bicycles afterschool with their face in their phones and not paying attention, so please watch out for them and making sure everyone makes it home safe. She wants everyone to continue washing their hands and practice social distance.
  
4. MAYOR CERDA - Since the last meeting she attended the Raising Cane’s Grand Opening and thanked her colleagues who attended the event and who attend other events as well. She attended a quarterly Zoom Meeting with Supervisor Holly Mitchell where she provided an overview of things that can benefit the City of Gardena. She also attended the following: the monthly CCGA Meeting and thanked everyone for supporting tonight’s Resolution; the monthly Sanitation Meeting; the swearing-in ceremony of the new City of Compton Mayor Emma Sharif; the Gardena Jazz Festival, she thanked the staff for doing a great job as they had less volunteers this year. She was unable to attend the retirement ceremony for Lieutenant Erick Lee, she congratulated him and wished him a great retirement. Also, commend him for his 28 years of service with Gardena. She attended the Promotion ceremony for John Francis and Raul Alarcon. On Labor Day she had an opportunity to meet Governor Newson again. She attended the 9/11 ceremony and she thanked everyone who participated in the event and thanked staff for a great ceremony and amazing job. She also did a community update for a local Neighborhood Watch Group. She mentioned and talked about the graffiti issue in Gardena and encourages everyone to report any graffiti by using the Gardena Direct App. She stated that she will be attending the upcoming Employee Recognition and wants to thank all City Employees for all that they do throughout the year. She expressed her concerns regarding vendors and how they are not currently allowed in the city and encourages everyone to alert the authorities.
  
5. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA – He stated his opinion on the graffiti problem in Gardena. Since the last meeting, he was unable to attend the Raising Cane’s Grand Opening. He attended the Gardena Jazz Festival, he commended Stephany and her staff for an awesome event. He has been placed in three or four sub-committees with the South Bay CCOG – he is part of the Homeless Committee; Legislative Committee; Strategy on Environmental issues; and Local Travel Network. He attended the South Bay CCOG Board Meeting and Steering Committee, stating that the SBCCOG has a lot of things happening specially with SB-9. He apologizes for not attending the 9-11 City Event as he was attending another event that was just as special were he presided over a funeral. He celebrated his granddaughter 13th birthday. He attended the retirement celebration of Lieutenant Erick Lee and Promotion for John Francis and Raul Alarcon to the rank of sergeant.

**22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

City Manager Osorio made the announcements during his remarks.

**23. REMEMBRANCES**

All those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks within the United States on September 11, 2001; **Mr. Herman Thompson**; 47 years of age, beloved cousin of Dianne Dent, Assistant Site Manager with the Recreation Department - Senior Bureau; **Mrs. Savey Tufenkian**; 92 years of age, beloved sister of the owner of Waste Resources, **Mrs. Reiko Miyoshi**; long time Gardena resident for over 55 years, she is survived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; **Mrs. Yoshiko Susie Yoshinaga**; 91 years of age. She was a loving mother of four sons, devoted wife, grandmother, and a resident of Gardena for 64 years. She was predeceased by her husband George, former City of Gardena Council appointee to various committees, and her son Robin. She is survived by her sons Paul, Mark, and Tim, and her grandchildren; **Barbara Castro** beloved daughter of George Castro of Castro Photography Studios; Ms. Castro's father was the original volunteer photographer who recorded a number of City events for many, many years, but she stepped in and took over that responsibility when her father retired. Ms. Castro also oversaw the day-to-day photo operations at the Studio after her father retired; and In memory of the 13 service members who lost their lives in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021.

**24. ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:30 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, September 28, 2021.

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

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda  
Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: Becky Romero  
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk