

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, September 13, 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 7:34 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, via Zoom, Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Paulette C. Francis; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; and Council Member Wanda Love; Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and City Clerk Mina Semenza.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

2. CLOSED SESSION - None

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lyneiah Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Lyneiah is in the 1st grade and attends 153rd Street Elementary School. She is enrolled at the Johnson Park Summer Day Camp. Ms. Susie, Camp Coordinator says Lyneiah was a joy, her other campers enjoyed sharing her infectious smile, her positive attitude and kindness.

4. INVOCATION

Presented by Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka

5. PRESENTATIONS - None

6. PROCLAMATIONS

6.A "Constitution Week," September 17-23, 2022
- was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda

6.B "22nd Annual Keep Gardena Beautiful Day," September 17, 2022
- was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda

6.C "City Employee Recognition Day" September 22, 2022
- was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda

Mayor Cerda announced that if anyone is having issues with the Zoom hyperlink is because there was a missing number.

The link was read as follows: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85334729526>.

7. APPOINTMENTS

- 7.A Rent Mediation Board - Member-At-Large Representative - Joanne Brown
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

Ms. Joanne Brown came into the meeting and stated that is an honor to serve on the Commission and looks forward to serving the community.

- 7.B Gardena Beautification Commission - Barbara Phillips
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

- 7.C Recreation Commission - Carrie Scott
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

- 7.D Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission - Hani Nachef
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

Mr. Hani Nachef came into the meeting and stated that he is very excited for the opportunity and hopes to make a difference.

- 7.E Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission - Louis Enriquez
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

Mr. Louis Enriquez came into the meeting and thanked everyone and looks forward to making everyone proud.

- 7.F Human Services Commission - Shari Farmer
- was Appointed by Council Member Love

Ms. Shari Farmer came into the meeting and thanked everyone for the appointment and hopes that her Human Resources experience benefits the City of Gardena.

- 7.G Gardena Beautification Commission - Esther Trujillo
- was Appointed by Council Member Henderson

Ms. Esther Trujillo came into the meeting and thanked Council Henderson for thinking of her and she is grateful to continue working on the Gardena Beautification Commission with Mayor Pro Tem Francis.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all of the above Appointments:

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

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 26, 2022
Special Study Session Meeting, August 9, 2022
Regular Meeting of the City Council, August 9, 2022
Special Council Meeting, August 30, 2022
CONTACT: CITY CLERK

8.C Receive and File of Minutes:
Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, August 16, 2022
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVLEOPMENT

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 23, 2022
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

August 23, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12213 -12215; Check Nos: 168527 -168711 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,803,251.68; Total Payroll Issued for August 12, 2022: \$1,659,769.67.

8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, September 13, 2022
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

September 13, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12216-12232; Prepay: 168712-168717; Check Nos: 168718 -168903 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,855,371.28; Total Payroll Issued for August 26, 2022: \$2,157,253.64; Total Payroll Issued for September 9, 2022: \$1,662,134.39.

8.F Personnel Report P-2022-16 9-13-22
CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

8.G RESOLUTION NO. 6606, Amending the List of Authorized Games and Authorizing the Play of Certain Games in Licensed Card Clubs
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6606

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 Award Contract to FILMLA to provide Film Permit Services
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

8.I Approve Purchase of Bus Engines
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

8.J Approve Purchase of Bus Components
CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

Public Speakers:

- 1) Member of the Public, asked that Zoom link be read again.
- 2) Claire, commented on the raise your hand feature if she wants to speak on an item; asked if we can change our view setting to see other attendees for the Zoom meetings and how can she view the meeting on YouTube. Mayor answered her questions.
- 3) Marc Panetta, wanted to speak on the Short-Term Rental item.

City Attorney Vasquez explained that the short-term rental item is Item 12.A and he would need to raise his hand when that item is up, she indicated that we are only asking for public comment on Consent Calendar items. Mayor Cerda then explained if he has other issues that are not on the Consent Calendar, he can speak during Oral Communication.

Mayor Cerda reiterated the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85334729526>.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Items 8.F, 8.I and 8.J:

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

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

8.F HUMAN RESOURCES - Personnel Report P-2022-16 9-13-22
- Item pulled by Council Member Love

Council Member Love wanted to discuss the Public Information Officer job description. Her concerns are that if we are expecting to find one person to do all the amount of work that is listed on the job description (a web designer, a social media influencer, a graphic arts designer, communication director, public relations, and a newspaper article writer); it seems like a lot. She would like to know if other cities have hired or are looking to hire one person to do this amount of work. She would also like to know what it means if the position is “confidential”. City Manager Osorio answered all of her questions.

Mayor Cerda gave her opinion on this item.

8.I TRANSPORTATION - Approve Purchase of Bus Engines
- Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Francis

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if we are purchasing engines for our hybrid fleets; and commented that she thought we were phasing those out so we could go with an all-electric fleet.

City Manager Osorio replied to her questions.

8.J TRANSPORTATION - Approve Purchase of Bus Components
- Item pulled by Mayor Pro Tem Francis

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if these are remanufactured engines and if transmissions are affected as well; she then asked if this will affect the annual budget?

City Manager Osorio replied to all her questions.

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

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

Noes: Council Member Love

Absent: None

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Francis and seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Items 8.I & 8.J:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A September 6, 2022 MEETING
Zone Text Amendment #2-22 (Ordinance No. 1844)

The Planning Commission considered an Ordinance amending Title 18, Zoning, of the Gardena Municipal Code to prohibit short-term rentals of residences for lodging purposes and short-term rentals of residences and other commercial uses not listed as allowed uses under the Gardena Municipal Code. The Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the commonsense exemption set forth in Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

APPLICANT: City

LOCATION: Citywide

Commission Action: The Planning Commission approved Resolution No. PC 11-22 by vote of 3-1, approving Zone Text Amendment #2-22 (Ordinance No. 1844).

City Council Action: Receive and File. This item will be brought forth to the Council for review at a future City Council meeting.

This item was Received and Filed. It was announced that a Public Hearing is set for the September 27, 2022, Council Meeting to introduce Ordinance No. 1844.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Marc Panetta: owns apartment property on 147th asked if the policy when obtaining a police report for having disruptive tenants or domestic violence for landlords could be modified; asked if the time when requesting a hearing with the Rent Mediation Board could be reduced; and if getting a permit from Building & Safety could go back to the pre-COVID way when you could just walk up to the counter; making an appointment is not as user friendly.

Mayor Cerda stated that COVID made things difficult when it came to hearings with the Rent Mediation Board and seeing people in person when they were applying for permits with Building & Safety. She then stated that things have gotten better; I appreciate your comment and will take that into consideration.

City Attorney Vasquez spoke on the policy when it came to obtaining a police report stating that it's state law that governs that government code section not the Police or City's municipal code.

- 2) Karen Theirs: resident, needs to have some work done on her house and would like to see the permit process easier than what it is now; she then spoke about the demolition of the hospital on Marine, and the 200 unit 7-story apartment building that is going in.
- 3) Shari Farmer: commissioner, asked about the comment Marc Panetta made about evictions; Mr. Panetta was talking about the suspect.
- 4) Cynthia: resident, commented on the hospital demolition; why didn't we get notified.
- 5) Justin: resident, commented on the demo of hospital and PIO position.
- 6) Kevin Davidson: resident, can you help clarify what's on the agenda tonight versus the item that is coming up on 9/27/2022 Council meeting.

City Attorney Vasquez gave clarification on both items.

Community Development Director Tsujiuchi came into the meeting and spoke on the hospital demolition and explained what the Developer / Contractor will be doing to mitigate the issues. He indicated that the Developer did obtain the Asbestos Abatement Certificate.

City Manager Osorio came in and explained that we recently had a study session on the proposed new development. He then said the City Council has not decided what will be replacing the hospital.

Mayor Cerda then stated that the public will be able to come out and speak on the project in the future.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz mentioned that we do not even have an application yet for the proposed development; an environmental review will need to be done and a public hearing will be done at that time.

City Manager Osorio asked CDD Director Tsujiuchi to explain what an Asbestos Abatement Certificate is.

CDD Director Tsujiuchi came into the meeting and explained.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked what type of measures are going to be taken; she didn't hear everything CDD Director Tsujiuchi mentioned. She then asked what is being done?

CDD Director Tsujiuchi reiterated everything he said earlier.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if some type of covering could be put up, and is that part of the mitigation measure?

Council Member Love spoke on the demolition issue and mentioned that she remembered on another project that happened in Gardena, that scaffolding, and screens were put up to prevent disruption and it really helped with the dust. Can we ask developers / contractors to be proactive?

CDD Director Tsujiuchi answered all of Council's questions.

City Clerk Semenza announced that she had some emails to read into the record that were received from the public and were to be brought forth during Oral Communications. They were as follows:

- 1) An email regarding the continuing problem we are having with coyotes;
- 2) An email regarding improving the policy of releasing the appropriate area information for "Sexual Assaults" on the GPD 3-day Crime Report Map; and
- 3) Six (6) emails in opposition of short term rentals.

She then noted that if anyone wanted to view these records, they can do so by going to the City Clerk's office.

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

11.A Worker's Compensation Third-Party Administrator (TPA) Professional Services Agreement

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked the following questions: Why are we getting a new one; and how are they going to help us in this area?

Administrative Services Director Beeman came into the meeting and explained the process of hiring them. He then told Mayor Pro Tem Francis that he was going to let Ms. Adlam come into the meeting so she could answer any questions.

Council Member Tanaka explained that we've been with Adminsure for a long time; he then asked if Adminsure put their bid in when we did the RFP and continued to explain that cheaper is not always better; just want to make sure that the new company can ensure us that they are going to be able to do a better job.

LWP Claims President Judy Adlam came into the meeting and spoke about her company. She indicated one of the things they are very well known for is being pro-active with their claims and very pro-active with the employees. She continued to say that we provided a number of references and if you were to check them, they would tell you that we were able to reduce their number of claims. We presented quite a few case studies during our oral interview and were able to show you the actual results we achieved for different cities.

City Manager Osorio – explained why we changed TPAs; he wanted to make sure we take care of our employees.

Council Member Tanaka thanked Ms. Adlam.

Council Member Henderson commented that because we had such a long-standing relationship with Adminsure, the competitive process was warranted, he continued to say we performed our due diligence by not just handing it back over to them; they elected to decline, so now we have a competitive firm to help our employees. He then mentioned that we are looking forward to the work LWP can do for our employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked how long is the contract for?

Director Beeman answered Mayor Pro Tem Francis' question.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize and Execute a Professional Services Agreement:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 12.A URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1843, An Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Short-Term Rental. The Urgency Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the commonsense exemption set forth in Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1843

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked our City Attorney to clarify the number of votes needed.

City Attorney Vasquez stated for clarification that we would need 4 yes votes in order for this motion to pass.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis stated that she called for the moratorium because we don't have anything in place; there are STR happening in Gardena; it's important that it allow us some time to develop a good ordinance and cover all the bases; we need to protect the nature of our residential area, we are a family oriented city and I would like for it to remain that way.

Mayor Cerda asked our City Attorney to confirm the date this ordinance would go into effect if it did pass.

City Attorney Vasquez stated that it would not go into effect until October 31, 2022.

Council Member Love asked if this is not passed, then what happens?

City Attorney Vasquez – came in and explained.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if it is passed, for residents who have STRs in place, those before October 1st, are those okay?

City Attorney Vasquez answered Mayor Pro Tem Francis' question and then asked city staff to let her know where the appeal process language was in the Ordinance.

Assistant City Attorney stated that the appeal process language was not put into the ordinance, but it should have been added.

Mayor Cerda then stated if it is adopted tonight, can we say that add that portion in if someone wanted to appeal it.

City Attorney Vasquez asked staff to look for the language and be brought up for the appeal process language to be added into the record.

Council Member Henderson asked if the moratorium does pass can we request staff can give us analysis of those that are operating currently and giving us a TOT estimation so we can make an informed decision.

Asst City Attorney Kranitz gave the amount of STRs we currently have in our city which is about 130 rentals, and an estimation of TOT would be \$125,000 a year but then we would be paying a company to check on them.

Council Member Love – it's just not the TOT tax that we would benefit from, we could then add on the license fee; we have 60,000 residents some are using this as income, to know that we had a lot of Airbnb that run smooth and then we need to look out for our residents as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked about the company that keeps track of STRs; one thing I've learned is that there are different definitions are used for STRs; can you go back and add these in; she also stated that STRs have a negative impact on our housing supply; she indicated that she has spoken to several residents and has listened to all their concerns; and we want what's best for our city; it's just not today, it for our future as well.

City Attorney Vasquez – the Ordinance already has definitions captures the issue this case short term lodging rentals.

Council Member Love – considering we already have a number of Air BnB's that are operating in our city, yes, we have some that are disruptive, but we have way more that are operating with no issues; she asked City Attorney Vasquez to confirm the ordinance we are taking about tonight is to deny or regulate the approval of Air BnB.

City Attorney Vasquez – clarified the difference between the Urgency Ordinance and the Ordinance that is being brought forth at our 9/27/2022 Council meeting.

Council Member Love then asked that tonight for those Air BnB's that can prove they already have bookings prior to 9/13/2022 can continue to allow them?

City Attorney Vasquez replied up until October 31, 2022.

Asst City Attorney Kranitz shared her screen showing the appeal language so it could be part of the record, and then verbally summarized the language.

Mayor Cerda asked Assistant City Attorney Kranitz to clarify that backyard rentals and swimming pool uses are already prohibited.

Assistant City Attorney clarified that language.

The following people came into the meeting and spoke in opposition of the temporary moratorium:

Blair, Marc Panetta, Maria Reitzman, Celina, Victoria, Cynthia Mendez, Jordan, Kate, Kevin Davidson, Charisse, Albert Cua Stephanie Mora, Kathleen Tsai, Vera Povetina, Mimi, and Art Mendez

Mayor Cerda stated that in hearing all of these concerns, she would be okay waiting until our 9/27/2022 meeting until we come up with a more permanent solution.

Council Member Tanaka stated that he would be okay waiting until our 9/27/2022 meeting, so we could discuss and put regulations in place thinks we can work something out based on what we heard tonight. Spoke that the COG does home share in the south bay, I'm all in favor of the shorter term than the longer term.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis commented that this puts a hold on things for the moment; there's nothing in place explained that it would put something in place temporarily; there is a reason it became an urgency ordinance and asked

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz – to be effective immediately it had to be an urgency ordinance.

Council Member Henderson commented that he's always moved by the comments; and asked that we could come up with a more comprehensive solution at the 9/27/2022 meeting that would address what is for and against. If we just want to stay with the decision tonight and asked for clarification; can we propose regulations that would replace what the STR's company's regulations; can we also look into the fee structure.

City Attorney Vasquez explained all of the options Council would have. Assistant City Attorney explained the basic fee structure.

Assistant City Attorney Kranitz – suggested we still have the public hearing at the 9/27/2022 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis stated that he City of Inglewood has a moratorium on STRs.

City Attorney Vasquez replied that they no longer have their moratorium.

Council Member Love commented that she is baffled that we are still considering a moratorium; we heard from all of these residents who are all opposed; gave her concerns and stated that she agrees that we need to move forward with an ordinance that puts regulations in place.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis commented that the intent was just to put a hold on things temporarily so we could have a discussion.

Council Member Henderson asked if he could make a motion to table the ordinance to 9/27/2022 meeting.

City Attorney Vasquez asked for confirmation of what Council Member Henderson is proposing.

Mayor Cerda then asked for clarification of what Council Member Henderson was proposing.

Council Member Henderson rescinded his motion; that they would vote on the moratorium ordinance tonight and have a public hearing on the ordinance that would regulate STRs at our 9/27/2022 Council Meeting.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1843 with the added appeal language, by way of a four-fifths vote:

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

Urgency Ordinance No. 1843 did not pass.

Council Member Love asked if we could get a representative from Airbnb to speak on 9/27/2022.

CDD Director Tsujiuchi replied to Council Member Love's request.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if we could get a representative from an entity or organization that would be opposed to STRs.

CDD Director Tsujiuchi replied to Mayor Pro Tem's request.

12.B Contract Building Services Agreement with BPR Consulting Group, Inc. to Provide Building Official and Other Building Related Inspection and Processing Services

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis commented that she thought this consulting group was going to help train full time staff and help Community Development become a full-service department as well, so we wouldn't be in this position. She stated that she heard the big developers get through the process pretty quickly, but the homeowners and other individuals have been taking a lot longer. She then thanked CDD Director Tsujiuchi.

City Manager Osorio and CDD Director Tsujiuchi replied to her comments.

Council Member Henderson commented and wanted to give Director Tsujiuchi some credit and thanked staff, because the turnaround time has been reduced.

Council Member Tanaka commented that he agrees he used to get calls all the time and has only gotten one in the last two months.

Council Member Love commented that it doesn't make sense to me; I need clarification on why we are hiring this group at \$1.4 million; at what point do we start bringing this work back in house before we write them another check for \$1.4 million; what are we getting that's different; once we fill these positions, what happens to these contracts; why is it so difficult for us to get staffing.

CDD Director Tsujiuchi explained the process of getting permits, timelines, projected projects, and what plans for the future are in place.

Council Member Henderson commented that he wants to be a proponent of the appointment system; things may have been rushed when people were going to the counter, you have one-on-one time with staff; he then commented on contracting versus hiring and the benefits we have to pay.

Council Member Tanaka commented asked for the money that were paying right now, can you tell us what's our return, is a positive or a negative.

CDD Director Tsujiuchi replied to Council Member Tanaka's question.

City Manager Osorio what we are seeing is the expenditure side, what you are not seeing is the revenue side.

Council Member Love stated that she would just like to see City staff return to every department; it seems like we are having a problem with staffing, we can't keep operating short staff and handing out contracts.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if BPR brought on additional staff? I thought they were going to bring this department to perform fully. Where is their incentive to bring staff in? Are they getting a percentage of our plan check fees?

City Manager Osorio replied to Mayor Pro Tem Francis' questions.

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

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve an Agreement with BPR Consulting Group, Inc. and authorize a Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,408,327:

Ayes: Council Members Tanaka, Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Francis and Council Member Love

Absent: None

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

13.A COVID-19 Update

City Manager Osorio presented the update.

13.B RESOLUTION NO. 6601, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena Opposing the Two Statewide Ballot Measures that Would Expand Gaming in California

RESOLUTION NO. 6601

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GARDENA OPPOSING THE TWO STATEWIDE BALLOT
MEASURES THAT WOULD EXPAND GAMING IN CALIFORNIA

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem asked how do you get a resolution on the agenda? I am opposed to Propositions 26 & 27.

Mayor Cerda commented that the JPA that she is a part of opposed it and have asked us to do a resolution in opposition.

Council Member Tanaka stated that he is the alternate of this JPA; everyone needs to understand why we are against it. It affects every casino and racehorse track. If you look at Indian gaming, they don't pay tax; Indian casino is trying to take a monopoly; from what I understand they just purchased a casino in Vegas. Their advertisements are on 20 times a day it costs a lot of money to advertise; what have they done so far; supposedly supposed to go to homeless they are playing against each other. I am agreeing with what we are putting out tonight.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6601:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE – *No Items*

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

- 15.A Award Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Contract for the Pedestrian Safety Project FY 2022-2032, JN 513, to Southern California Precision Concrete Inc. in the Amount of \$150,000 and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson asked if we are able to negotiate the pricing per inch foot any further?

City Manager Osorio replied to his question.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if this is for sidewalk repair citywide? If a sidewalk needs to be repaired, can a resident submit a request? Serra High School has a request for the trees that are near the sidewalks; it needs to be fixed. She then asked if a piggyback contract could be explained to her.

Director Rigg came into the meeting and answered Mayor Pro Tem's questions.

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

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Contract and Declare CEQA Exemption:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 15.B Award Construction Contract for the 170th St. Street Improvement from Normandie Avenue to Vermont Avenue Project, JN 944, to Sequel Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$736,450.00, Award Construction Management and Inspection Services to Wallace and Associates Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$ 106,220.00, Approve Budget Appropriation of \$380,000 Prop C funds, Approve the Project Plans and Specifications and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if we are going to hire someone to plant trees? Don't we have a contract with Mariposa?

Public Works Director Rigg came in and answered her questions.
MH – when a project

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to award Construction Contract; Award Construction Management and Inspection Services; Approve Budget Appropriation; Approve Project Plans and Specifications, and Declare CEQA Exemption:

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

Noes: Mayor Pro Tem Francis and Council Member Love

Absent: None

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

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION

- 17.A Approve Contract for Bus Detailing

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

17.B Approve Paratransit Service Agreement with the City of Hawthorne

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Is it possible to extend the paratransit for our special events? Especially for our seniors

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

*****Council Member Henderson made a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting and table the remaining Items to the next Council Meeting on September 27, 2022 Council Meeting*****

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked for clarification of the motion being brought forth. City Attorney Vasquez explained the motion.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adjourn the Council Meeting and table the remaining Items to the September 27, 2022, Council Meeting:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 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 27, 2022.

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

APPROVED:



Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: 

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

****The following remaining Items from the September 13, 2022, Council Meeting have been tabled to the September 27, 2022, Gardena City Council Meeting****

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION

17.C Approve Paratransit Service Agreement with Los Angeles County

18. COUNCIL ITEMS

18.A Discussion on the Development of a Policy to Donate Buses to Local Non-Profits

Discuss donating buses to local non-profits and provide staff direction regarding a Bus Donation Policy

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

20. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA
2. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE
3. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. MAYOR PRO TEM FRANCIS

22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

23. REMEMBRANCES

All those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks within the United States on September 11, 2001; **LaTanya "LT" Meadors**, 61 years of age. LT worked for the South Bay Regional Communications Authority as a Dispatcher. In 2015 she retired as an Acting Supervisor, but she continued supporting the Gardena Police Department and every South Bay Police Department because she loved what she did. She was greatly involved with the community, and she will be missed; **Alejandra Perez**, 33 years of age, beloved sister of Nathalie Perez, Human Resources Coordinator in the Human Resources Department.