

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, January 28, 2020

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Art Kaskanian; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; and Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka. Council Member Dan Medina was away on excused absence. Other City officials and employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not present.

At 7:00 p.m., the City Council recessed into Closed Session in the Management Information Center of the Council Chamber at City Hall, with the following in attendance: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Art Kaskanian; Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; City Manager Clint Osorio; and City Attorney Carmen Vasquez.

2. CLOSED SESSION

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

(1) Two cases

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

(1) Agency Designated Representative:

Clint Osorio, City Manager

Employee Organization:

Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA)

Mike Sargent, Association President

Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO)

Vicky L. Barker, Attorney

Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA)

Fred G. Quiel, Attorney

Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:06 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 were any reportable actions from the Closed Session, she stated that no reportable action had been taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anthony Fernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance. Anthony is a student at Gardena High School. Anthony was presented a Certificate of Recognition by the City Council for his positive life-changing decisions and achievements and then was recognized by the Officer Sterling Kim and the staff at GJJIP who congratulated him for his amazing accomplishments while in the GJJIP-sponsored program. He was given an opportunity to speak and expressed how grateful he is for the opportunity to participate in the program and the support he has received. He introduced his family. Then he thanked the Council for inviting them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INVOCATION

The Reverend Owen R. Black, Pastor of Canaan Inheritance Worship Center, led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Gardena Military Veteran Recognition to Honor Veteran Mr. Jorge Serrano, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. *Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian thanked Mr. Serrano for his military service. Then Mayor Cerda read a brief Biography and Mr. Serrano was presented with a City of Gardena Veterans Commemorative Coin. Mr. Serrano was given an opportunity to speak, and appropriate photos were taken.*
- (2) Certificate of Recognition to the Members of City of Gardena Explorer Post #142 for their Successes this month in the 22nd Annual Chandler Tactical Competition, held in Arizona – *was accepted by Members of the Explorer Post #142 and their Leaders Detectives Octavio Saldana, and Roberto Rosales, Officers Tyler Nash, Liliana Pinela, Mayda Zelaya, Victor Saldana, Michael Medeiros and Sergeant Patrick Goodpaster.* Chief Mike Saffell spoke and shared about the competition activities and gave the names of Post members who won high marks in the competition.
- (3) Certificates of Special Recognition to Gardena Senior High School Varsity Football Team; Winners of the: 2019 LA City Division III Championship; 2019 2nd Place State Division 7AA Championship; and 2019 CIF California Southern Regional Division 7AA Championship - *was accepted by Gardena High School Football Team Members, Coaches, and School Administrators.* Principal Rosalie Martinez spoke and thanked the Council, on behalf of Gardena High School and the Team.
- (4) Certificates of Commendation in Recognition of Receiving 2020 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL AWARDS to:
 - (a) 156th Street Elementary School – *was accepted by Mrs. Sidra Dudley, Principal, 156th Street Elementary School*
 - (b) Chapman Elementary School – *was accepted by Mrs. Sheronda Dowdell, Principal, Chapman Elementary School*
- (5) Certificate of Recognition to Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and Gardena Chapter Phi Theta Zeta in Honor of the International Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Sorority, held January 16-18, 2020 – *was accepted by Ms. Michelle Miller, MPA, President of Phi Theta Zeta Chapter, joined by many members of the Phi Theta Zeta Chapter.*

ADDED PRESENTATION (not previously on posted Agenda):

- (6) “Operation Valentine” – Mrs. Charlotte Lynch was presented with a huge number of valentines by children in Gardena’s After-School Program who had made them. This was in response to a request made by Major Bill White, a 104-year old Marine Corps veteran, seeking to collect the most valentines. Recreation and Human Services Director Stephany Santin spoke and reported that Mrs. Lynch will send the valentines to Major White.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS (Continued)

B. PROCLAMATIONS – *None*

C. APPOINTMENTS – *No Appointments were made*

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

- (a) Human Services Commission
- (b) Planning and Environmental Quality Commission
- (c) Recreation and Parks Commission
- (d) Senior Citizens Commission
- (e) Gardena Youth Commission
- (f) Gardena Beautification Committee
- (g) Gardena Economic Business Advisory Council
- (h) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Owner Representative
- (i) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Tenant Representative
- (j) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, At-Large Representative

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF ALL ORDINANCES LISTED ON THIS AGENDA AND THAT THEY BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

B. CITY CLERK

- (1) Approved: Minutes of
 - (a) Gardena City Council Regular Meeting, January 14, 2020
- (2) Approved: Affidavit of Posting Agenda on January 24, 2020

C. CITY TREASURER

- (1) Approved: Warrants / Payroll Register
 - (a) January 28, 2020: Wire Transfer: 11850; Prepay: 157372; Check Nos. 157373-157561; for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$1,842,415.46; Total Payroll Issued for January 17, 2020: \$2,221,085.61

D. CITY MANAGER

- (1) Approved: Personnel Report No. P-2020-2
- (2) Approved: RESOLUTION NO. 6430, Amending the List of Authorized Games and Authorizing the Play of Certain Games in Licensed Card Clubs

RESOLUTION NO. 6430

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

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

D. CITY MANAGER (Continued)

- (3) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6431, Authorizing the City of Gardena to Partner in the Filing of Compton Creekside Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant with Los Angeles County and Approve Agreements

RESOLUTION NO. 6431

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARDENA TO PARTNER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE COMPTON CREEKSIDE PROJECT

- (4) **Approved:** Purchase of Engines from Tom’s Truck Center North County, LLC in the Amount of \$46,488
Council Member Tanaka commented on the ‘no warranty’ of the purchase of these Engines.
- (5) **Approved:** Ratify Administrative Approval of Agreement with Lily Lapenna for a Contract Total of \$66,250

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve all Items on the Consent Calendar, except for Item 5.D.(3):

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

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Henderson had asked that Item 5.D.(3) be pulled for discussion. He wanted to bring the partnership with this Agency to the community’s attention, and how it’s a positive thing.

It was then moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Item 5.D.(3):

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

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. JANUARY 21, 2020, MEETING – Meeting Cancelled

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) **Ms. Lydia Gutierrez**, Candidate for LAUSD School Board District #7 seat: introduced herself to Council and asked everyone to come out to vote at our March 3, 2020 Election.
- (2) **Ms. Cheral Sherman**, Vice-President, Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve: acknowledged Director of Recreation and Human Services Stephany Santin and thanked her for all her help and what she is doing to support the Preserve. Sherman also spoke about upcoming events, new changes, and hours of operation. She invited everyone to visit the Preserve.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - No Items

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1814, Amending the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1814

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ZONING PROVISIONS OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS AND JUNIOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz presented a PowerPoint presentation.

There was a discussion which included the Mayor, Council Members, and Assistant City Attorney Kranitz regarding the problems we would face by adding these types of ADUs onto the property houses in our Community. Parking was the biggest concern. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz explained that if we did not comply by adopting this Urgency Ordinance, we would be found not compliant and our residents would have to follow this state mandated law. She also indicated that other Cities are not happy and are adopting similar Ordinances.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 1814, with the condition that an opposition letter be sent to Gardena's State Legislators:

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

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) Consideration of the Sale of the Wireless Tower Lease for the Wireless Tower Located at Bell Park, 14708 S. Halldale Avenue, Gardena, California 90247

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, Council Member Tanaka, and City Manager Osorio regarding the conditions of the sale. City Manager Osorio indicated that, as of now, we are here to get Council's authorization to sell; an agreement will then be drafted indicating the conditions and restrictions.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Make a Motion to Grant an Option to Purchase the Wireless Tower; and Authorize the City Manager and/or City Attorney to Conduct Negotiations to Finalize if Option is Exercised:

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

D. GENERAL SERVICES

- (1) Approve Purchase Order to Vermeer Corporation for a Vermeer Tier 4 SC802 – 74HP Stump Cutter in the Amount of \$65,706.65 for Public Works Street & Highway Equipment Purchase, JN 942

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor, Council Members, City Manager Osorio, Public Works Principal Engineer Kevin Kwak, and Superintendent Kevin Thomas regarding West Coast Arborists contract with the City and how not maintaining 100% of our trees is in the contract. It was also discussed that West Coast Arborists identifies dead trees and then notifies us before there is any removal; this equipment purchase will give Public Works the flexibility of removing them on our own.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Medina

E. POLICE

- (1) Authorization to Purchase Eleven Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., in the Amount of \$83,911.00, under the 2017 Homeland Security Program Grant

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Council Member Henderson and Chief Saffell regarding the amount of radios that needed to be replaced.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Medina

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES – No Items

G. TRANSPORTATION

- (1) Approve City of Gardena's GTrans FY 2020-2022 Short Range Transit Plan

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor Cerda and Transit Administrative Officer Dana Pynn regarding how every three (3) years the full Plan is completed. For the in-between years, only a portion is done.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

G. TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

- (1) Approve City of Gardena's GTrans FY 2020-2022 Short Range Transit Plan (Continued)

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Council Member Medina

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES, & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Mayor Cerda:

- (1) Asked about an agreement between City of Gardena and U-Haul; she had heard that the City entered into an agreement, but was not aware of it; and
- (2) Asked if the lighting and vegetation at Arthur Johnson Park could be looked at. Residents of the Senior Housing are starting to feel unsafe and the trees need to be trimmed back. Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian seconded this request.

Council Member Henderson:

- (1) Asked about the CHASE Bank property at Purche/Rosecrans Avenues, if there has been any progress. Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian seconded this request.

C. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

City Manager Osorio gave a verbal report of information to follow-up matters that had been directed or requested by the Mayor and Members of Council. Written reports and flyers had already been provided to the Council via copies in their regular mail packets. Those items were, as follows:

- (1) Memo, status update regarding Mayor Pro Tem Kaskanian previous directive regarding the property located at 15019 Western Avenue. They are currently conducting an expansion project at the property; a permit is in effect for the duration of the project until 2020, projected completion of the project is this year;
- (2) Memo, status update regarding Council Member Henderson previous directive regarding the City's use of minority-owned banks;
- (3) Memo, status update regarding Mayor Cerda's previous directive regarding Public Health and informative materials that have been placed in GTrans buses regarding the ban of smoking and vaping;
- (4) Free Shredding Event for Gardena Residents on Saturday, 02/1/2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Gardena City Hall;

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES, & REMARKS (Continued)

C. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS (Continued)

- (5) An Informative Session, “The Truth about Vaping” will be held on Saturday, 02/8/2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Nakaoka Community Center;
- (6) Free Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste Recycling Roundup, Saturday, 02/22/2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Arthur Johnson Park, 1200 W. 170th Street, Gardena;
- (7) Youth Soccer League Registration sign-ups, 02/01/2020 through 02/29/2020 on a “First-come, First-Served” basis. Volunteer coaches are needed; and
- (8) Spring Community Yard Sale, at Mas Fukai Park, Saturday, 03/28/2020, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vender spaces are now available on a “First-come, First Served” basis.

D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – He attended Chief Saffell’s Pinning Ceremony. He noted there were so many retired officers, current officers, and dignitaries from the South Bay and Los Angeles County. He said that the MLK parade was the largest parade he has ever witnessed and thanked the MLK Committee, Stephany Santin and her staff. He attended the Elk’s State President visit at the Lodge. He attended a rally in San Pedro. Lastly, he attended a meeting of the RCC Board and Executive Users Committee.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – He congratulated Chief Saffell. He said he was at Cal State Dominguez Hills for the South Coast Air Quality District informational meeting and shared that they were making a push for making municipalities modernize their fleets and having them put a tax measure on their ballots. He attended the Town Hall meeting regarding voting at the Nakaoka Community Center and said it was a great presentation. He went to the MLK Youth Program on Friday Night and attended the Parade the following day. He attended his first Elks event where it was led by President Tim Jaeger and First Lady Sandy. He shared he loved to hear leadership speak about their vision. He attended the Southern Christian Leadership Council MLK dinner which was very enlightening. He attended the Los Angeles MLK parade. He said he got sworn in as the Co-chair for the responsive Governance Committee of the Los Angeles Business Federation of LA County. He said he chaired his first meeting and talked about SB 37 which is the corporate tax increase. He passed the list of names of victims who were killed in last Sunday’s helicopter crash to Mayor Cerda.
- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – Away on Excused Absence.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA – She attended the Pinning Ceremony for Chief Saffell and congratulated him. She shared that Mike Saffell is the 11th Chief of Police to be appointed in the City of Gardena. He attended the California Cities Gaming Authority (CCGA) JPA meeting and attended the County Sanitation District 5 Board Meeting. She attended the Voting Machine Town Hall meeting on January 16 and thanked our City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk. Mayor Cerda started listing the locations for the voting centers and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero, clarified the 11-day and 4-day locations. She attended Gardena’s Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Commemorative Program on Friday Night and the parade the following day. She shared that there were 100 participants in the parade and that it went on for about an hour and forty minutes. She congratulated the MLK Committee and Recreation and Human Services Division for putting that event together. Later that day, she attended the Elk’s State President’s dinner to welcome the President to Gardena. The following day she attended the 2020 Okinawa... (continued)

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES, & REMARKS (Continued)

D, COUNCIL REMARKS COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

(4) MAYOR CERDA (Continued)

...Association of America's New Year's Party held at the Carson Community Center. She participated in the Los Angeles Dr. Martin Luther King Parade. She attended a special luncheon held by the Southwest Board of Realtors where State Senator Bradford was their guest speaker. She said on a sad note that Senator Bradford was in support of SB 50 and suggested to reach out and share their views on how they feel about the SB 50. She attended the Korean New Year event on Wednesday. She said she stopped by for the homeless event and thanked her colleagues, Council Members Henderson and Kaskanian, for participating in that event. On Sunday, she attended a service at Community Worship Center as they celebrated their 5th Anniversary.

(5) MAYOR PRO TEM KASKANIAN – on January 15 he attended the Pinning Ceremony for Police Chief Mike Saffell and congratulated him. On January 18 he attended the Elk's President visits and the MLK Parade. He stated that he walked for the homeless count. He asked Mayor Cerda to adjourn the meeting in memory of the victims in the tragic helicopter accident.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cerda announced:

(1) Gardena now has 10 Voting Centers in our City. Deputy City Clerk Romero gave all of the locations.

11. REMEMBRANCES

MR. MIGUEL BERMUDEZ, 85 years old, a Gardena resident for 60 years, beloved father of Mrs. Norma Flores, an active member of the Gardena Sister City Association; REV. HURLON Q. FUTREL, 89 years of age, who pastored in Gardena for over 45 years; twenty-five years at Southern Vermont Baptist Church and then at Berachah Baptist Fellowship until his passing this month; and ALL THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE TRAGIC HELICOPTER CRASH LAST SUNDAY AS THEY WERE FLYING TO A BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AT MAMBA SPORTS ACADEMY IN THOUSAND OAKS: MR. KOBE BRYANT, 41 years old, legendary Basketball Star and MVP of National Basketball Association, who had a 20-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers and, among his countless outstanding accomplishments, was the Coach of the Top-Tier Basketball Team at Mamba Sports Academy; MISS GIANNA "GIGI" BRYANT, 13 years old, daughter of Kobe and Vanessa Bryant, and member of Mamba Sports Academy Basketball Team; MR. JOHN ALTOBELLI, 56 years of age, longest-tenured Baseball Coach of Orange Coast College; MRS. KERI ALTOBELLI, 46 years old, wife of Mr. John Altobelli; MISS ALYSSA ALTOBELLI, 13 years old; daughter of John and Keri Altobelli and member of the Mamba Sports Academy Basketball Team; MS. CHRISTINA MAUSER, 38 years of age, Top Assistant Coach of the Mamba Girls Basketball Team; MR. ARA ZOBAYAN, 50 years old, veteran pilot and private pilot for Kobe Bryant; MRS. SARAH CHESTER, 45 years old, associated with Team Mamba; and MISS PAYTON CHESTER, 13 years old, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Chester and member of the Mamba Sports Academy Basketball Team.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the next regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.

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