

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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 via Zoom at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 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 7:04 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. Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and Directors Ray Beeman and Ernie Crespo.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None

2. CLOSED SESSION

2.A CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Employee Organizations:

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

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 8:23 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 reported that staff was provided with direction, but no reportable action was taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Payton Thomas, who is a 2nd grader at Chapman Elementary School led the Pledge of Allegiance and recited it in Mandarin as well.

4. **INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Gardena Police Department Special Needs Sticker Program
- Presentation was made by Police Chief Mike Saffell; Christie Martinez, Administrative Program Director of Mychal's Learning Place came into the meeting to speak about the Program and the partnership they have with our City

5.B "Mosquitoes in Gardena: What you need to Know" - Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Presentation – *Former Council Member Dan Medina introduced Mary-Joy Coburn, who gave a Presentation*

5.C 2021 American Public Transportation Association Bus Safety Gold Awards
Presentation was made by Transportation Director Ernie Crespo

6. **PROCLAMATIONS**

6.A "2021 Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021" - To be Proclaimed Only - *Proclaimed by Mayor Cerda*

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

7.A Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees Appointment – *Council Member Francis was appointed by Council to a 2-year term*

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Consider and discuss appointment to the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board of Trustees:

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

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, October 26, 2021
Study Session Meeting, October 28, 2021
Special Closed Session Meeting, November 6, 2021
CONTACT: CITY CLERK

- 8.C Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, November 9, 2021
CONTACT: CITY TREASURER

November 9, 2021: Wire Transfer: 12073-12081; Prepay: 165182-165186; Check Nos. 165187 -165343 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,104,354.57 Total Payroll Issued for November 5, 2021: \$1,554,788.15.

- 8.D Personnel Report No. P-2021-20
CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES

- 8.E RESOLUTION NO. 6537, Making the legally required findings to Re-Authorize the use of Teleconferencing in accordance with Assembly Bill 361 for meetings of the Gardena City Council and other Commissions, Committees and Boards subject to State open meeting laws.
CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NO. 6537

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THE LEGALLY REQUIRED FINDINGS TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE USE OF TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 361 FOR MEETINGS OF THE GARDENA CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS SUBJECT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAWS

- 8.F ORDINANCE NO. 1835, Adopting an Ordinance Changing the Date Of The City's General Municipal Election From the First Tuesday After The First Monday in March of Even-Numbered Years To The Date Of The Statewide Primary Election In Even-Numbered Years, In Response to Senate Bill 970 And Adjusting Terms In Office Accordingly
CONTACT: ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

ORDINANCE NO. 1835

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CHANGING THE DATE OF THE CITY'S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE DATE OF THE STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, IN RESPONSE TO SENATE BILL 970; ADJUSTING TERMS IN OFFICE ACCORDINGLY

- 8.G ORDINANCE NO. 1836: Adopting an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 15.60 to the Gardena Municipal Code which adopts by reference the model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 1836

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15.60 TO THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE WHICH CHAPTER ADOPTS BY REFERENCE THE MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

- 8.H ORDINANCE NO. 1837, Adopting an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 8.20 of the Gardena Municipal Code, Adopting a new updated Chapter 8.20 and Updating Chapter 2.60 of the Gardena Municipal Code to incorporate provisions of Senate Bill 1383 and Regulations adopted by CalRecycle

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

ORDINANCE NO. 1837

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 8.20 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE, ADOPTING A NEW UPDATED CHAPTER 8.20 AND UPDATING CHAPTER 2.60 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE PROVISIONS OF SENATE BILL 1383 AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY CALRECYCLE

- 8.I Approve Purchase of Security Camera Surveillance System from Luminator Technology Group, Inc. for GTrans Special Transit Vehicles and Trolley Buses in the Amount of \$66,509

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approved all Items on the Consent Calendar:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

- 10.A NOVEMBER 2, 2021, MEETING – *Meeting Cancelled*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No Speakers

11. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 11.A Approval of Update to Guidelines for the Cares Act Program Funding (CDBG- CV) received from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Alleviate the Negative Economic Impacts of Covid-19

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Administrative Analyst Mary Simonell gave a PowerPoint Presentation.

There were a number of questions and concerns from our Council regarding: the number of applications we approved and denied; the amount we gave out to our residents and businesses for rental assistance and for what time period; how small businesses were notified and what the HUD requirements were; if people are aware of the utility and nutrition program and possibly get the information out through our public schools, if the funds must be expended by September 2027; if the assistance is a one-time application program, and if we have money for the CDBG projects for improving infrastructure and eliminating blight, which Ms. Simonell answered. City Attorney Vasquez mentioned that the state had a program that had a greater amount of money that was paying back rent that the City hosted and that may be the reason why we have a balance in our fund.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 12.A PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6536, Approving Environmental Assessment #10-21, Site Plan Review #8-21, and Conditional Use Permit #3-21 to Allow a Soccer Facility in the M-1 Zone, and Revoking Conditional Use Permit #4-06 for a Demolition and Hauling Business that No Longer Occurs on the Property. Applicant: GS Sports, LLC (Sebastien Abonnel)
Location: 1440 W. 139th Street (14000 Halldale Avenue)

RESOLUTION NO. 6536

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW #8-21 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #3-21 TO OPERATE A SOCCER FACILITY IN THE M-1 (INDUSTRIAL) ZONE WITH TANDEM AND STREET PARKING, REVOKING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #4-06 TO OPERATE A DEMOLITION AND HAULING BUSINESS, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #10-21) FOR A CLASS 32 IN-FILL DEVELOPMENT 1440 WEST 139TH STREET (14000 HALLDALE AVENUE)
(APN: 6102-020-021)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Senior Planner John Signo gave a PowerPoint presentation. The Applicant, Romain Bianchi of Lab 5, also gave a presentation.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:54 p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the public. Being that there was none, she asked if Council had any comments.

There was a number of questions and concerns from our Mayor and Council regarding storm water run-off, the noise study that was done, the amount of handicap parking spaces, alcohol permits and parking on site. Starla Barker, Consultant from DeNovo Planning came into the meeting to speak on the noise study. Mr. Bianchi, along with Assistant City Attorney Kranitz, answered all of Council's questions.

There was no further comment; Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 10:48 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6536:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

13.A 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 – No Items

18. COUNCIL ITEMS

19. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Francis

(1) Asked how many consultants we currently have on board, if we could find out. How do we find out they are doing a good job; do we get a progress report?

(2) Wanted to follow-up on the succession plan.

Council Member Henderson

(1) With the 1.2 trillion infrastructure funding that is coming through, are we prepared to apply for the grants that will be coming.

20. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

City Manager Osorio gave a verbal report of information to follow-up on matters that had been directed or requested by the Mayor and Members of Council. Those items were, as follows:

1. Memo regarding Broadband Information.
2. Memo regarding the City of Gardena GTrans bus stop placement policy plan.
3. Video highlighting multiple events:
 - “Too Cute To Spook” Halloween Event, Friday, October 29, 2021, at City Hall Complex.
 - The Halloween Scare Zone, Friday, October 29, 2021, at Freeman Park and Rowley Park.
 - Fall Carnival at Mas Fukai Park, October 29, - 31, 2021.
 - Veteran Day Service, Thursday, November 11, 2021, at City Hall Complex. Thank You Veterans; Honoring all who served.
 - Senior Citizen Health Fair, Friday, November 19, 2021.
 - Save the Date - Share your input as we create a master plan for Mas Fukai Park, on Saturday, November 20, 2021.
 - “Wobble Wobble Before You Gobble” Line Dancing Event, Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Rowley Park.
 - The Gardena Valley Lions Club and City of Gardena 14th Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon, Thursday, November 25, 2021, at El Pollo Inka Peruvian Restaurant.
 - Helping Hands 2021 – Food Voucher & Toy Giveaway Registration for Gardena Residents Only. Register Monday, October 18 – Friday, November 19, 2021.
 - Join the City of Gardena Walking in a Winter Wonderland and Holiday Crafts Boutique, Saturday, December 4, 2021; 1:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at City Hall Complex.

City Manager Osorio thanked Stephany Santin and staff of the Recreation and Human Services Department.

21. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS - Since the last meeting Council Member Francis attended the Halloween events at Rowley Park and Freeman Park, Carnival at Mas Fukai Park, Veterans Day Program at City Hall, Grand Opening of Sweeties Pudding Cup, Aquatics Senior Center Community Outreach Meeting and Los Angeles County Central Committee Meeting. Council Member Francis shared that November is Native American Heritage Month. Reminded everyone on supporting small businesses and encouraged everyone to keep wearing a mask, wash hands, and continue to social distance to fight COVID-19. Lastly, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
2. MAYOR PRO TEM TANAKA - Since the last meeting Mayor Pro Tem Tanaka attended the Sheriff's Academy Color Run for class 565, City Employee Halloween Costume Contest, Council Study Session on Zoom, Homeless Taskforce Meeting, Senior Aquatics Center Informational Meeting, COG Spa 8 working group meeting, COG Legislative Committee meeting, participated in the Home Share video and Special

Council Meeting on Saturday. Mayor Pro Tem thanked Director Ernie Crespo and everyone in the GTrans department as they won two gold awards. Also attended Eddy Awards, Veterans Day Ceremony and Tailgate Party on Sunday at the Nakaoka Community Center. Thanked and welcomed two new businesses, Sweeties Pudding and Toss Up. Lastly, shared he attended the third annual memorial of fallen officer Toshio Hirai.

3. COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN - Since the last meeting Council Member Kaskanian attended the City Employee Halloween Costume Contest, Halloween events at the parks, Veterans Day Ceremony, and third annual memorial of fallen officer Toshio Hirai.
4. MAYOR CERDA - Since the last meeting Mayor Cerda attended, Los Angeles County City Selection Committee Meeting via Zoom, Color run event at City Hall, City Employee Costume Contest, Special Study Session, Halloween events at the parks and Ministerial lunch. Mayor Cerda shared she took a picture with Glen Mitchell a Rotary Club member to be posted on the Gardena Valley News. She also attended the graduation of the new Gardena Police Department recruits and congratulated them. Mayor Cerda shared her experience with GTrans in Orlando and is looking forward to more awards. Also attended a zoom meeting with the PTO of Serra High School, Eddy Awards, Veterans Day Ceremony, Memorial for Toshio Hirai, grand opening for the new salad restaurant. Lastly shared the Senior Health Fair.
5. COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – Stated that we shall continue to keep Toshio Hirai family in prayer, especially his young son. He attended most of the events that were mentioned by the other Council Members. He gave thanks and recognition to the City staff that we have because they work really hard for our community and for us – “We are truly 24-7 – 365 in Gardena”. Lastly, he thanked staff for providing the report that identify underserved areas in our community. He is also looking towards 2022 so we can start figuring out what our equity objective will be to serve our community at a higher capacity.

22. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Mayor Cerda announced:

- (1) Mas Fukai Improvement Community Meeting taking place on Saturday, 11/20/21 from 11:00a.m. to 12:30p.m. at Mas Fukai Park.

23. REMEMBRANCES

Ryan Sunahara; 56 years of age. Ryan was a longtime Gardena resident who is survived by his wife Janice, son Drew, daughter Keira, brother Jeff, and sister Stephanie.

24. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:29 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, December 14, 2021.

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

