

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2022**

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California.

**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 Treasurer Guy H. Mato; City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; and City Clerk Mina Semenza.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION - None**

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**2.A CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION**

Gov. Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Zoila Monroy, Aragon; Genesis Dubon; and Kelly Dubon v. City of Gardena, et al. L.A. Sup. Ct. Case No.: 20STCV46821

***Mayor Cerda announced the cancellation of Closed Session.***

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - None**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Neil Hance and Savannah Hance led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both attend Amestoy Elementary School. Neil and Savannah were selected as pledgers because they are model students who show leadership abilities and always strive to do their best at Amestoy Elementary School. In addition, their mom is very involved in their school and serves as the Secretary of School Site Council. Assistant Principal, Dr. Elda Pech, accompanied them to the meeting.

**4. INVOCATION**

Reverend Scott R. Fairchild, of CrossRoad Church, gave the Invocation.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

5.A Senator Steven Bradford - Legislative Update - ***Senator Steven Bradford, Representing the 35th District gave his introduction and updates on this year's Budget Investments for Californians, his Budget Accomplishments and 2022 Legislation.***

***Council Member Love and Mayor Pro Tem Francis thanked Senator Bradford on behalf of the City of Gardena.***

5.B Certificates of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirements and Long Time Service to the City of Gardena:

(a) Juan Bareno, Sewer Maintenance Worker- 21.8 years - (Public Works)

**- Director of Public Works, Allan Riggs introduced Juan Bareno, Sewer Maintenance Worker. Mr. Bareno was present and accepted his certificate and recognition.**

5.C 2022 Most Business-Friendly City Award

**- Economic Development Manager, Jackie Cho presented a PowerPoint presentation capturing photos of our city officials accepting the award.**

**Mayor Cerda showed the award and thanked Jackie and all departments, who participated in making it a reality.**

6. **PROCLAMATIONS** - None

7. **APPOINTMENTS**

7.A Gardena Rent Mediation Board - Member at Large - Woods Woolwine

**- was Appointed by Mayor Cerda**

**Mr. Woolwine expressed his appreciation and thanked all Members of the Council for the appointment.**

**It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Appoint Woods Woolwine to the Gardena Rent Mediation Board – Member at Large:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

8.A Waiver of Reading in Full of All Ordinances Listed on This Agenda and that they Be read by Title Only

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

8.B Approve Minutes:

Regular Meeting of the City Council, November 8, 2022

**CONTACT: CITY CLERK**

8.C Receive and File of Minutes:

Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, July 19, 2022

Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, September 6, 2022

Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, November 1, 2022

**CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

8.D Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, November 22, 2022

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

November 22, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12267-12272; Prepay: 169619-169622; Check Nos: 169623-169779 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,400,983.60; Total Payroll Issued for November 18, 2022: \$2,117,609.98.

8.E Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, December 13, 2022

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

December 13, 2022: Wire Transfer: 12273-12284; Prepay: 169780-169789; Check Nos: 169790 -169976 – for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$3,062,609.66; Total Payroll Issued for December 2, 2022: \$1,673,945.44.

8.F Monthly Investment Report, October 2022

**CONTACT: CITY TREASURER**

8.G Personnel Report P-2022-21 12-13-22

**CONTACT: HUMAN RESOURCES**

8.H Authorize Agreement between South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc., on behalf of the City of Inglewood, and the City of Gardena through June 30, 2024

**CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

8.I Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center Project - Demolition Phase, JN 978

**CONTRACT: PUBLIC WORKS**

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

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR- None**

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

10.A NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MEETING - Meeting Cancelled

10.B DECEMBER 6, 2022 MEETING

**2022 Planning Commission Recap**

Staff presented to the Planning Commission a recap of the past development and planning policy project that went before the Commission over the past year.

Commission Action: No action taken.

**City Council: No action needed**

## 11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Andrea Simental – Manager of Masao Library; came to announce library events for Masao W. Satow Library.
- 2) Brandon Smith - made a request for bike lanes on Vermont Ave - adding a bike lane to that road will help with the revitalization of Gardena Blvd.
- 3) City Clerk Mina Semenza, noted for the record that two emails were received from the public stating that they have been forwarded to the City Council, and are available for viewing at the City Clerk's office

## 12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- 12.A City of Gardena Audit Reports for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), Family Child Care and GTrans

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Director of Administrative Services Ray Beeman was present and assisted with the presentation.

City Manager Osorio introduced Sophia Kuo of The Pun Group. She thanked City Manager Osorio, Director Ray Beeman and staff for all their help.

Council Member Henderson asked since we have gone so far over our projected reserve how do we get control of it; could you further clarify what the Pension Obligation Bond is and explain we did not use this money to fund our pension. City Manager Osorio explained what the Pension Obligation Bond is and how it works.

Council Member Tanaka asked how much does it cost a month to run the city? Did other cities try to do a Pension Obligation Bond like we did but were too late? City Manager explained in detail and answered all questions.

### **This Item was Received and Filed Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

- 12.B Approve Microsoft Software Assurance and Licensing Agreement with Dell Technologies for \$575,787.12 for the period January 1, 2023, thru December 31, 2025.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

**Public Speaker:** Zahid Ahmed, spoke and suggested creating a computer lab at Rowley Park; to increase the number of licenses and expand upon the contract; making it kind of like a college career center for students of all ages; it is certainly needed in our city.

Mayor Cerda asked if the licenses are for city staff. City Manager Osorio confirmed yes, that it is for 492 licenses.

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

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 13.A New Fortunetelling Permit - #2 Psychic Reading & Meditation Center 1602 Artesia Boulevard Unit F Gardena, California 90248

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if the Applicant was here. No one came up. Mayor Cerda then asked how long the business was operating without a business license before they were cited. Director of Community Development Greg Tsuijuchi answered her question.

**It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve a New Fortunetelling Permit for Sophie Adams and Tiffany D. Johnson (dba: #2 Psychic Reading & Mediation Center):**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 13.B ORDINANCE NO. 1846, Relating to the Protection of Property During Demolition, Including a Determination that the Ordinance is Exempt from the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption Set Forth in Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3) and Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Class 5) for Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations

ORDINANCE NO.1846

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADDING CHAPTER 15.52 TO TITLE 15, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION, OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY DURING DEMOLITION

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if there was a size limitation that would trigger the guidelines of this ordinance; and who is responsible for regulating the ordinance? Director of Community Development, Greg Tsuijuchi, came up and answered her questions and explained the procedure, and laws that are in place.

***Ordinance No. 1846 was Introduced by Council Member Tanaka***

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Introduce Ordinance No. 1846:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES**

14.A COVID-19 Update - City Manager Osorio provided the update.

**15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – POLICE**

15.A Notification of Eligibility for Funding in the amount of \$123,276.00 Under the Tobacco Grant Program Award for the 2022 - 2023 Grant Cycle

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Tanaka asked if this was going to include flavored tobacco products.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if vaping was included? Where are the retail checks being done: gas stations; convenience stores? What about tobacco stores and is it for school age children?

Chief of Police Mike Saffell came up and answered all of their questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Accept Grant Award and Authorize Expenditures:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

15.B Authorization to Award a Two-Year Video Policing System Camera Maintenance and Repair Contract to DataGear, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$133,902.40.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

**Public Speaker:** Zahid Ahmed, spoke about having a backup server to back up all the data and possibly getting shot spotter software and offered other recommendations for using this software; also suggested using Google for camera video surveillance.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if this was a renewal or a brand-new contract? City Manager Osorio replied to her question.

Mayor Cerda asked about the recommendations that were suggested by the Public Speaker, asking if those could be applied to this software. Chief Saffell answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize and execute a two-year contract, with optional one-year extension, for the Video Policing System Camera Maintenance and Repair to DataGear, Inc:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

## **16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS**

16.A Award Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract for the Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center Project, JN 978, to Griffin Structures, Inc., in the amount of \$895,000.

*Council Member Tanaka recused himself and left the dais for this item.*

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

**Public Speaker:** Zahid Ahmed spoke and suggested trying to cap the change orders based on a longer period of time and if some of the money could be used towards another project in the City.

Public Works Director Allan Rigg came up and explained the process.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked the following: since we have multiple projects that are similar to this, can we hire a person to take care of it all. She then stated that your loyalty is to who takes care of you and getting the job done and she wants to make sure that we are adequately staffed particularly in Public Works, we keep hiring consultants; she then asked if we can foresee projects in the future and have this person work on those projects as well. She then asked that your anticipating that your department will never be fully staffed is that what your are suggesting?

City Manager Osorio stated that it is more cost effective to hire each time when the project ends. Director of Public Works Allan Rigg answered all questions and explained the process and benefit of hiring consultants.

Mayor Cerda asked, overall, for the day to day tasks; we have adequate staff?

Council Member Love asked if it is possible for us to use this consultant for the Rosecrans Chase project since its similar to the aquatic center project?

Director Rigg answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: Council Member Tanaka**

***Mayor Cerda took this Item Out of Order.***

- 16.D Authorize Payments to Southern California Edison in the amount of \$69,439.10 and AT&T in the amount of \$26,443.23 to Underground the Existing Overhead Utilities for the Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center Project, JN 978

*Council Member Tanaka recused himself and left the dais for this item.*

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

City Manager Osorio noted that the amount of \$26,443.23 will no longer be needed, due to the negotiation done by Assistant Public Works Director, Kevin Kwak.

Council Member Henderson thanked Mr. Kwak and commented looking at the aesthetics can we develop a plan to start working on an underground utility; or possibly looking at our commercial corridors? Public Works Director Allan Rigg replied and explained that is something we can definitely look into.

**It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Love, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize Payment to Utility Companies:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**Abstain: Council Member Tanaka**

- 16.B Award Construction Contract for the New Marked Crosswalk with Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon on Vermont Avenue and 133rd Street, JN 972 to California Professional Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$314,488. Approve the Project Plans & Specifications, Approve Budget Appropriation of \$250,000 funds, and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Public Works Director Allan Rigg presented a couple of graphics of what the light would look like. He then stated that basically what you're approving is a pedestrian active stop light.

Mayor Cerda asked about the type of light and if there was going to be any type of public outreach.

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if this was going to go all the way across Vermont, what about the median? She then asked why not put in a regular traffic light?

Council Member Henderson asked about the data collected and suggested putting a similar light on Western to 147<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council Member Love asked if it will be an audio light? Will the red light go on first if you have a person with a disability?

Mayor Cerda asked if you have the number of accidents at this location. And asked the length of the study period?

Director Rigg answered all questions.

**It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Mayor Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Construction Contract, Approve Project Plans and Specifications, Approve Budget Appropriation and Contingency and Declare CEQA Exemption:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- 16.C Award Professional Design Services Contract for the Mas Fukai Park Improvements Project, JN 820, to David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$755,830.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson asked about the renovated irrigation system, and does it include storm water capture?

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked if the funding source is Park-in-Lieu and will it be cost effective to get recycled water?

Council Member Love asked if we could look into seeing the cost of underground water storage; I understand it's expensive but is it worth the cost. She continued to say that if we could partner with West Basin and Met Water to see if there is any funding available.

Mayor Cerda commented on the recycled water at Johnson Park, at the time, we thought there was not going to be any expense to us, but City ending up putting money in for the piping; she then asked if there would be an additional cost to us if we went with underground water storage.

Director of Public Works Allan Rigg answered all questions.

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

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

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** None

- 16.E Award Construction Contract for Manhattan Beach Blvd. Drought Tolerant Landscape Conversion Maintenance Project to Venco Western Inc. In The Amount Of \$46,279.00; Additionally Declare CEQA Exemption and Approve Project Plans

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

**Public Speaker:** Zahid Ahmed, spoke and gave his recommendations for all of the medians in Gardena that these services could be applied.

Mayor Cerda asked how did we come up with that location?

Mayor Pro Tem Francis asked about a previous award of contract to Mariposa Landscaping. She then asked why we have to have an additional contract.

Public Works Director Allan Rigg explained it was for a different scope of work and answered all questions.

It was moved by Council Member Love, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award Construction Project, Approve Project Plans and Declare CEQA Exemption:

**Ayes:** Council Members Love and Tanaka, Council Member Henderson, and Mayor Cerda

**Noes:** Mayor Pro Tem Francis

**Absent:** None

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

18. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS – TRANSPORTATION - No Items**

19. **COUNCIL ITEMS - No Items**

20. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES**

Council Member Henderson

1) Asked City Manager if we could send a letter to the National Civic League so the City could participate for the “All American City” award; deadline for letter submission is 12/15/2022 – **was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis**

2) Asked City Manager if we could look into participating in the National League of Cities’ grant application bootcamp; he understands that they have grant funding available to address the Brownsfield sites in our City – **was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis**

### Mayor Pro Tem Francis

- 1) Asked staff to do a study, and research if storage units are needed for our Recreation Department to store items that are used at City events; if the study shows that storage units are needed, then please provide the costs – **was seconded by Council Member Love**

### Council Member Love

- 1) Asked if staff could look into adding some type of lighting to the bus stop area near the Dollar Tree; the bus stop is underneath a tree and is very dark, which makes it unsafe at night – **was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Francis**

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

- 1) Video presentation highlighting the Recreation and Human Services Department current and future events.

## **22. COUNCIL REMARKS**

- 1) MAYOR PRO TEM FRANCIS – Mayor Pro Tem Francis is proud of all the accomplishments and proud of staff. Since the last meeting Mayor Pro Tem Francis attended the CERT holiday potluck, GTRANS awards banquet, Helping Hands Toy giveaway, City staff holiday party, Greater Los Angeles Vector Control District meeting, and Winter Wonderland. Mayor Pro Tem Francis encouraged everyone to celebrate their traditions, enjoy, and have a lot of fun. She also shared Christmas is about spending time with families and friends. She wishes everyone to eat a lot, be healthy, and be happy.
- 2) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – Council Member Tanaka thanked Director Santin for all the events they attended. Council Member Tanaka attended the Eddy Awards and congratulated staff and the city on the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for Most Business-Friendly City. Since the last meeting Council Member Tanaka attended the swearing-in ceremony for Commissioner Kale, Veterans dinner at the Elks, 53<sup>rd</sup> Veterans Day remembrance at City Hall, Toshio Hirai Memorial, SBCOG open house, catalytic converter etching event, Wobble before you Gobble, Coop and fire grand opening, Village Mobile Home Park annual friends sharing luncheon, holiday trolley at Freeman Park, Finance Committee meeting, and CERT annual business meeting. Council Member Tanaka also participated in the memorial for Rich Fujio and shared his daughter Kelly was part of the city staff and Mr. Fujio was a contributor to making the City of Gardena a great place. He also attended the Helping Hands giveaway, City staff Christmas celebration, Winter Wonderland, and Kiwanis Club lunch for the seniors. Council Member Tanaka apologized to Director Crespo for missing the GTrans holiday party. Lastly, shared he appreciates staff for their hard work and the City of Gardena is the gem of the South Bay. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah, Feliz Navidad, and wishes the year 2023 will be great year for everyone.

- 3) COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE – Since the last meeting Council Member Love attended the Eddy Awards, Veterans Day Memorial, turkey giveaway with the Chamber, jolly trolley to Freeman Park, joint job fair with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, jolly trolley to Johnson Park, Brotherhood Crusade Honorary Mookie Betts, breakfast with Santa Claus, MLK and fashion show, Winter Wonderland, and golf tournament in Calabasas. During the upcoming weekend the Chamber will be giving a toy grab and go for anyone in the community and on Christmas Day the Chamber will be hosting a lunch to feed anyone in city that may need a meal. Council Member Love recognized Mrs. Williams for attending the meeting and expressed her sympathy to her and her family on the loss of her son Ronald B. Williams.
- 4) MAYOR CERDA – Since the last meeting Mayor Cerda attended the Eddy Awards and Passport to Wellness event thanked Officer Kim and all the organizations that participated. She also attended the Elks Veterans appreciation dinner, Veterans Day ceremony, retirement party for a resident Michelle Benjamin, GTrans anniversary for the 110 express lane press conference at the Harbor Gateway, Toshio Hirai Memorial, monthly CCGA meeting, Sanitation meeting, LA County City Selection meeting for the Southwest Corridor, Casino Night, catalytic converter etching event, Wobble before you Gobble, grand opening of Coop and Fire, Village Mobile Homes holiday party, CERT graduating class for 2022, 15<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving dinner at Pollo Inka, Coffee with a Cop, community meeting for 129<sup>th</sup> and Western, home owners meeting, GTrans award celebration, Second Time Around Club insulation on Monday, and top-notch volunteers dinner. Mayor Cerda thanked city departments for working together to have the jolly trolley event. She also attended the Finance Committee meeting, Tri-City CERT annual Christmas potluck, swearing in of the president for the LA Southwest Realtors Association which is her sister, Helping Hands toy giveaway, SURF toy and turkey giveaway, Winter Wonderland, Kiwanis lunch, swearing in of Mark Warnick through the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce. Mayor Cerda thanked all the employees for their great job throughout the entire year and shared employees reflect Council.
- 5) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – Council Member Henderson expressed his happy holidays wishes to everyone. Council Member Henderson shared a story that occurred at the CERT Tri-City Dinner, he had the opportunity to sit with the Parks and Recreation Director, Chief of Police, and Community Development Director and so they had a conversation of leadership and management styles. From the conversation Council Member Henderson understood that the cities leadership is thoughtful, empathetic, strategic, proactive, and always looking to do things different. Acknowledged that Directors are working hard and developing staff to do more. Also acknowledge City Manager Osorio, City Clerk, and City Attorney Vasquez. Lastly, Council Member Henderson is looking forward to the new year.

**23. ANNOUNCEMENT(S) - None**

## 24. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Ronald B. Williams, long time Gardena resident since 1973. He attended local Gardena schools and graduated from Gardena High School. Mr. Williams attended UC San Diego and graduated in 1992, he then attended Cal State Dominguez Hills where he earned his teaching credential and MA. In 2005, Mr. Williams began teaching Secondary World History and 9th grade Life Skills at Gardena High School, where he also assisted with coaching and mentoring the students of Gardena High School. After two years of classroom teaching, Mr. Williams became the Dean of Discipline from 2006-2011. Mr. Williams made it his personal mission to support students and parents at every opportunity and treated all students and their families with fairness and dignity. He will be greatly missed; Mr. Dwayne Nathaniel Battle, 60 years of age and longtime Gardena resident since 1968. Mr. Battle attended Purche Avenue Elementary and Maria Regina Elementary School. He graduated from Gardena High School in 1980; Mr. Richard Shigeru Fujio, 83 years of age. Mr. Fujio was a pillar of our City. He was a successful businessman, gracious & generous volunteer, and loving family man. He owned and operated "Rich's Carpet" in Gardena for 40 years. He was a stalwart member of the Gardena Kiwanis Club, donating tens of thousands of dollars to worthy community causes. Mr. Fujio is survived by his daughter Kelly, son Rich, his sister in Chicago, brother in La Quinta, sister and brother-in-law in Gardena, and many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed.

## 25. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:15 p.m., Mayor Cerda stated that the December 27, 2022 Gardena City Council Meeting was cancelled and 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, January 10, 2023.

APPROVED:



Tasha Cerda, Mayor

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

By: 

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk