

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, March 10, 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, March 10, 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; Council Member Dan Medina; and Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka. 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 7:02 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 Dan Medina; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez, and Deputy City Attorney Peter Wallin.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS
Government Code Section 54956.8

- (1) Agency Negotiators: Clint Osorio, City Manager, Carmen Vasquez, City Attorney
Peter L. Wallin, Deputy City Attorney
Negotiating Party: Joseph Nuzzolo, Agent for Sorakubo Family Trust
Property: 16010 South Harvard Blvd., Gardena, CA 90247
Under Negotiation: Purchase and Sales Agreement, Price and Terms of Payment

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS
Government Code Section 54957.6

- (1) Agency Designated Representative:
Clint Osorio, City Manager
Employee Organizations:
Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA)
Matt Hassholdt, 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 7:52 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

Sydney Gales and Greyson Gales led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sydney and Greyson are sister and brother both are students at Chapman Elementary School. They are both model citizens. Sydney is part of the Student Body. They thanked the Council for inviting them to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and introduced their family members.

B. INVOCATION

The Reverend Edwin R. Siguenza, Pastor, of Iglesia Roca Fuerte (*Solid Rock Church*), led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS

(1) Gardena Military Veteran Recognition to Honor Veteran Mr. Lloyd J. Overstreet., who served in the U.S. Navy. *Prior to Mr. Overstreet being recognized, Council Member Henderson spoke saying that he is honored to recognize Mr. Overstreet for his military service and how special Mr. Overstreet is. He continued to admonish Mr. Overstreet with endearing words. Then, Mayor Cerda read a brief Biography and thanked Mr. Overstreet for his military service and Mr. Overstreet was presented with a City of Gardena Veterans Commemorative Coin. Mr. Overstreet was given an opportunity to speak, then introduced his family, and appropriate photos were taken.*

B. PROCLAMATIONS

(1) "AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH," March 2020
- was accepted by Ms. Janet Kim, representative of the American Red Cross

C. APPOINTMENTS – *No Appointments were made*

(2) 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) Planning & Environmental Quality Commission Meeting, December 17, 2019

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

B. CITY CLERK (Continued)

- (2) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on March 6, 2020

C. CITY TREASURER

- (1) **Approved:** Warrants / Payroll Register

- (a) March 10, 2020: Wire Transfer: 11865-11867; Prepay: 157922-157926 Check Nos. 157927-158151- for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,069,075.17; Total Payroll Issued for February 28, 2020: \$2,013,194.08

D. CITY MANAGER

- (1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2020-5

- (2) **Approved:** Single Audit Report Required for Federally Funded Programs for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

- (3) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6438, Repealing Resolution No. 6367, and Adopting a New Conflict of Interest Code

RESOLUTION NO. 6438

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 6367, AND ADOPTING A NEW CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

- (4) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6435, Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District Renewal for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6435

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RENEWAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

- (5) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6436, Consolidated Street Lighting District Renewal for the Fiscal year Commencing July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6436

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT RENEWAL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

- (6) **Approved:** RESOLUTION NO. 6434, Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Local Government Planning Support Grant Program Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 6434

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

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

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

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. MARCH 3, 2020, MEETING

(1) **Zone Code Amendment #1-20**

The Planning Commission considered an ordinance amending Chapter 18.43 of the Gardena Municipal Code regarding density bonus. The ordinance will make the City's density bonus requirements consistent with recent legislative changes to the density bonus law. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the City Council on the ordinance. Staff has determined that the Zone Code Amendment would not have any significant effects and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Project Location: Citywide

Commission Action: Commission Approved Resolution No. PC 1-20, recommending Approval Zone Code Amendment #1-20

This Item was Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Ms. Wendy Lee, representative from LA County Library, Branch Gardena Mayme Dear, thanked Gardena Police Chief Michael Saffell, the Gardena Police Department, Council Member Tanaka and Erica for their participation in the "Read Across America" event. Also, she invited everyone to future Library events. Lastly, she spoke about the upcoming 2020 Census, announcing that the library will have a dedicated station for residents who are participating, they would like to do their part to make sure that all Gardena residents get counted.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – No Items
- B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – No Items
- C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES – No Items

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

D. GENERAL SERVICES – No Items

E. POLICE – No Items

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

(1) Approval of a Fourth of July Fireworks Agreement with Pyro Spectacular Inc.

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

At our February 25, 2020 Council Meeting, Council asked Director of Recreation and Human Services, Stephany Santin, to research alternative options related to dates and costs. City Staff contacted all three companies: Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. Garden State, and Zambelli Fireworks to obtain additional options for our 56th Annual Fireworks Show. After a thorough review of the pricing, qualifications and references staff is recommending Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. for the proposed price of \$30,000 year (1) and \$35,000 years two (2) and three (3). This option provides the city with a \$5,000 discount for year (1) if we chose to continue our agreement after the show on July 4, 2020. This option also locks-in a guaranteed price of \$35,000 for years two (2) and three (3), which could potentially increase annually based on the client demand and other contributing factors (e.g. tariffs and licensing). The clause would allow the city to cancel the agreement before December 31, 2020, if we are not completely satisfied with the Fourth of July Show. Staff is also establishing a plan to off-set the costs of the annual fireworks show with vendors and/or sponsorship opportunities. The following comments were made by Council: Thanks to staff for coming back with the great amount of detail in the report; it makes me feel more comfortable to move forward with this contract; thank you Ms. Santin for your hard work in putting this together, it makes more sense to go with the better vendor and I like the fact that we have until December 31, 2020 to decide if we want to use the vendor for years 2 and 3; \$1,500 per minute is quite high and we also have to take into account other expenses like security, it was then asked that if we were able to obtain any vendors for this event; Ms. Santin replied that we haven't approached any vendors, but we do have a list of vendors that are always looking to do business with us and we will go to them first, we would have to establish a price for vendors to participate at our event and it would have to be reasonable enough for vendors to make money and for the City to offset some of the costs; would like to commend staff on this report and thanks for listening to our feedback.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

G. TRANSPORTATION – No Items

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Medina:

(1) Asked City Manager Osorio if he could get an audit, regarding U.S. Tow.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES (Continued)

Mayor Cerda:

- (1) Concurred with Council Member Medina's request regarding U.S. Tow audit, she would like a full report into items on the contract, if items being billed are on the original contract.

Council Member Tanaka:

- (1) Asked City Manager Osorio if there could be an inquiry into Congress Woman Maxine Waters, campaign signage; if a representative from her office could retrieve the signs left behind in Gardena after election day; *Mayor Cerda second it*

Prior to City Manager Osorio providing his remarks, Mayor Cerda asked that he provide an update regarding the Corona Virus to everyone present at tonight's City Council meeting and for the televised viewers.

C. 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. Written reports and flyers had already been provided to the Council via copies in their regular mail packets. Those items were, as follows:

- (1) COVID-19 Corona Virus update, information from the CDC and LA County Department of Public Health regarding safety recommendations;
- (2) Memo, to a previous directive by Council Member Henderson requesting a traffic study regarding traffic information on 147th Street, Crenshaw to Van Ness.

D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – he thanked Chief Saffell and City Staff for the report and reeducating them on why there aren't any stop signs on the streets adjacent to 147th Street. He said that our city was very engaged in the voting process and he said they always encourages everyone to go out and vote. He attended the Hollypark Homeowner's Association meeting. He attended the Fish Bone grand opening. He said he missed Coffee with a Cop due to attending a COVID-19 meeting, something that is going around LA County. He reported that he met new Veterans and encouraged them to participate in our Veteran's Recognition Program. He suggested that, regardless to who is recognizing them, he wants to get the Veterans in the pool to be recognized.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – he said he had the privilege and honor of visiting all seven convalescent homes by delivering birthday cakes, since they celebrate all the birthdays at the end of the month. He said that he was very surprised and honored that Gardena Police Department visited Clearview convalescent home. He shared that Clearview is the only convalescent home in Gardena that specializes in Alzheimer's. He thanked Chief Saffell for visiting. He attended the Water Association and said that we might be in for another drought if the weather doesn't improve. He said we need more rain. He attended the Fish Bone grand opening and had a chance to eat the food. He attended the Southern California Association of Governments meeting regarding housing and what the regional housing authority is dictating to all the cities, a very long meeting that began at 10am and ended at 3pm.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

D. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

- (3) MAYOR PRO TEM KASKANIAN – he attended the official launching of the Black News Channel on Spectrum. On March 7th, he attended the grand opening of Fish Bone. He encouraged the residents to try it out, they have all kinds of fried fish. On the same day, he attended the beauty pageant held in the Nakaoka Community Center. He attended Coffee with a Cop at McDonalds on Artesia Blvd and Normandie Ave, where he noticed two new business personnel and asked how they heard about the event and they mentioned through the Live Work Play booklets that they received through the mail. He thanked everyone who put the Live Work Play together.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA –since the last Council Meeting, she too attended the opening of the Black Channel, subsidiary of Spectrum, it was very informative, and she was happy to be there. She attended the City of Hawthorne’s State of the City Address. Last Sunday, she attended the Gardena Valley Lion’s 96th Anniversary and said Councilmember Medina was there as well, they had a special community recognition for Mr. Vince Cates. She attended the most recent Gardena Hollypark Homeowner’s meeting. She attended the grand opening of Fish Bone Restaurant with her colleagues. Last Saturday evening, she was at the 88th Annual Miss Los Angeles County competition, the 23rd Annual Miss Culver City competition and the 22nd Miss Los Angeles County Outstanding Teen competition. She said they were very beautiful and talented women. She shared that it was the 3rd year that they hosted the beauty pageants in the City of Gardena, and they would like to make Gardena their regular location to host this event. She announced that the Annual Koi Show will be happening this coming weekend. Yesterday, she flew to Sacramento as the representative of the California Cities Gaming Authority and testified in a hearing with regards to the Bureau of Gambling Commission. She reported that they were not doing a great job in regulating our casinos and the recent audits findings were terrible.
- (5) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – he attended the Clearview Convalescent Home. He said he spoke to the owners of the convalescent home and found out that they have been running the facility for over 60 years. He attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments where they met in Redondo Beach. He apologized for missing the Afternoon in the Park. He attended the Gardena Mayme Dear Library and said Chief Saffell did a great job. He attended the L.A. County Leagues of Cities with First Five held at a train station in downtown; First Five is an organization that is trying to get kids ages 0-5 prepared for kindergarten. He attended the Fish Bone’s #2 grand opening. He attended the Coffee with a Cop and said it was great turnout.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cerda announced:

- (2) Gardena Annual Koi Show, Saturday, March 14, 2020.
- (1) The postponement of the “State of the City Address 2020” scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020, Meet, Greet & Eat at 6:00 p.m., Program scheduled at 7:00 p.m., at the Nakaoka Community Center, 1670 W. 162nd Street, Gardena. Postponed for at least two months, until further notice, future date not scheduled at this time.

11. REMEMBRANCES

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the next regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 24, 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