

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, June 23, 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, June 23, 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 Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis. 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 7:05 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 Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Art Kaskanian; and Council Member Paulette C. Francis; City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez, and Chief of Police Mike Saffell.

2. CLOSED SESSION

**A. 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 Hassoldt, Association President
- Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO)
Vicky L. Barker, Attorney
- Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA)
Fred G. Quiel, Attorney
- Confidential / Unrepresented Employees

**B. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES
Government Code Section 54957**

- (1) Consultation with Gardena Director of Emergency Services and City Manager Clint Osorio, Chief of Police Michael Saffell, and City Attorney Carmen Vasquez.

Mayor Cerda reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:50 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

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. INVOCATION

Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka led the Invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS - None

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:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on June 19, 2020

C. CITY TREASURER

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

(a) June 23, 2020: Wire Transfer: 11888-11894; Prepay: 159448; Check Nos. 159449-159648 - for a total Warrants issued in the amount of \$2,005,847.40; Total Payroll Issued for June 19, 2020: \$2,109,748.06

(2) **Approved:** Monthly Portfolio

(a) May 2020

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

D. CITY MANAGER

(1) Approved: Personnel Report No. P-2020-11

(2) Approved: GS - Acceptance and Notice of Completion of Rowley Park Auditorium HVAC System & Roofing Reconstruction Project, JN 980

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. JUNE 16, 2020, MEETING – *Meeting Cancelled*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following two (2) emails were read into the record by City Clerk Semenza:

(1) Ryan, resident of Studio City: He demands that Andres Guardado’s autopsy be removed from security hold so the family can have the answers they need to cope with the tragic loss of an 18-year old child. I would hope that compassion and empathy would be the driving force and that the answers provided from your leadership will allow for healing within your community.

(2) Davina Caudillo, no address given: Can we please address the murder of Andres Guardado. I along with a lot of the community are feeling distraught over the fact that this young man was shot 7 times in the back, we need justice/answers. The cops need to be accountable for their actions. They young man should not have been murdered.

Mayor Cerda then addressed both emails by stating that the incident did not happen in the City of Gardena, it took place in the unincorporated area of Gardena, which is policed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department.

(3) Bella, resident of Long Beach: She stated she is not a resident of Gardena but does have a self-storage unit in Gardena. She lost her job and was asking to see if the City of Gardena was planning on doing the same as the City of Los Angeles by putting a hold on storage evictions.

(4) Rudy Martinez, resident: Spoke on the Andres Guardado murder and COVID-19; expressed how he is not happy with how the City is not getting messages out to the community sooner.

(5) Kacy, resident: Spoke on fireworks and how they are being shot off day and night, which is causing her and her family and pets to feel panicked; she also applauded the City on how they are dealing with COVID-19.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – No Items

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- (1) PUBLIC HEARING: Call for Review by Mayor Cerda of the Planning Commission Action on the Approval of Site Plan review #2-20 and Tentative Tract Map #1-20 for the Construction of Six New Townhome Units in the Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential (R-3) Zone for a Property Located at 1938 West 146th Street

RESOLUTION NO. 6465, Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission to Approve Site Plan Review #2-20 and Tentative Tract Map #1-20

Applicant: Javier Ordonez

RESOLUTION NO. 6465

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, UPHOLDING THE DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW #2-20 AND TENTATIVE TRACT MAP #1-20 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX NEW TOWNHOME UNITS IN THE MEDIUM DENSITY MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3) ZONE, PER SECTION 18.44.010.E AND CHAPTER 17.08 OF THE GARDENA MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report and the PowerPoint presentation. Assistant City Attorney Kranitz and Acting Community Development Director Barragan, were on hand to answer questions.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 8:21 p.m. and asked if there were any comments.

City Clerk Semenza read the following letter into the record:

- (1) Sonja Trauss, Executive Director of YIMBY Law: stating that the City Council has an obligation to abide by all relevant state housing laws when evaluating the above project, including the Housing Accountability Act and CA Gov't Code § 65589.5.
- (2) Joseph Heine, resident: spoke regarding the noise, parking and privacy of the project.
- (3) Kate Hong, resident: spoke regarding the privacy of the project.

There was a discussion regarding asbestos, parking issues, how the Applicant has met all of the development standards, the balconies near the side driveway, and the 6-foot wall for privacy. Applicant, Javier Ordonez spoke (he had a translator) and said he has waited six months to get this project approved.; he continued to say that he worked with the City and listened to their concerns; he stated he added 3 guest parking stalls, and made the balconies 26-feet apart which is before the next neighbor's property; as far as the privacy issue, there is nothing else to add. Council then asked if the wall could go from 6-feet to 8-feet. Acting Director Barragan stated there was an asbestos report; he also indicated that increasing the wall by 2 feet could be added as a condition; he then said that when the project was submitted, the Applicant modified the project.. Assistant Attorney Kranitz then stated that this entire project meets every standard; she continued to say if the HOA is not going to do their job regarding parking, then Code Enforcement could get involved. Mayor Cerda then stated that she called the project for review to find out more information; she then said she is very pleased with the project.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

- (1) PUBLIC HEARING: Call for Review by Mayor Cerda of the Planning Commission Action on the Approval of Site Plan review #2-20 and Tentative Tract Map #1-20 for the Construction of Six New Townhome Units in the Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential (R-3) Zone for a Property Located at 1938 West 146th Street (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 6465, Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission to Approve Site Plan Review #2-20 and Tentative Tract Map #1-20 (Continued)

Mayor Cerda closed the Public Hearing at 8:51 p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Cerda, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6465:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) PUBLIC HEARING: City of Gardena Budget-Related Documents for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6459, Adopting the City of Gardena's Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

RESOLUTION NO. 6459

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF GARDENA'S TWO-YEAR BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2021 AND 2021-2022

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report and presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:21p.m. and asked if there were any comments from the Public. Rudy Martinez, a resident, spoke in opposition of the budget.

There was then a discussion which included Mayor, Council and City Manager Osorio thanking our Finance team and staff for all their hard work in putting together the budget. It was then discussed passing a deficit budget and how it would affect our credit rating; if CalPERS offered a refinance would it be available to all cities on a first-come first serve basis; and if we would be penalized if we didn't use it; if we will have to do more layoffs; if there are any monies available at the federal or state levels that we can look forward to or if there was anything on the revenue side. City Manager Osorio then stated that there would be no impact on our credit rating; we are in better shape than most cities; there would be other measures we could take to reduce our unfunded liability interest from 7% to under 4%; he then said a lot of Cities are not sure what is going to happen, it's just like insurance, we want to be sure; now is the time to start looking for money. As far as layoffs, we need to tread lightly, and make sure we proportion was the right percentage, we do not want to cut more than we have to. He continued to say that the position that the Senate takes is they would like to see Cities go through bankruptcy. The CARES

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

(1) PUBLIC HEARING: City of Gardena Budget-Related Documents for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 (Continued)

(a) RESOLUTION NO. 6459, Adopting the City of Gardena's Two-Year Budget for Fiscal Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 (Continued)

Act helped Cities that had a population of 500,000 or more; the economic engine has stalled. Mayor Cerda then thanked the Finance staff and City Manager Osorio then thanked Ray Beeman, our CEO and Khoi Quach, along with the Administrative Services staff, and to the GMEA and GPOA for helping out the City, along with the Department Heads and the Unrepresented Managers and Supervisors of GMEO; he continued to say thank you to all our staff for putting us in a more manageable place and to the entire Council, it shows their commitment to the City of Gardena, and that we are in this together. Mayor Cerda then closed the Public Hearing at 9:36p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6459:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

(b) RESOLUTION NO. 6460, Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (GANN LIMIT)

RESOLUTION NO. 6460

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING THE APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 (GANN LIMIT)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda opened the Public Hearing at 9:40p.m. Being that there were no comments, she closed the Public Hearing at 9:41p.m.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6460 and Approve Budget for FY 2020-2021 and 2021-2022:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

- (2) RESOLUTION NO. 6461, Acknowledging the Receipt and Filing of the Annual Statement of Investment Policy for the Fiscal year 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6461

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE RECEIPT AND FILING OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Kaskanian, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6461:

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

- (3) Authorization to Bind Excess Insurance Coverage Policies for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor, Council and City Manager Osorio regarding how often we renew this type of insurance and if the rates are discounted because of COVID-19; and if each City has their own policy. City Manager Osorio replied we renew every year, our invoice is 13% higher than what it was prior fiscal year because of the claims of our member cities; that this quote is already discounted due to COVID-19; he continued to say that we, ourselves are going to claim about \$500,000 as I am sure other Cities are too. City Manager Osorio then said that membership includes 70% of California Cities, and 55 of the 58 Counties in California are members.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize City Manager to Bind Policies:

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

- (4) Approval of the Contract between the City of Gardena and TRIO Community Meals for the Provision of the Senior Community Action Meals Program (SCAMP) for the Fiscal Years 2020-2024

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor, Council, City Manager Osorio and Director Santin regarding how we ensure none of our seniors get missed; will this contract cover increases and is it normal for a contract to be four years. City Manager Osorio replied it is for all seniors who expressed an interest; in the prior year we had 250-300 seniors in the program as of now we have 400 with no one on the waiting list. Director Santin added that it is typical for a contract to be four years, it is a new company, we took it to bid and this vendor came in the lowest.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

- (4) Approval of the Contract between the City of Gardena and TRIO Community Meals for the Provision of the Senior Community Action Meals Program (SCAMP) for the Fiscal Years 2020-2024 (Continued)

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

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

ADD ON ITEM –Make finding that there is a need for immediate action, that the following matter came to the City’s attention after posting of the Agenda:

- (5) Agreement between the City and the Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to add Agenda Item 8.C.(5):

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

There was a discussion between Mayor Cerda, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson and City Manager Osorio asking if the item has been added to our budget. City Manager Osorio confirmed it has already been added which was adopted tonight. Mayor Cerda thanked the GMEA for coming to an agreement.

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

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

D. GENERAL SERVICES – No Items

E. POLICE – No Items

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6458, Approval of Local Agreement CCTR-0080 with the California Department of Education for FY 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6458

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, APPROVING LOCAL AGREEMENT CCTR-0080 WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Council, City Manager Osorio, City Attorney Vasquez and Director Santin regarding if we are exposed to any liability and who would be responsible for cleaning the facilities; it was asked if there was any provision to add children of essential workers. City Attorney Vasquez added that we have an indemnification clause in their contracts. Director Santin stated that the providers would be responsible for cleaning their facilities and certain facilities can accept children, and then added if we are able to accommodate then we will; essential workers would qualify.

It was moved by Council Member Francis, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6458:

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

- (2) RESOLUTION NO. 6462, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Supportive Services Program (SSP) on behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2020/2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6462

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM (SSP) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

There was a discussion which included Mayor, Council, City Manager Osorio, and Director Santin regarding how a household would apply for this type of service, and there was a question if we are financing a case management program. Director Santin stated you would call the Senior Bureau to schedule an appointment, the program is a referral program that offers programs like Meals on Wheels, Alzheimer's Clinic, and Affordable Housing. Mayor Cerda then stated that she is happy knowing that our City is taking care of our seniors.

It was moved by Council Member Tanaka, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6462:

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

F. RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES (Continued)

- (3) RESOLUTION NO. 6463, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for the Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) on behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

RESOLUTION NO. 6463

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM (ENP) ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda commented on how she is getting great feedback from the community regarding this program.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Francis, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6463:

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

- (1) Would like to see what our options are for meeting in person for the Closed Session portion of our meeting. Mayor Cerda seconded it. City Attorney Vasquez then clarified that options would be discussed at the July 14, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson

- (1) Regarding our Abandoned Property Ordinance, if we have issued citations more than 3 or 4 times, what is our legal right to acquire the property? Council Member Tanaka seconded it. City Attorney Vasquez stated to be able to obtain a receivership, given the current situation, and the courts being closed, overall, it is a very difficult process and high standard with the courts. Mayor Pro Tem then asked if we could look into our options.
- (2) Mayor Pro Tem asked City Manager Osorio to send him the presentation from H&L, not the recent one, the one that included cannabis. This was not a directive, therefore did not need a second.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES (Continued)

Council Member Francis

- (1) Asked for a follow-up to her directive regarding the mandated requirement for Police Officers to have psychological evaluations. City Attorney Vasquez stated that she is looking into the legislation at the state and federal level and if she would like her to continue. She confirmed yes.
- (2) Asked if Chief Saffell and the GPOA could work together to review all previous incidents including of alleged police brutality, misconduct or violation of law in an effort to create policies and procedures that will assist our Police Chief in identifying and eliminating behavior traits that could lead to abusive police power and authority. I am asking for a report to increase transparency in training and accountability including periodic background checks. Mayor Pro Tem then added that these are some of the issues that will come out of the panel we are going to develop. No one seconded.
- (3) Develop and prohibit the City from leasing City property for political campaign purposes; it is a violation of public trust, and not good public policy. Mayor Pro Tem seconded it.

Mayor Cerda

- (1) If we could get someone to look into the storage facilities in our City and seeing if the eviction process could be slowed down and look at our options, similar to our current moratorium that we have in place, as stated by the woman who spoke during Oral Communications. Mayor Pro Tem seconded it.
- (2) If we could look into what other cities are doing when it comes to fireworks. I have heard in different cities such as Pasadena that the Police and Fire Departments created a task force; and the City of Lynwood's fine for discharging fireworks is \$5,000 instead of \$1,000 like ours. Council Member Tanaka then stated he would second it if drones can also be looked into.

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) Memo from Chief Saffell re: our 4th of July Plan in order to mitigate fireworks in our City;
- (2) The Listening Tours have been scheduled for: District 1 – July 11, 2020; District 2 – July 18, 2020, and District 3 – July 25, 2020.
- (3) A memo in your packet from Chief Saffell regarding the “Eight Can’t Wait” Campaign”;
- (4) Some options for In-Person Closed Session Meetings;
- (5) A report from Chief Saffell regarding a Complaint of a homeless encampment at Ralphs Market;
- (6) Information regarding a Complaint regarding a truck that had a tow hitch that looked like a noose was hanging from it;
- (7) Offered condolences to the Guardado Family regarding this tragic death; just wanted to clarify that this incident occurred out of our jurisdiction of Gardena; and
- (8) Announced that the “Meals & Masks” giveaway is taking place on June 27, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN – He wanted to report that he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and that we are in a great situation, have good money and nothing to worry about. We have to spend money wisely. He wanted to give a special thanks to all the unions, employees, managers. We are all in this together.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – Since the last meeting, he attended the Study Session with the City Council. He also attended the Father’s Day celebration that the City held. Thank you to Stephany and staff for doing a great job on that. He thanked the City Manager and his financial staff for the budget preparation, and mentioned he read the whole thing. He stated that he appreciates all the effort that was put into it. He wanted to thank the unions that have stepped up to help the city out in this time. He was part of the city when we were out of money and almost at an “F” rating. All the unions stuck together, and he knows what the City is going through now and how they’re feeling. He stated that there is light at the end of the tunnel.
- (3) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON –_He wanted to reiterate that the labor groups working together helps us out a lot. He stated he was at his ICA meeting and he was able to get the 40 cities to sign onto the SCA 6 Act. That opportunity will allow local card clubs to open sports wagering and will help bring more revenue if it passes. We had spirited discussion and one of our colleagues in Montebello had a breakdown on where the card club employees reside, and a lot of the employees live in LA County. He stated that he is behind Madam Mayor on that subject and she just needs to take it all the way. He attended the Father’s Day celebration and hoped that everyone had a good Father’s Day. He went to the SCAG Meeting and they were working on setting the legislative calendar for the next year. He is going to push for local control as much as he can as we get pushed around with housing issues. Making sure that local control does stay within our local jurisdiction, he will keep that fight going.
- (4) MAYOR CERDA –_Since the last council meeting, she attended a couple meetings on zoom. She wanted to mention first, regarding fireworks, for everyone that calls or texts her makes sure to keep calling in into the police so that they will come out. Do not assume your neighbor will call it in. She stated to please call the police non-emergency number so that they can better coordinate this and hopefully stop it. She attended her monthly CCGA Meeting, Sanitation Meeting, Financial Committee Meeting, the Study Session and lastly happy to participate in the Father’s Day video that was put together. She added that she hopes all her colleagues had a happy Father’s Day. The last thing, she was one of the speakers at the Gardena High School’s Virtual Graduation and she said it was interesting. She wanted to send a special congratulations to all the graduates. Hopefully, we will never have to experience another virtual graduation after COVID-19. She said this situation will be so unique that you can tell your kids and grandkids about.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

C. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

(5) COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS— She hoped everyone had a wonderful Father’s Day and wanted to thank Stephany, Nikki, Pauline, and Ms. Janina for putting together the Father’s Day display and video. She also attended the Regional Meeting of Los Angeles County Democratic Party to see that we are heading in that direction. She mentioned we have a Presidential Election coming in November and had a conversation with Dean Logan, our County Recorder and Registrar about voter placement in Gardena in general, but in north Gardena specifically. She will be attending the City Clerk Summit and she is happy about that. By the time we get together again we will have celebrated another 4th of July. She stated without current affairs, this particular 4th of July takes on a new meaning and she hopes we take a look where we were then and where we are headed. She then stated the non-emergency police number which is 310-323-7911. She said you can call to report fireworks. She stated she got in her car, drove around, and found most of them and that this issue is City wide, just bear with us.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Cerda announced:

(1) “Meals & Masks” drive-thru giveaway is taking place on June 27, 2020 at 9:00a.m.

11. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Ellis Fears, 89 years of age, lived in the City of Gardena for 35 years, Mr. Fears was a veteran he participated in the Korean War, and was a member of the Casimir Gate Keepers Block Watch; and Mr. Oscar Warren, 82 years of age, beloved Grandfather of our Gardena Youth Commissioner KaMyah Elias, and a long-time resident of Gardena, Mr. Warren participated in many programs, activities, sports leagues, events, and organizations such as the Holly-Park Homeowners Association and Second Time Around Seniors Club, he was truly a Gardena Spirit that left his legacy for the City and his family to cherish for the years to come.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:43 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to a Special Study Session on Tuesday, June 30, 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

