The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson presiding.

1. **ROLL CALL**

   Present: Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Terrence Terauchi; Council Member Dan Medina; and Council Member Tasha Cerda. Other City officials and employees present: City Manager Mitchell G. Lansdell; City Attorney Peter L. Wallin; City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama; Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

2. **CLOSED SESSION – No Items**

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

   A. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

      Julieta Roa and John Roa, students from 186th Street Elementary School, led the flag salute and then introduced their parents who accompanied them to the meeting.

   B. **INVOCATION**

      The Reverend Christopher Codrington, Pastor of Gardena-Torrance Baptist Church, gave the Invocation.

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS**

   A. **PRESENTATIONS**

      (1) Certificate of Commendation to Associate Engineer Johnwayne Felix in Special Recognition of his 28 years 5 months of City Service and his Retirement from the City of Gardena

      – *was accepted by Mr. Johnwayne Felix*

      (2) Certificates of Recognition to Commission, Committee, and Board Appointees of Honorable Council Member Terrence Terauchi for their Dedicated Community Service, as Follows:

      (a) Nolan M. Jamora, Planning and Environmental Quality Commission

      (b) Woods Woolwine Jr., Recreation and Parks Commission

      (c) George Nakakura, Human Services Commission

      (d) William “Bill” Labeaud, Senior Citizens Commission and Gardena Beautification Committee

      (e) Carlos Lifosjoe, Gardena Economic Development Committee

      (f) Ki Young Park, Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Tenant Representative

      (g) Burt Nakamura, Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Landlord Representative

      (h) Mary Santamaria, Rent Mediation Board-At-Large Representative

      (i) Joseph Lee, Gardena Business Advisory Council

      *Nolan M. Jamora, Woods Woolwine Jr., George Nakakura, William “Bill” Labeaud, Burt Nakamura, Mary Santamaria, and Joseph Lee were all present to accept their Certificates of Recognition*
4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS (Continued)**

A. **PRESENTATIONS (Continued)**

   (3) Resolution of Commendation to The Honorable Terrence Terauchi in Acknowledgement and Recognition of Distinguished Service to the City and Community as a Gardena Councilmember, effective March 28, 2017

   *The Honorable Terrence Terauchi accepted his Recognition of Distinguished Service*

B. **ELECTION OFFICIAL’S CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL CANVASS OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION VOTES**

   (1) **RESOLUTION NO. 6263**, Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on March 7, 2017, Declaring the Results and Such Other Matters as Provided by Law

   City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

   It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6263:

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

   (2) Oaths of Office by Newly-Elected / Re-Elected Officials:

   Tasha Cerda: Mayor  
   Rodney G. Tanaka: City Council Member  
   Harout “Art” Kaskanian: City Council Member  
   Mina Semenza: City Clerk  
   J. Ingrid Tsukiyama: City Treasurer

   **Oaths of Office were taken by the newly-elected and re-elected officials.**

   A Recess was then called for a brief celebration reception, held in the lobby of City Hall.

   Mayor Tasha Cerda, now presiding, reconvened the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:45 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of Gardena City Hall, and the City Clerk noted the presence of all of the new and continuing Members of the City Council.

C. **PROCLAMATIONS**

   (1) “CESAR CHAVEZ DAY,” March 31, 2017 – was ‘proclaimed only’ by Mayor Cerda

   (2) “FAIR HOUSING MONTH,” April 2017 – was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda and accepted by Ms. Stephanie Luu, Outreach Coordinator for the Fair Housing Foundation

   (3) “SAFETY SEAT CHECKUP WEEK,” April 2-8, 2017 – was ‘proclaimed only’ by Mayor Cerda

D. **APPOINTMENTS** – None
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR** – Approved

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) City Council Regular Meeting, March 14, 2017
   (b) Planning & Environmental Quality Commission Meeting, February 21, 2017

   (2) **Approved**: Affidavit of Posting Agenda on March 24, 2017

C. **CITY TREASURER**

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

   (a) March 28, 2017: Wire Transfer No. 11570-11572; Prepay Nos. 143034-143040 and Check Nos. 143041-143258 for a total amount of $1,967,794.60; Total Payroll Issued March 28, 2017: $1,895,287.55

D. **CITY MANAGER**

   (1) **Approved**: Personnel Report No. P-2017-06

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

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

6. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

A. **FEBRUARY 21, 2017, MEETING**

   (1) **Conditional Use Permit #10-16**
   A request for conditional use permit to change the ownership and continue the operation of an existing 2,002 square foot massage establishment, per section 18.46.030(C)(28) of the Gardena Municipal Code, in the General Commercial (C-3) zone and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.
   **Project Location:** 16008 South Western Avenue Unit A5 (APN: 6105-010-069)
   **Applicant:** Masako Michishita
   **Commission Action:** Commission approved PC Resolution No. #5-17 to approve Conditional Use Permit #10-16.
   **Item was Received and Filed**
7. **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET** (Continued)

A. FEBRUARY 21, 2017, MEETING (Continued)

(2) **Conditional Use Permit #11-16**
A request for conditional use permit to operate a new 1,650 square foot billiards establishment, per section 18.030.030(L) of the Gardena Municipal Code, in the Commercial/Mixed-Use Overlay/Parking (C-2/MU/P) zone and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

**Project Location:** 15112 ½ South Western Avenue (APN: 6103-018-025)

**Applicant:** Jung An Woo

**Commission Action:** Commission approved PC Resolution No. 6-17 to approve Conditional Use Permit #11-16.

*Item was Received and Filed*

(3) **General Plan Amendment #1-16, Specific Plan #1-16, Zone Change #1-16, Tentative Tract Map #1-16, Site Plan Review #6-16 and Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program #10-16**
A request to develop a 2.31-acre site. Development would consist of 46 single-family attached residential condominiums at a density of 20 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) with an average size of 1,624 square feet. Approval requires a General Plan Amendment changing the property from General Commercial to Specific Plan; approval of the Western Avenue Specific Plan which becomes the zoning for the project site; a zone change from General Commercial to Western Avenue Specific Plan; Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 74350 subdividing the property into separate lots; and approval of the site plan for the development of the property. A Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program have been prepared to address the environmental impacts and will have to be approved and adopted prior to the project approvals. The Planning Commission will be making a recommendation to the City Council on the General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan and Zone Change and approving the Tract Map and Site Plan Review, subject to Council approval of the other items.

**Project Location:** 16958 South Western Avenue (APN: 6106-007-012)

**Applicant:** City Ventures

**Commission Action:** Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 02-17 that Recommends adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for General Plan Amendment (GPA #1-16), Specific Plan (SP #1-16), and Zone Change (#1-16); and Adopts a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Tentative Tract Map (TTM#1-16) and Site Plan Review (SPR#6-16) all relating to the property located at 16958 South Western Avenue; and Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 03-17 that recommends adoption of a General Plan Amendment (GPA #1-16), Specific Plan (SP #1-16), and Zone Change (#1-16) and approves Tentative Tract Map (TTM#1-16) and Site Plan Review (SPR #6-16) all relating to the property located at 16958 South Western Avenue.

Mayor Cerda Called for Review of this Item; a Public Hearing was set for the April 25, 2017, City Council Meeting

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) **Cheral Sherman,** Vice President of the Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – encouraged families to attend the Second Sunday Stroll on April 9, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and to their Work Restoration Day on Saturday, April 22, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She also mentioned that ‘the Friends’ are having a free donation kick-off, are asking the community to donate their recyclables, and that membership applications for the preserve are available at the Mayme Dear Library, in the City Hall Lobby, and via their website at [www.gardenawillows.org](http://www.gardenawillows.org)
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

(2) David McMichael, Employee of the City and Gardena resident – thanked the Council for acknowledging the passing of his father. (The February 28, 2017, City Council Meeting was adjourned in his father’s memory.)

(3) Tom Candy, President & General Manager of Hustler and Lucky Lady Casinos – congratulated the newly elected and re-elected City officials.

(4) Jorge Guandique and Lena Salen, representatives of AADAP and GDAAP – announced that they are promoting activities in our schools, especially in Gardena High School, to make students and teachers aware of prescription drug overuse and abuse and are encouraging them to take steps to prevent it.

(5) Lan Thi Hoang, resident – informed the City Council that she believes that the City is not assisting her with her Public Records Requests.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

(1) Single Audit Report Required for Federally-Funded Programs for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Tanaka commented that he read the report and feels that our City is doing very well regarding how we report things; and yes, there were minor deficiencies but, overall, each department did a really good job and he thanked them for that.

Report was Received and Filed

(2) RESOLUTION NO. 6259, Authorizing the Examination of Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Surcharge and Local Charge Records

RESOLUTION NO. 6259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE EXAMINATION OF PREPAID MOBILE TELEPHONY SERVICES SURCHARGE AND LOCAL CHARGE RECORDS

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6259:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None
8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

(3) RESOLUTION NO. 6262, Approving Modified California Games Collection Rates at the Hustler Casino and Larry Flynt’s Lucky Lady Casino

RESOLUTION NO. 6262
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING MODIFIED CALIFORNIA GAMES COLLECTION RATES AT THE HUSTLER CASINO AND LARRY FLYNT’S LUCKY LADY CASINO

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6262:

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

B. GENERAL SERVICES

(1) RESOLUTION NO. 6264, Amending Resolution No. 6133 to Modify the Wording Regarding Authorized Designees for HCD Home Program Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 6264
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 6133 TO MODIFY THE WORDING REGARDING AUTHORIZED DESIGNEES FOR HCD HOME PROGRAM FUNDS

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Tanaka, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6264:

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

(2) Acceptance of Projects and Notice of Completion Storm Drain Catch Basin Screen Upgrade Phase 2

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked if this upgrade is the one from three years ago.

City Manager Lansdell replied that these are additional Catch Basin Screens; about 70 more.

City Manager Lansdell
8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. GENERAL SERVICES (Continued)

(2) Acceptance of Projects and Notice of Completion Storm Drain Catch Basin Screen Upgrade Phase 2 (Continued)

Mayor Cerda asked City Manager Lansdell, if he had to guess, about how many Catch Basins do we have in the City?

City Manager Lansdell replied that there are in the neighborhood of 1,000. The initial ones were installed on all of the major arterials and these particular affected basins are in some selected locations throughout the City.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Kaskanian, and carried by the following roll call vote to Accept and Order Recordation:

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

C. POLICE

(1) Authorization to Purchase Tasers from Taser International, Inc., in the amount of $211,244.82

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked if we could purchase additional warranty coverage.

City Manager Lansdell replied that he doesn’t not recall what the warranty on the additional purchase is; and that staff can definitely look into it.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked about the sole source provision – will other companies come after us for not making a competitive bid process for it?

City Manager Lansdell replied that the City’s purchasing rules allow us to use this single source for this purchase.

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

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

D. RECREATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PARKS & FACILITIES – No Items

E. TRANSPORTATION – No Items
9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS

(1) Conditional Use Permit #8-16
A request for conditional use permit to operate a new massage establishment, per section 18.46.030(C)(28) of the Gardena Municipal Code, in the Neighborhood Commercial/Mixed-Use Overlay/Parking (C-2/MUO/P) zone and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an existing facilities project.

For Information Only, this ‘Call-for-Review’ Item (Review was called by Council Member Cerda at February 28, 2017, Council Meeting) has been continued to the April 11, 2017, City Council meeting as a Public Hearing

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – None given

C. COUNCIL REMARKS

(1) COUNCIL MEMBER KASKANIAN – opened by thanking the Lord Jesus Christ for giving him the strength to run a good, clean campaign. He also thanked his wife and two sons. He continued by thanking all his neighbors in Gardena for all their support. He closed with a promise that he will work to benefit the City.

(2) COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA – opened by thanking all the voters, supporters, friends, and family. As a team member of a newly-made Council, he stated he is here to do what is best for the City of Gardena. He continued and thanked God and thanked the supporters once again. He said he is looking forward to working with all the departments of City of Gardena.

(3) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – also thanked everyone who voted. He encouraged the residents to get out and vote, and to have a voice in future elections. Since the last Council Meeting, as the City’s Trustee on the Board of the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District, he attended a meeting with other Vector Control Districts members, regarding the Zika virus – which caused 19 more deaths in the United States since his last report. He stated that he will be reporting more on the Zika virus at the next Council Meeting. He also shared that, on behalf of the Rotary Club, he will be delivering birthday cakes to senior citizens in nine convalescent homes (four in Carson and five in Gardena) on Friday, March 31, 2017.

(4) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – stated that he was encouraged by the 19.5 percent voter turnout in the City’s election. He reported that, since the last Council Meeting, he had the honor to attend the “5-Star Bus Roadeo,” and that he had a lot of fun. He also attended the Eagle Scouts recognition for four young men this past Saturday, March 25, 2017, held at the Nakaoka Community Center. He continued by reporting that he attended the Larry Flynt’s Lucky Lady Casino Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. He then reported that great progress has been made with the Veterans groups and GDAAP, to get Veterans off of opiates and to use more natural medicines. He ended his remarks by asking that the Council Meeting be adjourned in memory of his stepmother, Yvonne Henderson, who passed away on March 19, 2017.

(5) MAYOR CERDA – reported that, since the last Council Meeting, she attended the Larry Flynt’s Lucky Lady Casino’s Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; and also attended the “5-Star Bus Roadeo” held at the GTrans facility. She shared that, as a team, Gardena won First Place against five other cities. She thanked everyone who came to witness tonight’s swearing in, especially thanking her family and friends for their support. She continued by thanking God for allowing her to be elected as Mayor. She stated that she doesn’t take the job lightly, and assured the community that she would do her best to keep Gardena the great city that we all know and love. She closed by thanking the citizens for coming out to vote, giving candidates their support.
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

11. **REMEMBRANCES**

   Mr. Jerry Alvarado, 69 years old, and Mr. Pastor Alvarado, 60 years of age: both are the beloved uncles of Customer Service Clerk I Corina Alvarado of the City of Gardena Recreation, Human Services, Parks and Facilities Department; Mr. Noboru Ronnie Takao, 92 years old, a 60-year resident of Gardena and a U.S. Air Force veteran, he was active in the Buddhist Church and in the Japanese Gardeners Association, helping to build the original Japanese garden on 162nd Street across from the Civic Center, as well helping to build the garden at the Gardena Mayme Dear Library; Mrs. Faye Isobe Anderson, 64 years of age, a long-time Gardena resident, she is one of the daughters of Mr. Tak Isobe who owned a photo studio next to Giuliano’s on Gardena Boulevard, and who was famous for taking all of the photos for Gardena High School for many years; and Mrs. Yvonne Henderson, who passed away on March 19, 2017, she is the beloved stepmother of Mayor Pro Tem Mark Henderson.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

   At 9:35 p.m., Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to a Regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

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

   By:_____________________________
   Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

   APPROVED:

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   Tasha Cerda, Mayor