

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, April 12, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson presiding, due to the absence of Mayor Paul K. Tanaka.

1. ROLL CALL

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

At 7:00 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 Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Terrence Terauchi; Council Member Dan Medina; Council Member Tasha Cerda; City Manager Mitchell G. Lansdell; and City Attorney Peter L. Wallin.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Sections 54956.9(d)(1)

(1) City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc., et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS1563472

(2) Lydia Partida v. City of Gardena, et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC604044

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code, Section 54957(b)(1)

Title: City Manager

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:35 p.m. and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members, who were present at the meeting with the exception of Mayor Paul K. Tanaka who was absent.

When Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked for a Closed Session Report, City Attorney Wallin stated that no reportable action had been taken by the City Council.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Autumn Kirby and Nicholas Casis, 8th Grade Students from Gardena Valley Christian School, co-led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Autumn and Nicholas were chosen to attend because they are both exemplary students and members of the Gardena Valley Christian School Student Council. Autumn is President of the Student Council. Both students introduced their parents and family members who had accompanied them to the meeting.

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION (Continued)**

B. **INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Rob Lee, Lead Pastor of Gardena Valley Assembly.

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

A. **PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Presentation of Check from South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) and Southern California Edison (SCE) for the Amount of Rebates and Incentives Earned from Lighting Projects that have Advanced the City of Gardena to the Silver Level of the Energy Leader Program

A check in the amount of \$22,055 was presented to the City of Gardena by Ms. Connie Turner, Region Manager, Public Affairs, Southern California Edison, and by Ms. Marilyn Lyon, Public Affairs / Environmental Services Analyst, South Bay Environmental Services Center of SBCCOG; Deryl Lloyd, Superintendent of Recreation & Human Services, made a PowerPoint presentation.

- (2) Introduction/Recognition of the Top Three Participants in the Fifth Annual “5 Stars” Rodeo that took place on March 19, 2016, at the GTrans Facility, by Ernie Crespo, Director of Transportation
- (a) Bus Operator Timothy Woods – First Place
 - (b) Bus Operator Johnny Thymes – Second Place
 - (c) Bus Operator Natasha Cloyd – Third Place

Introduction/Recognition was made by Ernie Crespo, Director of Transportation – all three participants were present, introduced, and recognized.

B. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- (1) “Fair Housing Month,” April 2016 – *was accepted by Ms. Stephanie Luu, Outreach & Housing Assistant, Fair Housing Foundation*
- (2) “DMV/Donate Life Month,” April 2016 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson*
- (3) “Denim Day in LA and USA,” April 27, 2016, in conjunction with “Sexual Assault Awareness Month,” April 2016 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson*

C. **APPOINTMENTS**

- (1) Reorganization of Council Assignments of Delegates and Alternates to Outside/City Committees – *was Approved; Received and Filed*
- (2) Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Board, and Council (Commission Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn in; Committees, Board and Council Appointees to be Ratified Only)
- (i) Gardena Rent Mediation Board, Tenant Representative
Ms. Zoraida Hernandez (by Councilmember Dan Medina)

Selection was made naming Ms. Zoraida Hernandez to serve as a Tenant Representative on the Gardena Rent Mediation Board. Her appointment was ratified.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to appoint Ms. Zoraida Hernandez to serve on the Gardena Rent Mediation Board as a Tenant Representative:

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

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) City Council Regular Meeting, March 8, 2016
- (b) Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, February 16, 2016
- (c) Planning & Environmental Quality Commission, March 15, 2016

(2) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on April 8, 2016

C. CITY TREASURER

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

- (a) March 22, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11470, Prepay Nos. 137671-137679; and Check Nos. 137680-137903 for a total amount of \$1,743,923.78; Total Payroll Issued March 18, 2016: \$1,864,387.64.
- (b) April 12, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11473, Prepay Nos. 137904-137912, and Check Nos. 137913-138157 for a total amount of \$1,713,855.66; Total Payroll Issued April 1, 2016: \$1,472,159.79.

(1) **Approved:** Monthly Investment Portfolio Report

- (a) February 2016

D. CITY MANAGER

(1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2016-05

(2) Appropriation of Funds for Eligible Activities Under the California State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Home Investments Partnerships Program and the CalHome Program in the Amount of \$95,625 – **Funds Appropriated**

(3) Approval of Gardena Buddhist Church Annual Fujimatsuri Bazaar
1517 W 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247
Saturday, April 30, 2016 – **Periodic Event (Circus/Carnival) Permit – Approved**

It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to approve all of the Items on the Consent Calendar:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEETS

A. MARCH 15, 2016, MEETING

- (1) Environmental Review #8-15, General Plan Amendment #1-15, Zone Change #1-15, Zone Code Amendment #1-16, Site Plan Review #7-15, Conditional Use Permit #2-15

The City of Gardena initiated the following:

- a. General Plan Amendment (GPA #1-15)
- b. Zone Code Amendment (ZCA #1-16)
- c. Zone Change (ZC #1-15)

The William Warren Group, Inc. requested the following entitlements for the construction of a 131,752 square foot self-storage and retail center:

- d. Conditional Use Permit (CUP #2-15)
- e. Site Plan Review (SPR #7-15)

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP) (EA #8-15) has been prepared for the entire project.

Project location: 14215 South Normandie Avenue

Applicant: The William Warren Group, Inc. & The City of Gardena

Commission Action: Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 2-16 approving Environmental Review #8-15, Site Plan Review #7-15, Conditional Use Permit #2-15 and recommends that the City Council adopt a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Zone Change, subject to the conditions of approval.

Council Member Medina submitted a Call for Council Review – Received & Filed

- (2) Conditional Use Permit #6-13

Revocation of Conditional Use Permit #6-13 that allowed the operation of a 1,934 square foot billiards establishment located within an existing shopping center located in the Commercial (C-3) zone.

Project location: 15420 South Western Avenue, Suites F and G

Commission Action: Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 3-16 revoking Conditional Use Permit #6-13.

Received and Filed

B. APRIL 5, 2016, MEETING

- (1) Conditional Use Permit #1-16

A request to allow the on-site sale of beer and wine as part of meal service at an existing restaurant located in the Artesia Corridor Specific Plan.

Project location: 1556 West Artesia Boulevard (APN: 6106-013-062)

Applicant: Johnny Simon/M Chain Inc.

Commission Action: Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 04-16, approving Conditional Use Permit #1-16 to allow the on-site sale of beer and wine as part of meal service at an existing restaurant located in the Artesia Corridor Specific Plan, and directing staff to file a notice of exemption as an existing facility.

Received and Filed

- (2) Site Plan Review #10-15

A request to allow the demolition of an existing 5,230 square foot commercial building, construction of a new 1,850 square foot drive through restaurant, and a complete façade renovation of the existing 4.12 acre commercial shopping center located in the Commercial (C-2) zone.

Project location: 15501 South Normandie Avenue (APN: 6105-008-013)

Applicant: Rich Development

Commission Action: Commission continued the item to the April 19, 2016, Planning and Environmental Quality Commission Hearing.

Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Cheral Sherman, V.P. of Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – presented a Certificate of Appreciation to RDO Equipment Company for the exemplary service to this community in assisting the Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve by voluntarily chipping and hauling away infested wood from the Willows.
2. Carlos Marquez, Mobile Home Park resident – spoke to make Council aware that he feels that the City is not following the procedures that are stated in the Rent Mediation and Hearing Procedures booklet.
3. Raphael Prado, Mobile Home Park resident – seeking information regarding any legal recourse that can be taken against the owners of Gardena Villas as they are not following the procedures stated in the Rent Mediation and Hearing Procedures booklet.
4. Megan Baumgarten, resident and representative of Barefoot Organics – encouraged the City Council to pass an Ordinance regarding the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Act which would allow owners of vacant land to grow food on their properties. The vacant property she spoke about on which she would like to have a garden is located at 2545 Marine Avenue (corner of Dublin and Marine Avenues).

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6222, Approving Modified Poker Games Collection Rates at the Normandie Casino

RESOLUTION NO. 6222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA,
CALIFORNIA APPROVING MODIFIED POKER GAMES COLLECTION RATES
AT THE NORMANDIE CASINO

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6222:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

- (2) Appointment of Representative to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Cerda asked if Ms. Kathy Wojno was present.

City Manager Lansdell replied that she was not present.

It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Appointment of Ms. Kathy Wojno to the SBWIB Business Private Sector Seat (July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2010):

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6220, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Under the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017, and Setting a Time and Place for Hearing Protests in Relation thereto (Public Hearing May 10, 2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 6220

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 10, 2016)

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

City Manager Lansdell clarified that this assessment district is to pay for maintenance of the median on Artesia Boulevard that are located between Western and Normandie Avenues.

Council Member Cerda inquired about the medians now present on Rosecrans Avenue due to the improvements to the Rosecrans Corridor; asking if assessment be made for landscaping in the same way?

City Manager Lansdell replied that it is something the City is looking to consider; that the City will need a recommendation to Council relative to establishing a district to do so, because portions of the Rosecrans medians will need to be maintained. He said that the medians on Artesia Boulevard were originally paid for by the developers of the adjacent properties and are, therefore, also maintained by them.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6220:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

- (2) RESOLUTION NO. 6221, Approving the Engineer's Report for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2016-2107, Declaring its Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments Under the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting District for Fiscal Year 20-2017, and Setting a Time and Place for Hearing Protests in Relation Thereto (Public Hearing: May 10, 2016)

RESOLUTION NO. 6221

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR THE GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2107, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS UNDER THE GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017, AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING PROTESTS IN RELATION THERETO (PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 10, 2016)

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Continued)

(2) RESOLUTION NO. 6221 (Continued)

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked for clarification, stating that he knows that this resolution is part of the approval process, but when the Council has the hearing, is it correct that the numbers won't change?

City Manager Lansdell replied that the numbers in the report will not change; they are the recommended amounts to be heard and considered on May 10, 2016.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6221:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

- (3) PUBLIC HEARING: Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Purposes of a General Plan Amendment, Zoning Code Amendment, and Zone Change for 1.84 Acres of Property Located at 14216 Brighton Avenue, 1401 and 1425 West Rosecrans Avenue, and for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for a Self-Storage Project at 14215 Normandie Avenue (GPA#1-15) (ZC#1-15) (ZCA#1-16); Approve the General Plan Amendment, Zoning Code Amendment and Zone Change; and Affirm the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission's Decision to Approve a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the Self-Storage Project Located at 14215 Normandie Avenue (CUP#2-15) SPR#7-15)
- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6223, Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Purposes of a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Zoning Code Amendment, and Affirming the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission's Decision to Adopt the Same for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the StorQuest Project (EA#8-15) and Amending the Land Use Plan of the Community Development Element of the City's General Plan Relating to Density for the General Commercial Land Use Designation (GPA#1-15)

RESOLUTION NO. 6223

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring Program for Purposes of a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change, Zoning Code Amendment, and Affirming the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission's Decision to Adopt the Same for a Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the StorQuest Project (EA#8-15) and Amending the Land Use Plan of the Community Development Element of the City's General Plan Relating to Density for the General Commercial Land Use Designation (GPA#1-15)

- (b) RESOLUTION NO. 6224, Affirming the Decision of the Planning and Environmental Commission Approving the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the StorQuest Project (CUP#2-15) (SPR#7-15)

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

B. **POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Continued)**

(3) (b) (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 6224

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Affirming the Decision of the Planning and Environmental Commission Approving the Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan Review for the StorQuest Project (CUP#2-15) (SPR#7-15)

- (c) **PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 1766**, Amending Chapter 18.34 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to the Heavy Commercial (C-4) Zone, Amending Chapter 18.46 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Conditional Use Permits, and Rezoning Property Generally Located on West Rosecrans Avenue Between South Normandie Avenue and Brighton Avenue from General Commercial (C-3) to Heavy Commercial (C-4) (ZC#1-15) (ZCA#1-16)

ORDINANCE NO. 1766

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Amending Chapter 18.34 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to the Heavy Commercial (C-4) Zone, Amending Chapter 18.46 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Conditional Use Permits, and Rezoning Property Generally Located on West Rosecrans Avenue Between South Normandie Avenue and Brighton Avenue from General Commercial (C-3) to Heavy Commercial (C-4) (ZC#1-15) (ZCA#1-16)

City Manager Lansdell pointed out the Memo listing a recommendation by Staff that the Public Hearing be opened and then continue consideration of this item to the April 26, 2016, City Council Meeting. A continuation is necessary due to the need to complete all noticing requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson opened the Public Hearing at 8:35p.m.; Council approved that this Item [8.B.(3)] be opened and continued for consideration at the April 26, 2016, Council Meeting

- (4) Award Contract
139th Street Improvement, JN 893
Western Avenue to Budlong Avenue
All American Asphalt in the Amount of \$372,770.00

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked if this project includes the recycling fee.

City Manager Lansdell responded that the fee is included.

Council Member Henderson asked about City advertisement for this project – in which periodicals and magazines were they published?

City Manager Lansdell replied that, in addition to the City's website, ads were also placed in the *Dodge* and other construction publications.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award the Contract to All American Asphalt:

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

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

B. **POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (Continued)**

- (5) Authorization to Purchase a 2017 Ford F-659 LPG Asphalt/Patch Truck in the Amount of \$134,025.22

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

- (6) Authorization to Purchase a 2017 Ford F-450 LPG Stencil Truck in the Amount of \$133,535.50

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

C. **RECREATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PARKS, & FACILITIES** – No Items

D. **TRANSPORTATION**

- (1) Authorize Funding Agreement between the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and The City of Gardena for Metro Expresslanes Net Toll Revenue Reinvestment Funds

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Terauchi asked about the expenditures by the City; they are going to be \$296,834 and will be funded by Measure R and passenger fares, is that correct?

City Manager Lansdell replied that is correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson then asked, will we reduce our services back to where they were or will we apply for a new grant when the grant is up in 2 years?

City Manager Lansdell replied it will have to be evaluated whether it can sustain itself based on revenue received; hopefully we will be able to apply for a grant continuance.

Council Member Medina then stated that, with regard to Measure R, there is a Measure R-1 and a Measure R-2; he also mentioned that the SBCCOG is always in touch with LACMTA to see what money is available for our bus lines.

It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Authorize the Funding Agreement:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

D. **TRANSPORTATION (Continued)**

- (2) Award of Contract to Complete Coach Works for Four Remanufactured Electric Transit Buses in the amount of \$2,578,643, including Tax and Delivery

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Ernie Crespo, Transportation Director, introduced Richard Sullivan from Complete Coach Works. Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked Mr. Sullivan to introduce the project and explain the process.

Mr. Sullivan indicated that they are a remanufacturer of buses and have been in business for 30 years; they will be taking Gardena's hybrid vehicles and putting in a fully-electric barrier power system as well as additional interior modifications. They recently participated in the largest order of electric buses and are continuing to deliver them; this is part of the zero emission bus systems program (California initiative) that is going on at this moment.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked if a majority of Transportation agencies are looking into making their fleets 100% electric.

Mr. Sullivan replied that all of the agencies are looking at electric buses for the immense savings and the environmental impact that their use has. He indicated that studies are being conducted at federal, state and local levels.

Council Member Henderson then stated the reason why he asked is that the City needs to start saving our money to move forward to make our fleet 100% electric.

Council Member Cerda indicated that she had the opportunity to go to the Complete Coach Works facility a few weeks ago and watched the whole assembly line production; she stated that it was an amazing project and it's great for Gardena; she is happy to support this project.

Mr. Sullivan thanked Ms. Cerda and stated that if any of the other Council Members would like to come to their facility, they are more than welcome to come.

Council Member Terauchi asked what the effective range of mileage for the electric buses will be.

Mr. Sullivan replied depending on their criteria, a bus could travel up to 130 to 150 miles.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Award of Contract:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

- (3) Award of Contract to CALSTART for the Project Management, Project Administration and Data Collection and Performance Analysis Services for the Electric Bus Demonstration Project in the amount of \$297,419

Staff Recommendation: Approve Award of Contract

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 Approve Award of Contract:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Tanaka

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

- A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items
- B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – No Directives Given
- C. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCILMEMBER TERAUCHI – stated that he recently attended a reception in Torrance at the Depot Restaurant hosted by the South Bay Association of Realtors. He thanked Gardena City Clerk Mina Semenza for the invitation. Ms. Semenza was the Master of Ceremonies for the reception. On Saturday, March 19, he represented the City of Gardena at the Koi show banquet. Dinner was quite delicious. He mentioned that the Koi show was initially started in Gardena by local gardeners, (Gardena Valley Gardeners Association) approximately forty-seven (47) years ago. It is now grown into an international event; people from all over the world participate in this competition. He expressed how important it is for the City of Gardena to continue to support and sponsor this event. He closed his remarks by reminding everyone to attend the Cinco de Mayo festivities and parade at the end of this month.
- (2) COUNCILMEMBER MEDINA – reported that he attended the following events: Installation for the new president for the Gardena Filipino Club at Freeman Park and congratulated all the new members; the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCOG) Annual General Assembly at the Carson Community Center. Also, every 90 days, in conjunction with the Gardena Elks Lodge, he and Elks members visit the Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Donations of personal care items worth approximately \$4,500 given the hospitalized Veterans free of charge. This effort is a very rewarding experience. He also delivered birthday cakes to the local convalescent homes at the end of March. He reminded and invited residents to participate in upcoming city sponsored events.
- (3) COUNCILMEMBER CERDA – shared that, since the last Council Meeting she attended the City of Hawthorne’s State of the City Address by their new Mayor Alex Vargas. It was a very nice event and Mayor Vargas did a great job introducing himself to the people. She attended the Veterans 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam conflict. She was a judge at the Courtney’s School of Dance’s First Annual Beauty Pageant, which was not an easy task, but she was very happy to be part of the event. She attended the re-opening of Denny’s restaurant on Western and 186th Street; and she was a guest reader at Gardena Mayme Dear Library where she read a few books to young children.
- (4) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – Announced that, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, he will be hosting an “Open City Hall” event. He invited and encouraged the community to attend.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson announced that he will be hosting an “Open City Hall” on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the City Council Office.

Councilman Medina announced that the Cinco de Mayo Queen Coronation will take place on Sunday, April 24, 2016, and the 30th Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, there will be entertainment, food, games, craft booths, and a classic car show at Mas Fukai Park.

11. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Robert D. Bohan, 78 years of age, former Gardena Police Captain who retired on December 30, 1989, after 25½ years of City service; Mr. William Henry Knott, 88 years old, beloved father of City of Gardena Heavy Equipment Operator Don Knott, with the Public Works Division of the City; Mrs. Lidia Ruiz Rodriguez, 100 years of age, beloved grandmother of City of Gardena Engineering Technician Jose Espinoza, with the Engineering Division of the City; Mrs. Catherine Shishido, 91 years old, long-time resident of Gardena, and beloved sister-in-law of Mrs. Edna Kuriyama, former Accountant-Financial Planner with the City of Gardena Transportation Department, who retired in 2007 after 34½ years of City service; and Mr. Emmitt Maurice Burkett, 71 years of age, a 38-year resident of Gardena, and former Captain and Co-Captain of the Casimir Gatekeepers Neighborhood Watch Club.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Henderson announced that the Gardena City Council will adjourn to the next Regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

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

By: _____
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark E. Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem