

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

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 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; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero.

2. CLOSED SESSION – Not Held

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Anne Asai and John Asai, (brother and sister), participants in the Summer Day Camp at Arthur Lee Johnson Park, sponsored by the City of Gardena Recreation, Human Services, Parks & Facilities Department. Anne is in the sixth grade at Fleming Middle School; and John is in second grade and attends Park Western Elementary School. Both students introduced their parents who had accompanied them to the meeting.

B. INVOCATION

The Reverend Jeff Gill, Senior Pastor, Calvary Chapel South Bay, led the invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS – No Items

B. PROCLAMATIONS – No Items

C. APPOINTMENTS

(1) Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Board, and Council
No appointments were made

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, June 28, 2016

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

C. CITY TREASURER

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

(a) July 12, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11498-11502; Prepay Nos. 139314-139320 and Check Nos. 139321-139542 for a total amount of \$4,251,958.95; Total Payroll Issued June 24, 2016: \$1,504,018.05.

D. CITY MANAGER

(1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2016-11

(a) **Approved:** Settlement of Worker’s Compensation – Michael Hassoldt
Appeals Board Case No. ADJ9526328 & ADJ10105968

(b) **Approved:** Request City Council re-approval of Salary Schedules dated January 5, 2014, July 5, 2015, and January 1, 2016, as per California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) requirements and review audit resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked if we have done the appropriate comparative analysis for positions in our City with other Cities that are the same size in Los Angeles County; just wanting to make sure we are in alignment with those other cities.

City Manager Lansdell replied, “Duly noted.” He then said that it is a requirement of CalPERS to have Council re-adopt the Salary Schedules that were previously adopted, pursuant to an audit they did on our City records; he also stated that the salary schedules will be part of upcoming negotiations.

(2) **Approved:** Approval of Special Event Permit/Bingo Permit

Annual Obon Carnival: August 13-14, 2016

Gardena Buddhist Church

1517 West 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

A. JULY 5, 2016, MEETING – Meeting Cancelled

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Wanda Love, President of Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce – spoke about how she and some members of the community had a problem with the comments made by Chief Medrano that were printed in a Saturday, July 9, 2016, *Los Angeles Times* article. She also named a number of upcoming Chamber events.
- (2) The Honorable Robert Pullen-Miles, representative for Assemblywoman Autumn Burke – invited everyone out to the “2nd Annual Back to School Health and Wellness Fair” on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Jane Adams Park in the City of Lawndale.
- (3) Cheral Sherman, V.P. of Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – extended an invitation to the 3rd Saturday Work Restoration Day on Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Friends are getting ready to plant for the Fall and will need lots of volunteers. For information, call (310) 217-0681 or www.gardenawillows.org.
- (4) Karl Henry, resident – stated that he still believes that the City Council violated the Brown Act when they went into Closed Session to select an Acting City Manager. He reported that he had forwarded the minutes from the April 26, 2016, Council meeting to the District Attorney’s Office-Public Integrity Division for further review and information.

Council Member Terauchi asked City Attorney Wallin to state his position regarding Mr. Henry’s allegation from the minutes of our April 26, 2016 Council Meeting regarding the Brown Act violation.

City Attorney Wallin stated that the Brown Act Section 54957 provides that the City Council can hold closed sessions to consider the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee. It was perfectly appropriate to hold a closed session to consider the appointment of the successor to the City Manager.

Council Member Terauchi replied that Mr. Henry raised a point (and he agrees) that it was for Acting City Manager; the action of closed session was not that.

City Attorney Wallin then replied the contract that was entered into after that, which was on the Agenda, was for an acting appointment.

Council Member Terauchi then asked does the subsequent action of the City Council to approve an Acting City Manager contract supersede the action of the April 26, 2016, closed session?

City Attorney Wallin replied that he doesn’t consider that we went into closed session to discuss appointing an Acting City Manager and then came out and decided that it was a permanent appointment. The Council can hold a closed session to consider the successor and appoint a City Manager; it was a close approximation of what was actually done.

Council Member Terauchi then stated, “What you are saying is the City Council has enacted two separate and distinct contracts with the Chief of Police: 1) making him a City Manager; and 2) making him an Acting City Manager, which one is precedent?”

City Attorney Wallin replied that all the Council did on April 26, 2016, was instruct staff to prepare an agreement to effectuate the Council action. The agreement, that was brought to Council for approval at a later Council meeting, was an agreement which appointed him as Acting City Manager.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)

Council Member Terauchi, wishing clarification, then asked if the contract making the Chief of Police the Acting City Manager takes precedence over the action taken on April 26, 2016.

City Attorney Wallin replied there was no action taken on April 26, 2016; it was an announcement, subject to a contract; Chief Medrano was not actually appointed at that time.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6235, Establishing a Retention Policy for GTrans Video Surveillance Recordings

RESOLUTION NO. 6235

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA,
CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING A RETENTION POLICY FOR GTRANS
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked if the employee groups are okay with the understanding that this surveillance system is for their safety and not for surveilling the actual employees.

City Manager Lansdell replied this policy is with respect to all actions and claims and does not speak directly to their actions on the bus; that would be a separate negotiation with them.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6235:

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

- (2) Approval of Outdoor Signage for Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino

Mr. Larry Flynt spoke about the sign and told Council what they have before them is not the first rendering of the signage. He said that City Manager Lansdell found the first rendering unacceptable and would not submit it to Council; he wanted it redesigned; so they redesigned it and submitted it for approval and, at the June 14, 2016, Council Meeting, it did not get approved. He pointed out a case that went to the Supreme Court *Miller v. California* for which it was decided that nudity itself is not legally obscene. He indicated that he wants to make his business run as successfully as he can, and he needs the support of the City Council. He then asked Council to cooperate and approve the sign.

Mr. Terry Kennedy spoke in favor of the sign and encouraged the City Council to vote and approve this request.

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked City Attorney Wallin, relative to the Council's position that was taken at the June 14, 2016 Council Meeting in that we denied without prejudice and asked Mr. Flynt to reconsider; what is the potential liability if we do not approve tonight?

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

(2) Approval of Outdoor Signage for Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino (Continued)

City Attorney Wallin replied that Mr. Flynt has presented a proposal to the City. If it is denied, we would need to have a legitimate claim for denying it; Mr. Flynt could file a lawsuit and we would end up paying his attorneys' fees.

Council Member Medina stated that, at the June 14, 2016, Council Meeting, he is the one who made a first to approve the signage, and never got a second. He claims that he knows all the ins and outs as far as casino signage is concerned and, if one were to look at our City Ordinance, we are pretty flexible when it comes to signs. He wants to make sure that some of his colleagues on the Council understand our City's ordinances when it comes to casinos.

Council Member Cerda, stated that she is a little saddened to see that the same picture came back to Council for approval; she thanked Mr. Flynt for bringing the Hustler to our City and thanked him for considering to purchase the Normandie Casino, but indicated that her position is still the same. She feels the sign is offensive to women and she understands that the City could get sued if we deny, based on what the ordinance states.

It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Proposed Outdoor Signage:

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

(3) Ratify Administrative Approval for Purchase of Software Maintenance from Progressive Solutions, Inc.

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 Ratify the Administrative Approval for Purchase of Software Maintenance:

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

(4) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Economic Assistance Agreement with Casino, LLC (Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino) Government Code §53083

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson opened the Public Hearing at 8:34 p.m. and asked for any comments from the public.

Mr. Flynt spoke to the Council and told them the Economic Stimulus package you have now is not the package that was originally negotiated with Mr. Lansdell. Over three weeks ago, we had a deal; late last week the deal was changed and there was a provision added that we had to guaranty a certain amount of revenue which makes no sense at all.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

- (4) PUBLIC HEARING: Economic Assistance Agreement with Casino, LLC (Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino) Government Code §53083 (Continued)

Mr. Flynt (continued) He then said that, based on his negotiations with Mr. Lansdell, they advanced money for architectural cards, chips, and architectural and construction plans. He acted in good faith and his position was that everything is subject to City Council approval; the majority of the things the City Manager presents are well thought out and that he wouldn't submit them if he knew they were not going to go forward. Mr. Flynt also stated that, in the 16 years that he has been in Gardena, he has paid out more than \$85.5 million dollars to the City; that one would think that someone who has done that much for this City would not get so little in return. He feels like he is being treated like a second-class citizen, and stated that it's very unfair. He continued, alleging that the Normandie Casino has been neglected for decades and that he's going to have to invest \$60 million on it; that if he can't invest that kind of money and get a return on his investment – it just doesn't work. So, when he knows he is going to work just as hard to make the new casino as successful as the Hustler, if the agreement is not approved this week, there are going to be 400 people out of a job and he will walk away from it. The Millers have not totally conformed to their due diligence. He is not making ridiculous demands for which the Council has to accommodate him; he's here to make a sensible request.

Council Member Medina – then spoke, asking City Manager Lansdell regarding what the City has in the agreement now, how does it compare to what was acceptable to Mr. Flynt last week; how much of a difference are we talking about?

City Manager Lansdell replied there are three (3) elements that have changed since a tentative agreement reached: (1) Mr. Flynt changed the third party banking fee from four percent (4%) to three percent (3%) and added a provision in the Agreement that would not be used to require the Hustler Casino to pay a similar fee for third party banking; (2) he then stated that there is a sustainability issue in that the \$800,000 had been talked about with staff internally and not projected to Mr. Flynt. However, at the time the issue of “don't use this agreement to tie us together,” it became necessary, in his belief, to put something that would not be a guarantee (it doesn't say the City has to be paid that; it's based on earnings) to make the city whole. He did add, in the ninth hour, a provision that says the two casino revenues must meet \$800,000 to effectuate the other portion of the Agreement, to pay fifty percent (50%) of the fees above the \$2 million from the Normandie; the \$800,000 is a little bit less than the monthly amount needed from the clubs to meet the City's current budgeted amounts. He totally understands Mr. Flynt's position, but he also has to look at what it takes to make the city sustainable; he believes, at some point, there will be an excess of what is currently being earned.

Council Member Medina asked, “If we were to compare what the Normandie is contributing now and what the Hustler is contributing now, how much of a difference would it be from what the proposal is?”

City Manager Lansdell replied the \$800,000 represents about \$6.66 million a month between the casinos; the Normandie Casino is currently barely doing \$1.7 million.

Council Member Terauchi asked if the Third Party Proposition Players bank fees of three percent (3%) only applies to the Lucky Lady Casino?

City Manager Lansdell replied that that is correct.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson commented that he heard there will be an increase in property tax and, as we fast forward, asked “What is, roughly, the anticipated property tax, knowing there are going to be a number of tax increases on this November ballot?”

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

- (4) PUBLIC HEARING: Economic Assistance Agreement with Casino, LLC (Larry Flynt's Lucky Lady Casino) Government Code §53083 (Continued)

City Manager Lansdell replied that, pursuant to Proposition 13, it sat at the assessor's office and was only to go up 2% a year. Yet, he doesn't believe there has been a reassessment of the Normandie property in 40 years; the basis is pretty low at this time. The City gets about 15% of 1% of the total property value there. This is a lease of the property; the only money coming to the City in the initial term will be on the renovation building permits. If Mr. Flynt exercises his option to provide businesses and a hotel, gaming fees are not a very big number.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated we are offering a low interest loan, we aren't getting any revenues from the sale of the property because it is a lease, and we will be asking for \$800,000 a month to sustain us. Fast forward to upcoming fiscal years, with all these expenditures, we won't be able to sustain our services to the community because we will have to cut back; I know we can get revenues if there is a hotel. If we don't request this minimum, it will be really hard to guarantee revenue; we need to look out for our community, if we accept anything less than that, we are looking at where the city was, low reserve, cutting services, and back to where we were.

City Manager Lansdell replied that \$800,000 a month, based on gross revenues of \$6.6 million, brings in close to the estimated needed budget amounts; that it's not easy for the City Council to raise taxes, so the issue before the Council comes down to this: Mr. Flynt grew the revenue tremendously at the Hustler, the Normandie fell to hard times and never put much in for a very long time. The indication by Mr. Flynt, independently and wanting to make money, is one that resonates of what he has done in the past; it's not a guarantee of income based on what they bring in, it sets the threshold if they don't bring it in. He then asked Council, "Do you want enter into an agreement without any kind of a ceiling threshold between the two clubs, based on the net growth for the future or not?"

Council Member Terauchi commented that he is going to support this item; that he understands Mr. Flynt's position. It's going to take a little bit of time for the development of the Lucky Lady to get up to \$800,000 a month and Mr. Flynt feels like he is subsidizing the City of Gardena for that amount, but he (Terauchi) understands the position of Mr. Lansdell that we have to protect our City and protect our budgets. The amount is a little less than the total of the Hustler and the Normandie Club and he sees the potential with the Lucky Lady. He thinks Mr. Flynt is going to exceed by far with the revenue and believes that it's a win-win situation. Mr. Flynt is a very honest man and very straight forward and is correct when he said that Mr. Lansdell would have never brought this proposal to the Council if it weren't well thought out. It protects our city at the bottom end and it gives Mr. Flynt the opportunity (at the high end) to make a lot of money.

Council Member Medina asked if there is any way to meet half-way on a perpetual premise; start out at the end where Mr. Flynt wanted it originally and perpetually go up on a quarterly or annual basis until we reach the threshold of where the City and Mr. Flynt want to be?

City Manager Lansdell replied that any direction that the Council might have to effectuate a new proposal that might stagger certain thresholds is certainly something the City could look at. The Council has to understand that this new Government Code section doesn't provide the same opportunities that we have had in the past to look over some deal points before making them. This is the first time the Council has seen the proposal from Lucky Lady. Until you got it in your packet, you were not aware of the deal terms and, if Mr. Flynt and his people are interested in doing that, it certainly can be done.

Council Member Medina asked Mr. Flynt is that deal was amenable to him with regard to starting from the level that he proposed last Tuesday?

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

B. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

- (4) PUBLIC HEARING: Economic Assistance Agreement with Casino, LLC (Larry Flynt’s Lucky Lady Casino) Government Code §53083 (Continued)

Mr. Flynt replied that no threshold was acceptable to him; that it doesn’t work for them to guarantee revenue. Either they have a tax incentive package or they don’t. He said he doesn’t know any other way to do it to be fair; what it comes down to is that they are getting about a two percent (2%) break. He thinks that the City should be more progressive at how businesses are approached in the neighborhood. The Hustler has brought a lot of good to this City that didn’t involve just gaming. If the Council wants to know how the Hustler is ran they should talk to Department of Gaming Control, Federal Government, and Homeland Security. Those people will tell you that the Hustler is a gold standard of how a casino should be run in the state of California; the Hustler is a property that you can be proud of.

Council Member Medina asked City Manager Lansdell for clarification: “Is the Council basically approving the latter proposal as opposed to the original proposal from Mr. Flynt?”

City Manager Lansdell replied that the Agreement the Council has in their Agenda packets tonight provides for a threshold amount from the two clubs at \$800,000 before any incentive is paid on the \$2 million from the Lucky Lady.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson closed the Public Hearing at 9:00 p.m.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Economic Assistance Agreement:

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

B. POLICE, STREETS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- (1) Acceptance and Notice of Completion

(a) Gardena Boulevard Street Improvement, JN 884
Normandie Avenue to Vermont Avenue

(b) 158th Street Improvement, JN 886
Western Avenue to Normandie Avenue
Bannaoun Engineers Construction Corp.

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 Accept the Project and Order the Recordation of Notice of Completion:

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

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

D. TRANSPORTATION – No Items

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS

(1) NOTICE AND GUIDELINES FOR 60 DAYS TO APPOINT VACANT SEAT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 36512 and Gardena Municipal Code 2.04.150, if the Council does not fill the vacancy of the Mayor within 60 days to serve until the next municipal election date, the City Council is then required to call a special election which is to be held on the next regularly scheduled election date, not less than 114 days from the call of the special election. Tuesday, November 8, 2016, is the next regularly-scheduled election date.

(a) Appointment and Swearing In of Qualified Person to the Position of Mayor

OR

(b) (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6238, Calling and Giving Notice of the Holding of a Special Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the Election of Mayor as Required by the Provisions of the Laws of the State of California Relating to General Law Cities;

RESOLUTION NO. 6238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016, FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES

AND

(b) (2) RESOLUTION NO. 6239, Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Render Specified Services to the City Relating to the Conduct of a Special Municipal Election to be Held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016;

RESOLUTION NO. 6239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO RENDER SPECIFIED SERVICES TO THE CITY RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

OR

(c) TAKE NO ACTION TONIGHT; Continue Consideration of an Appointment for the position of Mayor at the Next Regularly-Scheduled Council Meetings. If no appointment is made by August 26, 2016, the end of the 60-day appointment period, the Election of a Mayor will be at the March 7, 2017, General Municipal Election

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mr. Terry Kennedy and Mr. Cliff Woods spoke in opposition to calling for a Special Election.

Council Member Cerda stated that she would be okay with having a Special Election or do nothing at all; she indicated that there are a couple of things that she would like to point out: back in 2008, the City had a Special Election when Council Member Medina came on board to fill Council Member Medrano's position. The benefit of holding a Special Election would be a greater turnout at the polls, because it's a bigger election. In 2011, there were a few of the Council who were up for re-election, and since no one ran against us, we won by default and there was no election; we saved the City \$75,000.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

A. COUNCIL ITEMS (Continued)

(1) NOTICE AND GUIDELINES FOR 60 DAYS TO APPOINT VACANT SEAT (Continued)

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated that he is opposed to holding a Special Election, but he agrees that the turnout would be greater. The Council just approved our budget and this is an opportunity to save the City some money and show why we were selected to serve the community.

(a) Appointment and Swearing In of Qualified Person to the Position of Mayor (Continued)

Council Member Medina made a motion to nominate Don Dear to be Gardena's Mayor between now and March 2017.

Council Member Cerda asked City Attorney Wallin if it were correct that an elected official can't hold two positions at one time? She believes that Don Dear serves on the Water Board as well.

City Attorney Wallin replied that it is possible that he may have to surrender his position on the Water Board.

Council Member Terauchi stated that Don Dear was Mayor when the City had a \$28 million debt; that it would send a very bad message to the residents of Gardena if we allow Don Dear to fill in as Mayor.

The motion by Council Member Medina did not receive a second; motion failed.

(b) (1) Resolution No. 6238, Giving Notice of Holding a Special Election on November 8, 2016 (Continued) AND

(2) Resolution No. 6239, Requesting Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to Render Special Services for November 8, 2016, Election (Continued)

No action was taken by Council on this item

(c) Take No Action Tonight: Continue Consideration of an Appointment for the position of Mayor at the New Regularly-Scheduled Council Meetings (Continued)

By Council Consensus, it was decided that 9.A.(1)(c) would be continued for consideration at the July 26, 2016, City Council Meeting.

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

- (1) Mayor Pro Tem Henderson moved that a resolution be adopted in support of the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration Leasing Act to support the House of Representatives bill; Council Member Terauchi seconded the motion. MPT Henderson requested that the resolution be considered at the July 26, 2016, Council Meeting.

C. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER TERAUCHI – had no reportable action of his attendance to any events. He commented on the current situation that took place in Dallas Texas; that we really need to stand up and support our police officers. Gun violence is getting out of hand. He expressed his thoughts and concerns towards gun violence and how things must be done to regulate the sales. We must all work together as one without violence.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – reported that he had an opportunity to tour the desalination plant in Carlsbad, California. The plant collects salt water and, through a process of desalination, converts it into clean drinking water. The West Basin and Metropolitan Water Districts are considering building a desalination plant in the South Bay area. Southern California receives its drinking water from a combination of the Colorado River, aqueducts and aquifers.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

C. COUNCIL REMARKS

(2) **COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA (Continued)**

Relative to cost effectiveness, salt water will be one of the future options. He attended the Southern California Association of Governments meeting at which Steve Westley, former California State Controller, delivered a report about the millennials, and the automated ways of the future. Lastly, he attended the annual City of Gardena Annual Fireworks Show at Rowley Park on July 4.

(3) **COUNCIL MEMBER CERDA** – since the last Council Meeting, she attended one event, the Annual Golf Classic fund raiser sponsored by the Gardena Police Foundation. She went on to say that she supports this organization and gave several examples of what the foundation donates from the funds that are raised. She ended her report by encouraging local business to continue their support of the Foundation.

(4) **MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON** – opened his report reminding the community of the “Open City Hall” he will host on Saturday, July 16, in the Council Office. Citizens are invited to drop by to speak informally with him on any concerns they might have regarding city issues. He also reminded and invited the community to the next free city-sponsored event: “Concert on the Lawn and Ice Cream Social” to be held at the Civic Center Lawn, also on July 16. He said that he had an opportunity to visit the California National Guard Unit in Gardena, the 140th division, which specializes in chemical, biological and nuclear warfare; they are responsible for responding to any emergencies that require their line of expertise. He also attended the annual Gardena Police Foundation Golf Tournament fundraiser; it was quite interesting. He commented about what is taking place around the country. He challenged the Gardena Chief of Police and the city staff to come up with a solution to help residents to understand community policing.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) An “Open City Hall,” hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, will be held Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in the City Council Office.
- (2) The next “Concert on the Lawn and Ice Cream Social” featuring the “Public Works Band,” will be on Saturday, July 16, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., near the steps of the Nakaoka Community Center.

11. REMEMBRANCES

The Police Officers who lost their lives in the tragic shootings on July 7, 2016, in Dallas, Texas: Police Senior Corporal Lorne Ahrens; Police Officer Brent Thompson; Police Officer Michael Krol; Police Officer Pat Zamarripa; and Police Sergeant Michael Smith.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 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, July 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