

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 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 Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Ingrid Tsukiyama was not present.

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

- (1) City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc., et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BSI564572

When Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked for a Closed Session Report, City Attorney Wallin stated there was no reportable action taken.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hanna Mengesha and Bethany Mengesha, are sisters and participants in the Summer Day Camp at Freeman Memorial Park, sponsored by the City of Gardena Recreation, Human Services, Parks & Facilities Department. Hanna is in fourth grade and attends 156th Street School; and Bethany is in seventh grade and attends Casimir Middle School. Both students introduced their parent who had accompanied them to the meeting.

B. INVOCATION

The Reverend Clyde C. Lawrence, Pastor, I am Blessed Assurance Baptist Church, led the invocation.

4. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS

A. PRESENTATIONS

- (1) Certificate of Commendation to Street Sweeper Operator Benny Gonzales in Special Recognition of His Long-Time Service and Retirement from the City of Gardena – **Mr. Gonzalez was unable to attend the Council Meeting; presentation was moved to August 9, 2016, Council Meeting.**

B. PROCLAMATIONS – No Items

4. **PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, & APPOINTMENTS (Continued)**

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, July 12, 2016
 - (b) City Council Special Meeting, July 20, 2016
- (2) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on July 22, 2016

C. **CITY TREASURER**

- (1) **Approved:** Warrants / Payroll Register
- (a) July 26, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11503-11505; Prepay Nos. 139543-139551 and Check Nos. 139552-139795 for a total amount of \$887,663.89; Total Payroll Issued July 22, 2016: \$2,096,398.36.

D. **CITY MANAGER**

- (1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2016-13
- (2) **Approved:** Plans and Specifications and Authorization to Solicit Bids
Local Street Overlay 2016
Various Locations, JN 897

It was moved by Council Member Medina, 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 Medina, Terauchi, and Cerda, and Mayor Pro Tem Henderson
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

A. **JULY 19, 2016, MEETING – Meeting Cancelled**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) James Janossy, resident – requested a study be done of Marine Avenue, between Van Ness Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, to consider rezoning portions of it from commercial to residential.
- (2) Cheral Sherman, VP of Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – extended an invitation to the “Second Sunday Stroll” taking place Sunday, August 14, 2016, at the preserve, located at 1200 W. 170th Street.
- (3) Karl Henry, resident – asked Council if they considered renovating the current Police facility instead of spending \$18 million on a new facility. He also asked that the City Council be transparent when and if a request to search for a new City Manager goes out, also letting the public know the requirements one would need to apply for that position.
- (4) Denise Campos, Local Outreach Manager/Regional Public Affairs of Southern California Gas Company – introduced herself to the Council, stating that she is the new representative for the City of Gardena and is available as a resource.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES – No Items

B. POLICE, STREETS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6242, Approving a Transfer of the Pipeline Franchise Granted by Ordinance Number 764 to PBF Holding Company LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 6242

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A TRANSFER OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 764 TO PBF HOLDING COMPANY LLC

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked if this pipeline was along Rosecrans?

City Manager Lansdell replied that Rosecrans has the Chevron pipeline, this is in a different area of the City.

It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6242:

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

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. RECREATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PARKS & FACILITIES

- (1) Approval of Landscaped Median Maintenance Contract with Landcare LLC in the Amount of \$72,000

Council Member Cerda asked if the City was maintaining the medians on Vermont and Artesia as well?

City Manager Lansdell replied that a number of years ago, we contracted with BMC to maintain all the medians in the City; it was since then brought in-house; with the establishment of the new medians, we evaluated what staffing needs we would need, and found it was cheaper for us to go contract than to hire additional staff to maintain them.

Council Member Cerda – then asked what about the smaller medians like the one on 135th Street between Crenshaw and Ardath; would that be covered in the contract?

City Manager Lansdell replied the only medians covered in this contract are the larger medians, primarily the ones on Vermont, Rosecrans and the small strip on Artesia between Western and Normandie Avenues; the City will still be maintaining the smaller medians.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked what are some of the publications that we advertise for our services for our contracts?

City Manager Lansdell replied we reach out to *Green Street Publications* and two of the maintenance magazines that do this kind of work.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6242:

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

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. The next regularly-scheduled election date, which is at least 114 days from the end of the 60-day period the Council has to make an appointment, will be the March 7, 2017, Municipal Election.

- (a) Consideration of an Appointment for the position of Mayor to serve until the next Municipal Election. If no appointment is made, continue consideration until 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 a March 7, 2017, General Municipal Election.

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

A. COUNCIL ITEMS (Continued)

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

Speaker: Clifton Woods, resident – asked Council to consider the appointment of Mr. Ollie Hadley as Interim Mayor.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated that because there are a lot of people interested in this role, he would like to add a new process for those members of our community, who are interested in being appointed as Interim Mayor; I would like to ask if anyone is interested, they should submit their resume and any other credentials to our City Clerk's Office by Wednesday, August 3, 2016, to allow time for Members of the Council to review submittals before the August 9, 2016, Council Meeting.

Council Member Medina informed Mayor Pro Tem Henderson of how things have been done in the past; if someone was interested in a Council position, they would submit their resume along with the position they are applying for. He then asked City Manager Lansdell if it requires a mandated motion with a second?

City Manager Lansdell replied, that is one way it has been done in the past. He then stated, for filling vacancies on commissions, we accept applications all the time of interested parties; the filling of vacancies of Council seats has gone from putting names in a hat, to interviews, to formal applications.

Council Member Terauchi asked for a Point of Order with the City Attorney; can the Council adopt the specific procedure for the appointment of an interim Mayor tonight?

City Attorney Wallin replied yes, the appointment of Mayor is on the Agenda and if you would like to establish a procedure for making that appointment, it is perfectly fine.

Council Member Cerda asked since we already started the period of this process, should we have taken up the new procedure back when it was first presented? She then asked is it legal to bring in a procedure now?

City Attorney Wallin replied yes, it is perfectly legal. At the last Council meeting, a decision was made not to have a special election. Now we are in the position to appoint or leave the position vacant until next March.

Council Member Cerda stated that today she would like to nominate Dr. Ollie Hadley for Interim Mayor position; she wanted to put his name out there; he is a very well respected member of this community; he ran for council a couple of times; he was a Planning Commissioner; he's a retired professor from El Camino College, and has a great background; she then stated that she thinks it would be great if Council would consider giving him the honor of holding the position of Interim Mayor, only if it is for six (6) months.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to implement a process for those who are considering the appointment of Interim Mayor to submit their resume to the City Clerk's Office by August 3, 2016 to allow time for Members of the Council to review submittals before the August 9, 2016, Council Meeting:

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

9. **COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS** (Continued)

B. **COUNCIL ITEMS** (Continued)

- (2) Designation of Voting Delegate/Representative for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, October 5-7, 2016, in Long Beach

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated that that he is happy to hear that Council Member Terauchi has been appointed as the Delegate; he would like to encourage his colleagues to take the leadership roles as we progressively work to lead Gardena forward, so we only lead from the front.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Designate Council Member Terauchi as the Delegate/Representative:

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

- (3) RESOLUTION NO. 6241, Extending Support of City of Gardena for H.R. 3484: Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 6241

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL 3484 (H.R. 3484): LOS ANGELES HOMELESS VETERANS LEASING ACT OF 2016; AN ACT THAT AUTHORIZES THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA) WEST LOS ANGELES CAMPUTS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6241:

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

A. **COUNCIL DIRECTIVES** – No Items

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

B. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER CERDA – before Council Member Cerda began her report, she responded to a comment from a resident who spoke during the “public comment” portion of tonight’s City Council Meeting. She said that staff reports were presented to Council for the consideration of different options and the most cost effective ways for the construction of the new Police facility and Senior Center. She went on to say, the cost to retrofit the current existing building and bring it up to current building code will cost more than to construct a new building; she stated that Council carefully considered all options before making a decision to move forward to spend the money needed for the two new facilities. She mentioned several upcoming City sponsored events and encouraged the community to attend. On Wednesday morning July 27, “Coffee with a Cop” will be held at the Target store located at Redondo Beach Blvd., and Van Ness from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM., this is a great way to come out and get to know Gardena’s Police officers. On Tuesday, August 2nd, another event will be held at the local Target, it’s “National Night Out” an event to encourage the community to get more involved.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER TERAUCHI – did not have any reportable activities. He directed a question to the City Manager, with regard to the General Plan. He asked, “how often is the City required to come up with a General Plan, is it every ten years?” He spoke about the rezoning of Marine Avenue and of a specific abandoned property along Marine. He suggested that eventually the City might consider acquiring the abandoned properties and rezoning it to either residential or commercial and/or maybe even placing a park in its place; the city needs more park land.
- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – attended his regular monthly visit to the Long Beach Veterans Hospital, delivering and donating clothing including personal toiletries items to the needy Veterans. As previously stated by Councilwoman Cerda in her report, he also spoke about the careful consideration by Councilmembers where they untimely decided to construct a new Police Station and Senior Center, rather than retrofit the existing building. He closed by inviting the community to the next free “Ice Cream Social” held at the Civic Center Lawn, and he will be joining Councilwoman Cerda and the next “Coffee with a Cop.”
- (4) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – he reminded the community about some upcoming local events; the “National Night Out”; the second annual Lawndale Back to School Health and Wellness fair, a joint venture between the Mayor of Lawndale and Assemblywoman Autumn Burke held at James Adams Park in Lawndale; a field trip to the Joint Water Pollution Plant “Understanding your Sewage” at 9:00 AM, meeting in Carson. He thanked City staff for their assistance in helping him to create the “Budget in Brief” pamphlet for the City of Gardena; it’s a great way to help our citizens understand the budget. He closed by wishing Councilwoman Cerda a Happy Birthday.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) “Coffee with a Cop,” Wednesday, July 27, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Target Store, located at 2169 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.
- (2) “National Night Out”, a crime and drug prevention event, Tuesday, August 2, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Target Store, 2169 W. Redondo Beach Blvd.
- (3) “Concert on the Lawn and Ice Cream Social,” Saturday, August 13, 2016, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00p.m., on the City Hall Complex Grounds. The Fabulous Esquires Big Band will perform.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

- (4) “Back-To-School Health and Wellness Fair” hosted by Assemblywoman Autumn Burke and Mayor of Lawndale Robert Pullen-Miles, on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Jane Adams Park in Lawndale.
- (5) The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County will be hosting a tour regarding “What Happens to your Sewage,” at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant, Saturday, August 6, 2016, beginning at 9:00 a.m., 24501 S. Figueroa Street in Carson.
- (6) The “Budget in a Brief” brochure is out and is available in the City Hall Lobby and in the City Clerk’s Office. This brochure has been created for the community to understand the City’s budget in more simple terms.

11. REMEMBRANCES

Mr. Marion Mazur, 91 years of age, a resident of Gardena for the past 57 years; and Mr. Romeo Jonathan Padua, 52 years of age, beloved brother-in-law of Chief Fiscal Officer Clint Osorio in the Administration Services Division of the City of Gardena Elected/Administrative Offices. Mr. Padua was a resident of Gardena for a number of years and worked at the Normandie Casino for over 20 years.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 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, August 9, 2016.

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

By: _____

APPROVED:

Mark E. Henderson, Mayor Pro Tem