

**MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the
City of Gardena City Council
Tuesday, March 08, 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, March 8, 2016, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Paul K. Tanaka presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Paul K. Tanaka; Mayor Pro Tem Terrence Terauchi; Council Member Dan Medina; Council Member Cerda and Council Member Mark Henderson. 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 7:03 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 Paul K. Tanaka; Mayor Pro Tem Terrence Terauchi; Council Member Dan Medina; Council Member Tasha Cerda; and Council Member Mark E. Henderson; 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) Kirk Clymer and Frank Lindsay v. City of Gardena
Civil Action Case No. 2:15-cv-09634-DMG-E
- (2) City of Gardena v. Regional Water Quality Control Board, etc., et al
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BS1563472

**B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code, Section 54957(b)(1)
Title: City Manager**

Mayor Tanaka reconvened the meeting to the Regular Open Session at 7:55 p.m. and the City Clerk noted the return of all Council Members who were present at the meeting.

When Mayor Tanaka 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

Kwentin Monk and Ellinore Ramos, 5th grade students at 153rd Street Elementary School, co-led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both Kwentin and Ellinore were chosen to attend tonight because they are not only Academic Scholars, but love sports and are members of a Softball team. 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 John E. Ward, Senior Pastor/Minister of Music, First Southern Baptist Church of Gardena.

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

A. **PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Ana Rodriguez for Dedicated Service to the City of Gardena as a Member of the Economic Development Committee – *Ms. Rodriguez was not present to accept her Certificate*
- (2) Certificate of Recognition to Police Reserve Officer Randy Clark for 45 Years of Outstanding Service to the City of Gardena – *was accepted by Officer Clark*

B. **PROCLAMATIONS**

- (1) “WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH,” March 2016 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Tanaka*

C. **APPOINTMENTS**

- (1) Reorganization of City Council – Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Selection was made naming Council Member Henderson as the new Mayor Pro Tem from April°2016 through March 2017. The new seating at the Council Bench will be done at the next City Council meeting.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to appoint Council Member Henderson to serve as Mayor Pro Tem from April 2016 to March 2017:

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

Noes: None

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, February 9, 2016

(b) Planning & Environmental Quality Commissions, November 17, 2015

- (2) **Approved:** Affidavit of Posting Agenda on March 4, 2016

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

C. CITY TREASURER

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

- (a) February 23, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11463-11465, Prepay Nos. 137272-137280; and Check Nos. 137281-137502 for a total amount of \$1,070,400.63; Total Payroll Issued February 19, 2016: \$1,803,062.05
- (b) March 8, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11466-11469, Prepay Nos. 137503-137511, and Check Nos. 137512-137670 for a total amount of \$1,211,446.84; Total Payroll Issued March 4, 2016: \$1,492,112.61.

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

- (a) January 2016

D. CITY MANAGER

(1) **Approved:** Personnel Report No. P-2016-04

- (2) **Approved:** 2016 Residential Curb Painting Permit
Care for the Children
10934 Painter Avenue, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

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

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

6. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEETS

A. FEBRUARY 16, 2016, MEETING

(1) Site Plan Review #08-15

Approval of Site Plan Review #08-15 to construct a new 5,000 square foot commercial building located in the Neighborhood Commercial (C-2) zone.

Project location: 1400 West Redondo Beach Boulevard

Applicant: Mark Yorita/Waterpointe Commercial LLC

Commission Action: The Planning Commission Adopted Resolution No. PC 01-16 approving Site Plan Review #08-15, subject to the conditions of approval (Exhibit A) and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as an infill project.

Received and Filed

(2) Conditional Use Permit #06-13

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: The Planning Commission directed staff to prepare a resolution revoking Conditional Use Permit #06-13.

Received and Filed

7. **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEETS (Continued)**

B. MARCH 1, 2016, MEETING – Meeting Cancelled

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Ben Butler, resident – spoke about cars speeding up and down 147th Street between Van Ness Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. He made a suggestion and asked Council to add a crosswalk like the one on Marine and Dublin Avenues.
- (2) Kimberly Hatten, representative for Junipero Serra High School – shared news and updates regarding their school’s events.
- (3) Michael Blackwood, resident of Gardena Villas– gave an update relative to actions being taken by management in response to the passing of Ordinance No. 1761 regarding rental increases in mobile home parks.
- (4) Reverend Bruce Mallery, representative of Seicho-No-Ie U.S. Missionary Headquarters – thanked the Mayor and City Council for issuing a Certificate of Congratulations to honor the 50th Anniversary of the completion of their Sanctuary in the City. He also announced that they will be celebrating their 86th Founding Day; they were founded in 1930 just like the City of Gardena.
- (5) Cheral Sherman, V.P. of Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – invited everyone to the monthly Second Sunday Stroll happening Sunday, March 13, from 1:00-4:00p.m; the theme this month is “Draw, Paint, Photograph and Write.” Ms. Sherman also mentioned that the preserve is federally protected which means the community owns it; so extended an invitation to come out and visit.

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS**

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

- (1) PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6215, Adopting New Fee Schedules for Services and for Facility Rentals in the City of Gardena, and Rescinding Resolution No. 5194

RESOLUTION NO. 6215

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING NEW FEE SCHEDULES FOR SERVICES AND FOR FACILITY RENTALS IN THE CITY OF GARDENA AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 5194

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Tanaka opened the Public Hearing at 8:27pm. He asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if Council had any comments or questions.

Council Member Henderson asked with regard to the City electing to go up from 30% to 47% (with the possibility of going up to 100%), are we benchmarking against ourselves or other neighboring cities and what they charge for permits, facilities and things?

City Manager Lansdell replied that we can look at what other cities charge, but the cost of our fees have to be determined on our cost of providing the service.

Mayor Tanaka closed the Public Hearing at 8:28 pm.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6215:

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

Noes: None

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

(1) RESOLUTION NO. 6216, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Mid-Year Budget Amendments

RESOLUTION NO. 6216

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE TWO-YEAR BUDGET FOR SAID CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson commented that a good job was done because our budget will be in the black this fiscal year. He then asked if there were any conversations during the Finance Committee meetings regarding what we are doing to move forward or if there are any other success strategies that we can look at to increase our revenues?

City Manager Lansdell replied that an update was in Council mail packets regarding the Rosecrans Corridor detailing the things that are happening out there, as well as a list of current projects being developed in the City; he stated that one of the City's sites is currently in escrow which will add \$1.4 million to the general fund. These projects have been discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Council Member Henderson thanked him for the information in his packet regarding the Rosecrans Corridor and then asked, because we have those opportunities to develop there, is now a good opportunity to re-address and speak with the owners of these properties and invite them to come out and have a fireside chat about their goals? He then added that it would be nice to have a community discussion and possibly have a task force to meet with members of Council to figure out what we can do economically.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi then asked, "Doesn't the City charge a developmental fee to the Developers of these projects to pay for street lighting, sidewalks, library services, and fire and police services?"

City Manager Lansdell responded that there is a development impact fee on projects which are assessed and analyzed for the economic benefit to the City on the cost of providing services; and that, because of the cost of land, impact fees paid to the City have been very minor.

Mayor Tanaka then commented that, for those who have been following our City's finances for the past number of years, this mid-year budget adjustment is noteworthy in many respects, not the least of which is going back 17 years to 1999 when we had a \$5.2 million dollar general fund deficit, red markings all over our books to now at a \$21.3 million dollar surplus which will be on our books here in a couple of months at our fiscal year end. This indicates a \$26.5 million dollar turnaround; it is quite the job that our City Manager and staff have done to get our City back on the right track financially.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6216:

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

Noes: None

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS** (Continued)

A. **ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES** (Continued)

(2) City Of Gardena Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2016-2021

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson spoke and commended all the staff, the community, and the employees for participating in the survey and in putting this plan together; he indicated it was very informational; he then raised some comments regarding the questions on the survey: on Q2, he asked if there was any way to figure out if we can dig deeper as a local government; on Q6, he stated that he felt like we got an overwhelming response that 75% are in favor of a Senior Center; on Q7&Q8 it states that 25% of our employees feel that they don't have room for professional growth and advancement; are the Department Heads going to work on this and figure out how to create opportunities for advancement?; on Q10 he stated that he sees that the majority of folks see the City having a promising future; on Q20 he asked if there were any way we could have a class on understanding the budget. On Goal 3, the marketing strategy, can we get details of the timeline, the strategy and when will we be able to review it?

The Five-Year Strategic Plan, 2016-2021 was Received and Filed

(3) Authorization to Proceed with Development of the Public Safety Facility and Senior Community Center, Based on Initial Needs Assessment Concept Design Performed by Kosmont & Associates, Inc.

- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6219, Appropriating \$15 Million from General Fund Reserve to Committed Category of the City's Governmental Fund Financial Statements, as Required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 54, for Construction of the Public Safety Facility; and \$2.9 Million for the Construction of the Senior Community Center from the In-Lieu Fund to Committed Category of the City's Governmental Fund Financial Statements, as Required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement Number 54.

RESOLUTION NO. 6219

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, APPROPRIATING \$15 MILLION FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVE TO COMMITTED CATEGORY OF THE CITY'S GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) STATEMENT NUMBER 54, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY; AND \$2.9 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER FROM THE IN-LIEU FUND TO COMMITTED CATEGORY OF THE CITY'S GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AS REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB) STATEMENT NUMBER 54

- (b) Approval of Amendment to Consultant Agreement for Drafting of Request for Qualifications /Request for Proposals (RFQ/P) and Assistance in Managing the Process ("Project") to Identify a Design Build Team to Construct and Deliver a New Public Safety Facility and Senior Community Center with Kosmont & Associates, Inc.

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)

(3) (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6219 and (b) Approval of Amendment to Consultant Agreement (continued)

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mr. William Horn, resident spoke against the Resolution; once his questions were answered, he was satisfied.

Council Member Henderson asked about the selection criteria because the City has multiple needs within the departments. He said he realizes that our Police facility is aging, but a lot of our facilities are aging; how did we elect that the money would be spent on a new public safety facility?

City Manager Lansdell replied the current police department was built in 1963 for about 65 people; we now have 140 people; our detectives are working out of portable modular buildings that are in our parking lot; and with public safety being the number one goal that is why it was funded. He responded further that he is absolutely right, that we do have other buildings that are in need of updates, but relative to modernizing facilities, we have a \$50 million GTrans building, the new Senior Center will provide additional opportunity for meetings; the Public Works building is the next newest one, and City Hall was built about at the same time as the current police station.

Council Member Henderson then asked about the Senior Center and Alzheimer's Support Center in relation to our Human Services area; were there any discussions about making it a functional facility maybe incorporating all three of those functions?

City Manager Lansdell said that the initial analysis will consider space requirements of the different functions and will be looked at to be consolidated as we move into a new facility and to provide core services in one location.

Council Member Henderson then asked about the funding, indicating that he realizes that the City will be pulling from our reserve; therefore, are we looking at getting alternate funding from the federal government or the state, so we don't have to "chew up" all of our reserve?

City Manager Lansdell replied he and one of our current Councilmen went to Washington, D.C. a while back and asked for funding for construction of a public safety facility; the response from federal legislators was that unfortunately there are no monies allotted for building public safety facilities from the federal government.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi then commented that this has been a long time coming. He has been an advocate for space for our seniors programs; that this fills an important need. He agrees with our City Manager, the space in our Police Department has been reduced because of the new technology. We take great pride in the cameras and they are very effective in apprehending criminals, but the technology takes up facility space. This proposal answers the second biggest need for our community; a prudent use of City funds shows how far we've come and that we can pay for these facilities without taking out a loan.

Mayor Tanaka then commented that Mr. Horn brought up a real reasonable point; that it's been a 17 year trek to get from \$5.2 million in the red to \$21.3 million in the black. With having a \$26.5 million turnaround, there was a lot of discussion among myself, Councilwoman Cerda, our City Manager, and the members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Lansdell worked extremely hard, prudently, wisely and frugally and what he told me was "when I leave one day, I want to be able to say I left all this money in the bank." That is a noble goal. Now is the time for us to invest in a responsible fashion. We should be taking this money that is earning next to nothing and build a police facility to replace an aging one with an antiquated jail, for which is a matter of time before the state tells us that we can't house prisoners here any longer.

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

A. **ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES (Continued)**

- (3) (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6219 and (b) Approval of Amendment to Consultant Agreement (continued)

Mayor Tanaka (continued): We have an Alzheimer's clinic that is very small, not the best environment; we have an obligation to provide for that because now we can. As it has been mentioned, we have been talking about a police facility that is more in tune with today's needs space wise and technology wise and also to serve the Juvenile Justice Program. This is an opportunity for us to go forward and responsibly equip this community for the next 50 years. As Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi mentioned, we're not just digging into the well and depleting our resources; \$6 million in the reserve is good for us. I am confident that having \$6 million in the bank is going to carry us forward and with which we can build upon. We will be able to do this without taking on any additional debt. This has been done with much thought, much analysis, much input, and much discussion about how to go forward with the position we are in.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6219 and Approve Amendment to the Consultant Agreement:

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

- (4) Extension of Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Jabi Enterprises Inc., DBA Hisham's Towing, for City-Related Towing Services, July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2019

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report

Council Member Henderson asked is advertising done for the Franchise Agreement and how many respondents did we receive.

City Manager Lansdell replied that the City sent out 21 proposals in 2013. Of those, the City received three responses; one of the requirements the Council set was they had to be in business for one year within the City. The three bids were analyzed and Hisham's was awarded the Franchise Agreement. There is a provision in the Franchise Agreement for a three-year extension beginning in 2016 and that is what is being recommended tonight.

It was moved by Council Member Cerda, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve an Extension of Towing Services Franchise Agreement:

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

B. **POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6217, Instructing the Director of Police, Streets, and Development Services to Order the City Engineer to Prepare and File a Report for the City of Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District in Accordance with Article 4, Chapter 1, Part 2, of the Streets and Highways Code "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972," for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS** (Continued)

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

(1) **RESOLUTION NO. 6217** (Continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 6217

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE, STREETS, AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ORDER THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA ARTESIA BOULEVARD LANDSCAPING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 1, PART 2, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE "LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972," FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1ST, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2017

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. 6217:

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

Noes: None

- (2) **RESOLUTION NO. 6218**, Instructing the Director of Police, Streets, and Development Services to Order the City Engineer to Prepare and File a Report for the City of Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting District in Accordance with Article 4, Chapter 1, Part 2, of the Streets and Highways Code "Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972," for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6218

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF POLICE, STREETS, AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO ORDER THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND FILE A REPORT FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA CONSOLIDATED STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 1, PART 2, OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE "LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972," FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1ST, 2016, AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 2017

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked City Manager Lansdell if the assessment includes the cost of having LED lights.

City Manager Lansdell replied that the current assessment and improvements do not include the cost of buying the poles from Edison or converting to LEDs.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6218:

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

Noes: None

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS** (Continued)

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

- (3) Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with Uniplan Engineering, Inc. for Design, Construction Management, and Inspection Services for A) Local Streets Overlay 2016, JN 897; B) Sewer Rehabilitation 2016, JN 895, in the Amount of \$176,090.00

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Cerda asked for clarification: Is the Agreement for Uniplan to videotape and clean out the sewers for all 88 miles, lay new asphalt, and replace the existing curbs to make it ADA compliant?

City Manager Lansdell replied that this firm is going to do the design work for the construction, and then oversee the cleaning and videotaping of the sewer system.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi asked for confirmation that this does not include the actual work.

City Manager Lansdell replied that is correct. This is the design and inspection portion. The other \$2 million that's allotted for this project will be coming back for the award.

Council Member Medina asked if this is going to include digging up the old asphalt or is it going to be an overlay with rubberized asphalt?

City Manager Lansdell replied that the current design is calling for an overlay of the current roadways without digging up the old asphalt.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Professional Services Agreement:

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

Noes: None

- (4) Award Contract

(a) Pedestrian Safety Improvement 2016, Various Locations, JN 894

(b) Sidewalk Replacement 2016, Various Locations, JN 898
Ruiz Concrete and Paving, Inc. in the Amount of \$269,105.54

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi asked if this award means remove 54 trees; and are the trees going to be replaced?

City Manager Lansdell replied yes, that is the intent.

Council Member Medina asked if the recycling clause was going to be added in.

City Manager Lansdell replied for all the material that is recyclable, we will get credit against the project.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, and carried by the following roll call vote to Award the Contract to Ruiz Concrete and Paving, Inc.:

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

Noes: None

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

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

- (5) Approval of Final Tract Map No. 73105
14504 S. Normandie Avenue

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Henderson, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve Final Tract Map:

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

Noes: None

- (6) Acceptance of Project and Notice of Completion
National Guard Armory Site Improvement, JN 905
All American Asphalt

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, 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 Henderson and Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, Council Member Cerda and Mayor Tanaka

Noes: None

C. **RECREATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PARKS, & FACILITIES**

- (1) Acceptance of Project and Notice of Completion
Mas Fukai Park Playground Equipment Project, JN 820
Dave Bang Associates, Inc.

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 and Medina, Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi, Council Member Henderson and Mayor Tanaka

Noes: None

- (2) Approval of Carnival Contract with Signature Events & Catering for Carnival at Mas Fukai Park, April 8, 9, and 10, 2016

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Henderson commented that he recalled some questions regarding the budget for this event and how do we know when we breakeven? He then asked if a budget had been submitted.

City Manager Lansdell replied this is strictly a fundraiser; that the staffing costs are paid from the proceeds and the Sports Advisory Board gets a percentage. He stated that we don't have any projections; yet we can look at the past history. We have some events when nobody came and then others that were really well attended.

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

C. **RECREATION, HUMAN SERVICES, PARKS, & FACILITIES (Continued)**

- (3) Acceptance of Project and Notice of Completion (Continued)
Mas Fukai Park Playground Equipment Project, JN 820; Dave Bang Associates, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi commented that this is the spring carnival and that the ones in the spring are usually not very well attended; and not very much money is made.

Council Member Henderson then stated we should advertise so that everyone will come out.

Mayor Pro Tem Terauchi commented that yes, we should advertise.

Council Member Medina then commented about the proceeds that go to the Sports Authority Board, that the parents of the youth playing sports in the City get more bang for their buck; there are scholarships available for parents who have more than one child playing sports; that it is very cost effective for family members. He also stated that, if one would check with any other City in the South Bay, City of Gardena costs are the least expensive. He urged every to attend the City carnivals to raise funds for City sports.

Council Member Cerda commented that she believes she read that the carnival company supplies the City with 200 flyers or posters that we can use to advertise. She then asked who at City Hall puts up the posters and where are they displayed?

City Manager Lansdell replied they are distributed by City staff and the Sports Advisory Board; they are put up at City Hall and at different businesses.

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

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

D. **TRANSPORTATION**

- (1) FY 2016 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)

- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6206, Authorization for the Execution of the Certification of Assurances;

RESOLUTION NO. 6206

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZATING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP)

- (b) RESOLUTION NO. 6207, Authorization of Project Submittal to the California Department of Transportation

RESOLUTION NO. 6207

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZATING THE EXECUTION OF THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) PROJECT: CITY OF GARDENA GTRANS – LINE 1X TRANSIT SERVICE

8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

C. TRANSPORTATION (Continued)

(1) FY 2016 Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) (Continued)

- (a) RESOLUTION NO. 6206, Authorization for the Execution of the Certification of Assurances;
- (b) RESOLUTION NO. 6207, Authorization of Project Submittal to the California Department of Transportation

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolutions No. 6206 and No. 6207:

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

Noes: None

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS

A. COUNCIL ITEMS – No Items

B. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – No Directives Given

C. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – reported that, since the last Council Meeting, he had the privilege and honor to attend the Gardena Valley Lions Recognition Dinner at which Ms. Charlotte Lynch was recognized as Citizen of the Year. A few days later he attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments Annual General Assembly. He was asked to perform a song celebrating the retirement of Don Knabe who will be retiring from his supervisory position from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Also, on the last Friday of each month he participates with the Rotary in delivering birthday cakes to five local convalescent homes. He ended his report stating that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new Global Ministry Center (GMC) church, one of the largest Filipino Christian Churches in the nation.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER CERDA – reported that, since the last Council Meeting, she had the opportunity to attend the Gardena Police Department Community Forum, where she heard real life success stories of positive outcomes from individuals in the community who have benefited from the Juvenile Justice and the newly implemented mental health programs. She commended Gardena Chief of Police Ed Medrano for the great work he is doing with the programs for the community. She attended a demonstration at Complete Coach Works, which showed how one of Gardena's Zero emissions passenger buses is manufactured. She was able to see every stage of the process, from the beginning to the end. It was a great learning experience. She ended her report by welcoming the new Director of Transportation Ernie Crespo, to the City of Gardena.
- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER HENDERSON – began his report by thanking the City Manager, and Chief Medrano for their follow up regarding a proposed traffic signal on Vermont Avenue and 135th Street. He gave a brief update regarding future meetings and information taking place regarding the proposed traffic signal. He also attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments General Assembly, honoring Don Knabe's retirement from the County Board of Supervisors. He made a suggestion that Council might want to look into ways to have the Agenda Packets that are distributed to members of the City Council be in electronic form, to be accessible through electronic devices because so much paper is generated in preparing the packets. He thanked everyone for all their support and shared concern regarding the passing of his mother. He shared some kind words spoken by his mother prior to her passing.

9. COUNCIL ITEMS, DIRECTIVES & REMARKS (Continued)

C. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)

- (4) MAYOR PRO TEM TERAUCHI – On Sunday, February 14, 2016, he attended services at the First Southern Baptist Church in Gardena, in celebration of Black History Month. There was lots of singing and great entertainment including great food after the service. He also reported that he joined Mayor Tanaka, Councilman Medina, and others at El Pollo Inka, a local restaurant, for the Gardena Valley Lions Club dinner celebration which honored Mrs. Charlotte Lynch.
- (5) MAYOR TANAKA – thanked the City Manager and all those involved in the preparation of the Five Year Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Tanaka congratulated City Manager Lansdell, Department Heads, and everyone who was involved in the preparation of the 5-Year Strategic Plan; he also welcomed Ernie Crespo, our new Transportation Director

11. REMEMBRANCES

Mrs. Marjorie (Margie) Henderson-Thayne, 68 years of age, beloved mother of City of Gardena Council Member Mark E. Henderson; Mr. Lee Miller, beloved son of Normandie Casino founders Russ & Mary Miller, brother of Larry, Greg, and Stephen Miller, father of former Normandie Casino President Michelle Miller Wahler, and uncle of current Normandie Casino General Manager Lauren Miller Cole; Mr. Lyman Nojima, life-long resident of Gardena, survived by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren; Mr. James M. Nakamura, 83 years old; life-long Gardena resident, survived by his loving wife, Jean, and numerous family members – he served with the U.S. Coast Guard; Mr. Kenneth Duke, 83 years old, Fire Fighter Specialist with County of Los Angeles Fire District, formerly with the City of Gardena Fire Department, Fire Station 1, who retired in 1984 after 26 years of service; and Ms. Dorothy Nakagawa, 95 years of age, who was born in Gardena in 1920.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Tanaka announced that the Gardena City Council will adjourn to the next Regular City Council Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

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

By: _____
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Paul K. Tanaka, Mayor