

**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the**  
**City of Gardena City Council**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2016**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, in the Council Chamber of City Hall at 1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California; Mayor Paul K. Tanaka presiding.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Paul K. Tanaka; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Terrence Terauchi; and Council Member Dan Medina. 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. Council Member Tasha Cerda was not present at Roll Call, but arrived just prior to the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CLOSED SESSION – Not Held**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

**A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Allysen Vasquez and Kaliq Page were chosen to attend because they are both outstanding students and exemplary role models at Amestoy Elementary School. Kaliq is Student Council President and Allysen serves as the Vice President. Both students introduced their parents who had accompanied them to the meeting.

**B. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Reverend Juan C. Higuera, Pastor at Iglesia Bautista Biblica.

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

**A. PRESENTATIONS**

- (1) Resolution of Commendation to Gardena Police Officer Luis Villanueva in Acknowledgement of His Receiving a Life Saving Award from the South Bay Police & Fire Memorial Foundation at the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Medal of Valor Awards Ceremony on May 26, 2016 – *accepted by Officer Villanueva; Chief of Police Medrano also spoke.*
- (2) “Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)” presented the Deuce Award to Police Officers Evan Jackson and Michael Medeiros, and the Century Award to Officer Jaycon Sanchez – *was presented by Keith Page, Program Specialist for MADD; Deuce Award was accepted by Police Officers Evan Jackson and Michael Medeiros for each issuing 25 DUI citations in 2015; Jaycon Sanchez was recognized as the Century Award Recipient for issuing 100 DUI citations in 2015.*

**B. PROCLAMATIONS**

- (1) “Older Americans Month,” May 2016 – *was proclaimed by Mayor Tanaka.*
- (2) National Public Works Week,” May 15-21, 2016 – *was accepted by Mike Duran, Public Works Street Maintenance Superintendent.* A Public Works Week reception will be held on May 18, 2016, in the Public Works Division Lobby.

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, April 26, 2016  
(2) **Approved**: Affidavit of Posting Agenda on May 6, 2016

C. **CITY TREASURER**

- (1) **Approved**: Warrants / Payroll Register:  
(a) May 10, 2016: Wire Transfer No. 11480-11482, Prepay Nos. 138419-138428; and Check Nos. 138429-138637 for a total amount of \$696,999.44; Total Payroll Issued April 29, 2016: \$1,484,041.84.

D. **CITY MANAGER**

- (1) **Approved**: Personnel Report No. P-2016-07

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

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

6. **EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR – No Items**

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

A. **MAY 3, 2016, MEETING – Meeting Cancelled**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- (1) Carl Henry, attorney – stated he is not in support of the appointment of Police Chief Medrano as the new City Manager.
- (2) David Brock, President of Gardena Police Officers Association (GPOA) – pledged his and the Association's support of Chief Medrano's appointment as the new City Manager. Officer Brock was accompanied by the members of the GPOA Board.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continued)**

- (3) Cheral Sherman, Vice President, Friends of Gardena Willows Wetland Preserve – invited everyone to their Restoration Workday on Saturday May 21, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS**

**A. ELECTED & ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

- (1) **PUBLIC HEARING**: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Plans and Reports to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - (a) 2016-2021 Five-Year Consolidated Plan
  - (b) Amended Citizen Participation Plan
  - (c) Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

**Mayor Tanaka opened the Public Hearing at 8:05 p.m. and asked for any comments; no comments were made. At 8:06 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed.**

**It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the Consolidated Plan and Ancillary Reports:**

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

- (2) **PUBLIC HEARING**: Proposed 42<sup>nd</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program One-Year Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked, as a member of the community, how one would go about applying for services for the Handy-Worker Program.

City Manager Lansdell replied there is information on the City’s website or a person could contact the Human Services facility where the program office is housed.

**Mayor Tanaka opened the Public Hearing at 8:08 p.m. and asked for any comments; no comments were made. At 8:09 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed.**

**It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Approve the CDBG One-Year Action Plan, FY 2016-2017:**

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

8. **DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS** (Continued)

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

- (3) **RESOLUTION NO. 6229**, Approving Modified California Games Collection Rates at the Hustler Casino

**RESOLUTION NO. 6229**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California,  
Approving Modified California Games Collection Rates at the Hustler 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. 6229:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

- (4) **ORDINANCE NO. 1767**, Incorporating, by Reference, Amendments to Chapter 8.04 (Public Licenses) of the Los Angeles County Code Relating to Inspection and Posting of Letter Grades for Mobile Food Facilities

**ORDINANCE NO. 1767**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California,  
Incorporating, by Reference, Amendments to Chapter 8.04 (Public Licenses) of  
the Los Angeles County Code Relating to Inspection and Posting of Letter  
Grades for Mobile Food Facilities

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Medina asked if it is going to be renewable every year, and will the inspections take place every six (6) months.

City Manager Lansdell replied the County will be inspecting every six (6) months and it is an annual license renewal to the County for the food portion.

Council Member Cerda asked about the routes; stating that the report said they will submit their routes to the County, but will they also submit their routes to us in the City during those times.

City Manager Lansdell replied that it has not been a requirement in the past, but we do require a business license, as the County does. He then said that if Council want Staff to look into it, we could certainly look at requiring the routes submitted to us, as well.

Mayor Tanaka then replied that if the need arose and we are interested, he's pretty sure that we can request the route that was submitted by the Vendor to the County.

**Ordinance No. 1767 was introduced by Council Member Medina, and the Public Hearing was set for June 14, 2016.**

## 8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)

### B. POLICE STREETS, & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- (1) RESOLUTION NO. 6227, Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement to Establish a Joint Powers Agency to Create a Wide-Area Interoperable Public Safety Communications Network.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 6227

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement to Establish a Joint Powers Agency to Create a Wide-Area Interoperable Public Safety Communications Network

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Council Member Terauchi asked, since the Joint Power Regional Interoperable Communication Systems currently has 12 cities; are we involved with 11 other cities?

City Manager Lansdell replied that 7 are the South Bay cities; there are 12 other cities already involved in the program; the South Bay unit will be joining with the others, but we are our own separate JPA.

Mayor Tanaka then asked if we are talking about the ones like Glendale and Burbank that have been involved in this process for a number of years. He continued, stating that LA-RICS is “no longer” so we have decided to consolidate with the South Bay Cities so that we can come up with a communication system to communicate with fire and police.

Council Member Cerda asked, how does this agency interact with our RCC? Do they oversee it or is it going to be combined with it?

Chief Medrano replied that, after we exited the LA-RICS platform, we decided to join an already proven system with interoperable communications mainly in the south to join ISIS as one group. We can apply for grants together, also if one joins as one JPA only one fee has to be paid for one JPA, as opposed to each individual city paying, which is an extra cost. The vision for this is to have the Urban Initiative Security Grant and the State Homeland Security Grant provide all the funding for the infrastructure, with Torrance being the primary master site and responsible for most of the build out. We will run all of the funding through our normal assessments of the South Bay Public Regional Communications Authority Assessment.

Mayor Tanaka then asked Chief Medrano to explain what the relevance is to the current system of the South Bay Public Regional Communication Authority?

Chief Medrano replied that this is only for the infrastructure, not the actual dispatching or the consoles; this is just to be able to access the network.

Mayor Tanaka clarified that this will just improve the ability to communicate between other agencies which often times public safety agencies do not have that ability.

Chief Medrano responded that it will be like joining a Sprint or AT&T network as a group.

Council Member Cerda asked if the infrastructure will be built in Torrance.

Chief Medrano replied, yes, in Torrance, and at five (5) other prime sites throughout the South Bay.

Council Member Medina asked Chief Medrano to clarify what ISIS is?

**8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

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

(1) RESOLUTION NO. 6227 (Continued)

Chief Medrano replied ISIS is the Interoperable Communication System that was started by Glendale; it is a platform that lets us have interoperable communications with other cities; we can talk to any agency on that frequency.

**It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6227:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

(2) PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6225, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment Contained in the Engineer's Report Dated April 12, 2016, for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District and Ordering the Levy of Assessments on the Same for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6225

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment Contained in the Engineer's Report Dated April 12, 2016, for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District and Ordering the Levy of Assessments on the Same for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

**Mayor Tanaka opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m. and asked for any comments; no comments were made. At 8:26 p.m., the Public Hearing was closed.**

**It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Cerda, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6225:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

(3) PUBLIC HEARING: RESOLUTION NO. 6226, Confirming the Diagram and Assessment Contained in the Engineer's Report Dated April 12, 2016, for the Gardena Consolidated Street Lighting Assessment District and Ordering the Levy of Assessments on the Same for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

RESOLUTION NO. 6226

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, (Confirming the Diagram and Assessment Contained in the Engineer's Report Dated April 12, 2016, for the Gardena Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District and Ordering the Levy of Assessments on the Same for Fiscal Year 2016-2017

**8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

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

**(3) RESOLUTION NO. 6226 (Continued)**

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

**Mayor Tanaka opened the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m. and asked for any comments; no comments were made; at 8:28 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.**

**It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to adopt Resolution No 6226:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**(4) Award Contract**

Traffic Signal Upgrade, JN 911

Various Locations

Whitman Electric in the Amount of \$72,979.00

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson asked where the City advertises for this contract. He then asked, because we have such a competitive bid from Whitman Electric, with the savings from what was budgeted, what are our intentions for that; are we going to keep it in that line item or will it be move to our General Fund?

City Manager Lansdell replied that advertising was not only on our own website, but also through Dunn Construction Journals. The grant funds cannot go to the General Fund but could be used for other capital projects; the Council will see that coming in another project.

**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 Whitman Electric:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**(5) Acceptance and Notice of Completion**

Local Street Overlay 2015

Various Locations, JN 889

Excel Paving Co.

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 Accept Notice and Order Recordation of Notice of Completion:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

**8. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS (Continued)**

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

- (6) 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)  
(Introduced by Council Member Dan Medina, 04/26/2016)

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) (Introduced by Council Member Dan Medina, 04/26/2016

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

**It was moved by Council Member Medina, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Ordinance No. 1766:**

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

**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) RESOLUTION NO. 6228, Supporting the Issuance of a U.S. Commemorative Postage Stamp Honoring the Japanese American Soldiers of World War II

RESOLUTION NO. 6228

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Supporting the Issuance of a U.S. Commemorative Postage Stamp Honoring the Japanese American Soldiers of World War II

City Manager Lansdell presented the Staff Report.

**It was moved by Council Member Terauchi, seconded by Council Member Medina, and carried by the following roll call vote to Adopt Resolution No. 6228:**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

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

### B. COUNCIL ITEMS (Continued)

- (2) Verbal Reports regarding Attendance at the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2016 Regional Conference and General Assembly, held May 5-6, 2016, in La Quinta, California - **Reports were given by Council Member Cerda, City of Gardena Delegate; and Councilmember Medina, Regional Council Delegate during their Council Remarks.**

### C. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES – None were given.

### D. COUNCIL REMARKS

- (1) COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA – opened his remarks by summarizing topics discussed when he attended the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), three-day conference. He gave brief summaries of some of the topics. He noted that more and more drivers are commuting into the Los Angeles area; the average commute time is from one hour to two hours to get to work. People use vehicles more than any other form of transportation. The average household owns at least three vehicles. According to CEQA, 80% of apartment dwellers are single, head-of-household women. Most people are more concerned about transportation than housing. Since 2005, in Southern California alone, there has been an increase of million people. More homes are needed to accommodate the population growth. He stated that it is going to cost a lot of money to maintain our infrastructure. Cities need Washington D.C. to help us, but it has to start at the city level. He also attended participated in the 30th Anniversary Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festivities. He thanked Kelly Fujio, Director of Recreation, Human Services, Parks, & Facilities for all her and her staff's hard work to make the parade a success. He also attended the Elks Lodge Tea Party, which was very enlightening and fun; he was accompanied by his granddaughter. He closed his report by wishing a Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers from different countries throughout the world.
- (2) COUNCIL MEMBER CERDA – reported that, along with Council Member Medina, she also attended the SCAG conference. She echoed much of what was previously reported by Council Member Medina and said that she could relate regarding much of what was discussed at the conference. She has lots of friends who make long commutes from the Inland Empire into the Los Angeles area to get to work. The population is constantly growing and maybe the City can consider approving construction projects to accommodate a growing population. She mentioned the younger generation's driving trends, such as ridesharing using Uber and Lift. Since the last Council Meeting, she attended the City's Annual Volunteer Appreciation reception. She thanked everyone involved, giving special thanks to all the volunteers. She forgot to mention in her last report, that she attended the Cinco de Mayo coronation ceremony. It was the 30<sup>th</sup> year and she commended Council Member Medina for all his hard work and dedication in this great event. Lastly, on May 19, 2016, she invited everyone to the grand opening sale at the new Big 5 in Gardena.
- (3) COUNCIL MEMBER TERAUCHI – reported that he also attended the Volunteer Appreciation reception, indicating that it is very significant event for the City of Gardena; all the volunteers deserve to be recognized. He participated in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinco de Mayo parade and festivities. He congratulated Council Member Medina and his wife Susana for their many years of dedication to this event. On May 5 2016, he attended the GTrans Employee Appreciation luncheon. The reputation of GTrans is in good standing; they are always on time and the drivers are very courteous. Members of the public submitted letters expressing their satisfactions with the service. He mentioned three employees who were recognized for their safe driving records, Tonya Hill for 17 years, Sharon Profit for 23 years, and Herb Coates for 27 years. He also attended the May 2016 League of California Cities meeting where they spoke about upgrading the quality of water. Southern California receives its water from Northern California, called the Sacramento Delta, through the state water project. He concluded his report inviting everyone to the grand opening of the Big 5 sporting goods store in Gardena.

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

**C. COUNCIL REMARKS (Continued)**

- (4) MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON – commended the Volunteers for all they have done for the City. Together, they have spent over twenty-two thousand hours volunteering in the community. He mentioned that he has been chosen to pilot a new program to introduce that of putting the Agenda Packet in an electronic format. He stated that we have a way to go to get where we would like to be; that this is just the beginning to utilize technology where it is applicable. He announced that, on Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hawthorne Memorial Center, County of Los Angeles District 2, (headed by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas) will present the results from the Park Needs Assessment workshop that was recently held at the Nakaoka Community Center. He encouraged residents to use Gardena Direct to report bulk items pick up. He ended his report, congratulating his son on his recent accomplishments.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- (1) Council Member Cerda invited everyone to the grand opening sale of Big 5 on Rosecrans on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- (2) Mayor Pro Tem Henderson announced that Supervisorial District 2 that is headed by Mark Ridley-Thomas will be presenting their findings of the Park Needs Assessment study, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. A related assessment workshop for Gardena was recently held at Nakaoka Community Center,

**11. REMEMBRANCES**

Reverend Earnest Waters, long-time Gardena resident, a Pastor and the former President of AFSCME Local 3634.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:55 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, May 24, 2016.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

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Paul K. Tanaka, Mayor