



GARDENA CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda
Council Chamber at City Hall
1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California
Webiste: www.cityofgardena.org

Tuesday, October 14, 2025
Closed Session 7:00 p.m.
Open Session 7:30 p.m.

TASHA CERDA, *Mayor*
MARK E. HENDERSON, *Mayor Pro Tem*
RODNEY G. TANAKA, *Council Member*
PAULETTE C. FRANCIS, *Council Member*
WANDA LOVE, *Council Member*

MINA SEMENZA, *City Clerk*
GUY H. MATO, *City Treasurer*
CLINT OSORIO, *City Manager*
CARMEN VASQUEZ, *City Attorney*
LISA KRANITZ, *Assistant City Attorney*
ROSEMARY KOO, *Assistant City Attorney*

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2. **PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Deputy City Clerk at
publiccomment@cityofgardena.org by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting and write "Public Comment" in the subject line.
3. **ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON**
PUBLIC COMMENT: The City Council will hear from the public on any item on the agenda or any item of interest that is not on the agenda at the following times:
 - Agenda Items - At the time the City Council considers the item or during Oral Communications
 - Non-agenda Items - During Oral Communications
 - Public Hearings - At the time of the Public Hearings listed on the AgendaIf you wish to address the Council, please complete a "Speaker Request" form and present it to the City Clerk or Sergeant of Arms. You will be called to the podium by name when it is your turn to address the Council. The City Council cannot legally take action on any item not scheduled on the Agenda. Such items may be referred for administrative action or scheduled on a future Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the City Council will be given three (3) minutes to speak.
4. The City of Gardena, in complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests individuals who require special accommodations to access, attend and/or participate in the City meeting due to disability, to please contact the City Clerk's Office by phone (310) 217-9565 or email cityclerk@cityofgardena.org at least 24 business hours prior to the scheduled general meeting to ensure assistance is provided. Assistive listening devices are available.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR THAT PROMOTE CIVILITY AT ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Treat everyone courteously;
- Listen to others respectfully;
- Exercise self-control;
- Give open-minded consideration to all viewpoints;
- Focus on the issues and avoid personalizing debate; and
- Embrace respectful disagreement and dissent as democratic rights, inherent components of an inclusive public process, and tools for forging sound decisions

Thank you for your attendance and cooperation

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Toshio Hirai v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO; ADJ14338374

3.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Maria Sanchez v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO; ADJ7992524

3.C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Michael Robbins v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO; ADJ16413281

3.D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
Raul Alarcon v. City of Gardena
WCAB NO; ADJ18335499

3.E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency Designated Representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager
Employee Organization:
1. Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO), Vicky L. Barker, Attorney

3.F. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9
City of Gardena, et. al vs. Soul Housing, et. al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 24STCV18231

3.G. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL- EXISTING LITIGATION

Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

City of Gardena, et. al vs. Gardena Terrace Inn, LLC, et. al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25TRCP00075

3.H. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

(One [1] Matter)

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Shelby Silveira

153rd Street Elementary School

5. INVOCATION

Sallie Cuaresma

First Presbyterian Church of Gardena

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. 2025 Beacon Spotlight Awards from the Institute of Local Government

6.B. Certificates of Commendation presented to the participants of the City of Gardena's Fourth Leadership Development Academy (to be accepted by the City of Gardena Participants)

6.C. Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena for Arcender Smoot - Bus Operator with the Transportation Department- 34 years of service

6.D. Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena for Ron Grace- Bus Operator with the Transportation Department- 30 years of service

6.E. Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena for Evette Wedlow-Benjamin- Administrative Analyst II with the Transportation Department- 21 years of service

6.F. Certificate of Commendation in Special Recognition of Retirement and Long-Time Service to the City of Gardena for Donna Moreland-Edden - Bus Operator with the Transportation Department- 27 years of service

6.G. Keep Gardena Beautiful Day Presentation

6.H. Youth Commission Presentation

6.I. Gardena Events Video Presentation

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.A. "Gardena Red Ribbon Week," October 24, 2025 through October 31, 2025 - to be accepted by GDAAP/ AADAP representative Traci Saruwatari

8. APPOINTMENTS

Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils and Boards
(Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn In)

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC- Roll Call Vote Required On The Consent Calendar

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar will be enacted by one motion unless a Council Member requests Council discussion, in which case that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately following this portion of the agenda.

Waiver of Reading in Full of All Ordinances Listed on this Agenda and that they be Read by Title Only

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

9.A. Waiver of Reading in Full of All Ordinances Listed on this Agenda and that they be Read by Title Only

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

9.B. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting of the City Council, September 9, 2025

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

9.C. Receive and File Minutes - Planning and Environmental Quality Commission

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, August 19, 2025

Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, September 16, 2025

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9.D. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, September 23, 2025

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

9.E. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, October 14, 2025

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

9.F. Monthly Investment Report, August 2025

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

9.G. Personnel Report P-2025-16 10-14-25

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

9.H. RESOLUTION NO. 6716, Repealing Resolution No. 6681, and Adopting a New Conflict of Interest Code

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

9.I. Approve a Purchase Order in the amount of \$924,000 in funding to pay BPR Consulting Group, Inc to Continue Providing Contracted Building and Safety.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

9.J. Approval of Carnival Permit for St. Anthony Mini Harvest Church Festival to be held October 31st through November 2, 2025, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church 1050 West 163rd Street.

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**9.K. Approval of MOU effective through June 30, 2031 with South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Regarding Use of LA County Measure A Funds
CONTACT: RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES**

10. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

10.A. October 7, 2025 MEETING, ITEM 6.A

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #8-25, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT #3-25

The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission reviewed a request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP #3-25) to operate an amusement arcade within an existing supermarket, located in the General Commercial (C-3) zone in accordance with Section 18.32.030.H

APPLICANT: Atsushi Iyoda representing Kiddleton LLC

LOCATION: 1740 West Artesia Boulevard, APN (6106-013-047)

Commission Action: The Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 15-25, by a vote of 5-0, approving Conditional Use Permit #3-25, and Environmental Assessment #8-25, determined that the project is exempt from CEQA, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

- City Council Action: Receive and file OR call for review (by way of two votes from the City Council).

10.B. October 7, 2025 MEETING, ITEM 6.B.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #3-25, SITE PLAN REVIEW #2-25

The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission reviewed a request for a Site Plan Review (SPR #2-25) to allow a modification to an existing motor vehicle dealership to add a 4,260 square-foot building for an auto repair facility, located in the General Commercial (C-3) zone, in accordance with Section 18.44.010.B of the Gardena Municipal Code.

APPLICANT: Franz Nalenzy, Gardena Honda

LOCATION: 15541 South Western Avenue, APN (4063-018-037)

Commission Action: The Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. PC 14-25, by a vote of 5-0, approving Site Plan Review #2-25, and Environmental Assessment #3-25, determined that the project is exempt from CEQA, and directed staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

- City Council Action: Receive and file OR call for review (by way of two votes from the City Council).

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (LIMITED TO A 30-MINUTES PERIOD)

Oral Communications by the public will be heard for one-half hour during the oral communication segment of the agenda. Any additional speakers will be allowed to speak at the end of the meeting after Council Remarks. Speakers are limited to three minutes, unless otherwise stated by the Mayor. The timer will be displayed on the screen. Your cooperation is appreciated.

12. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

13.A. Public Hearing Regarding FY 2024-2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)

Staff Recommendation:

- Conduct a public hearing
- Receive public comment
- Allow each speaker three (3) minutes
- Authorize staff to submit the FY 2024-2025 CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ELECTED & CITY MANAGER'S OFFICES

15. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

16.A. Award Construction Contract for the Rowley Park Improvements Basketball Project - Phase 2, JN 530, to Ferandell Tennis Courts Inc., in the amount of \$199,305.00; Approve the Project Plans and Specifications, Project Contingency, and Construction Support Services by BGB Design Group; and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

Staff Recommendation:

- Award Construction Contract to Ferandell Tennis Courts Inc., in the amount of \$199,305.00
- Approve the Project Plans & Specifications
- Approve Project Contingency
- Approve Construction Support Services
- Declare CEQA Exemption

16.B. Award Construction Contract for the City Message Board at 162nd St. and Western Ave., JN 551, to Square Signs LLC dba Front Signs, in the amount of \$129,900.00; Approve the Project Plans and Specifications, Budget Appropriation, Project Contingency; and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption.

Staff Recommendation:

- Approve Construction Contract to Square Signs LLC dba Front Signs., in the amount of \$129,900.00
- Approve the Project Plans & Specifications
- Approve Budget Appropriation and Project Contingency
- Declare CEQA Exemption

16.C. Approve a Contract Change Order in the amount of \$67,342 to the consulting services agreement with Cannon Corporation for the Redondo Beach Boulevard Arterial Improvement Project, JN 945.

Staff Recommendation: Approve Professional Services Contract Change Order (CCO)

16.D. Public Hearing: Resolution No. 6714, Public Electric Vehicle Charging Rates, Adopt Resolution 6714 to Establish a Fee for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, Approve Electric Vehicle Charging Rates and Approve Matrix Consulting Group to Complete a Fee Study for \$10,000 in Addition to 10% Contingency, for a total of \$11,000

- Staff Recommendation:
- Conduct the Public Hearing
 - Allow each Speaker Three (3) Minutes

- Staff Recommendation for Motion:
- Adopt Resolution 6714
 - Approve Electric Vehicle Charging Rates
 - Approve Matrix Consulting Group's Fee Study

16.E. Award Contract for the Public Works Building HVAC Replacement Project, JN 570, to Thermal Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$103,209; Approve Budget Appropriation and Project Contingency; and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption

- Staff Recommendation:
- Approve Construction Contract
 - Approve Budget Appropriation
 - Approve Project Contingency
 - Declare CEQA Exemption

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION

18.A. Approve Contract for the Customization of Maintenance Service Truck for a Contract Total of \$104,365.50 and a Project Total of \$114,802.05

Staff Recommendation: Approve Contract

18.B. Authorization to Lease-to-Own One (1) 2025 Volkswagen ID. Buzz Vehicle from Enterprise Fleet Management with a Down Payment in the Amount of \$74,383.06, and Monthly Fees Over a 60-Month Period in the Amount of \$11,761.00 for a Total Requested Amount of \$86,144.06

Staff Recommendation: Approve Purchase

18.C. RESOLUTION NO. 6713 (1) Establishing the Bus Operator Unit and (2) Certifying the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART) as the exclusively recognized employee organization to represent the Bus Operator Unit

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6713

19. COUNCIL ITEMS

20. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

21. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

22. COUNCIL REMARKS

1. COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS
2. MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON
3. COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA
4. MAYOR CERDA
5. COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE

23. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

24. REMEMBERANCES

-Mrs. Jenet McCambry; 87 years of age and a long-time Gardena resident of 47 years.

25. ADJOURNMENT

The Gardena City Council will adjourn to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00pm followed by the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday, October 28, 2025.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in the City Hall lobby not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of said Agenda is available on our website at www.CityofGardena.org.

/s/ MINA SEMENZA
MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

Date Posted: October 10, 2025