

GARDENA CITY COUNCIL



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

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
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*
JEFF FUKASAWA, *Council Member*

BECKY ROMERO, *City Clerk*
KALE MORITA, *City Treasurer*
CLINT OSORIO, *City Manager*
CARMEN VASQUEZ, *City Attorney*
LISA KRANITZ, *Assistant City Attorney*
IVY TSAI, *Assistant City Attorney*

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- 2. PARTICIPATE BEFORE THE MEETING** by emailing the Assistant City Clerk at
publiccomment@cityofgardena.org by 5:00p.m. on the day of the meeting. Written public comments will be provided to the City Council and will be made part of the record but will not be read aloud.
- 3. PARTICIPATE DURING THE MEETING**

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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
- Non-agenda Items - During Oral Communications
- Public Hearings - At the time of the Public Hearings listed on the Agenda
- Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to speak unless otherwise decided by the Mayor

A. PARTICIPATE IN PERSON

- If 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.

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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. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

Government Code Section 54957(b)

3.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Octavio Saldana v. City of Gardena

WCAB NO; ADJ19538208

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 683

5. INVOCATION

Pastor Edward Hawthorne

Hollypark United Methodist Church

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Certificates of Recognition to Commission and Board Appointees for their Dedicated Community Service

1. Shari Farmer, Human Services Commission & Senior Citizens Commission
2. Ronald Wright-Scherr, Planning & Environmental Quality Commission
3. Dontae Rayford, Recreation and Parks Commission
4. Giovanni Rivera, Gardena Beautification Commission
5. Donald Penegar, Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission
6. Christyna Giles Washington, Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission
7. Kale Morita, Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission
8. April Pamplin, Gardena Rent Mediation Board - Tenant Representative
9. Joanne Brown, Gardena Rent Mediation Board - Member at Large Representative

6.B. Gardena Events Video Presentation

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.A. Parks and Recreation Month - July 2026

8. APPOINTMENTS

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

10. 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.

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

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

10.B. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of the City Council, June 23, 2026

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

10.C. Approval of Minutes - Special Meeting of the City Council, July 2, 2026

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

10.D. Receive and File Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, May 5, 2026

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10.E. Receive and File Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, May 19, 2026

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

10.F. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, July 14, 2026

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10.G. Personnel Report P-2026-11 7-14-26

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10.H. Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the Public Works Building HVAC Replacement Project, JN 570

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

10.I. RESOLUTION NO. 6746, Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Local Transportation Funds

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

10.J. Approve Modification to the Agreement between City of Gardena and South Coast Air Quality Management District for the AB2766 / MSRC Zero Emission Microtransit Service Grant Program

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

11. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

11.A. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT #19-24, SITE PLAN REVIEW #4-24, AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP #2-24 AT 1031 MAGNOLIA AVENUE

On July 7, 2026, the continued public hearing for Environmental Assessment #19-24; Site Plan Review #4-24; and Tentative Parcel Map #2-24 for the construction of four (4) three-story condominium units in the Medium Density Multi-Family Residential (R-3) zone portion of a split-zoned R-3 and Single-Family Residential (R-1) property at 1031 Magnolia Avenue was not heard and will be rescheduled to another date due to a lack of quorum; two Commissioners had excused absences and one Commissioner had a conflict of interest.

City Council Action: No City Council action required.

11.B. FINDING OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN REQUESTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS FOR AIN 6106-036-902 AND 6106-036-905 (SOUTHWEST CORNER OF ARTESIA BOULEVARD AND NORMANDIE AVENUE)

On July 7, 2026, the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission reviewed a request from Los Angeles County Public Works to determine that the proposed sale of parcels AIN 6106-036-902 and 6106-036-905 to Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) to allow for the construction of an engineered cover over the Haach and Cooper Sumps, perimeter vapor control and treatment system, and perimeter storm water drainage is allowable within the Official (O) zone and in conformance with the City of Gardena General Plan.

The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission made the finding of conformance and adopted Resolution No. PC 8-26, by a vote of 3-0, with two commissioners absent, determining that the proposed use is allowed within the Official (O) zone and in conformance with the City of Gardena General Plan, and that such determination is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

City Council Action: Receive and file.

12. 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.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

13.A. Approval of the Classification and Compensation Plan to Reflect a 4% Cost-of-Living Adjustment Increase, per Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA) and Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO) Contractual Agreements, effective July 5, 2026

Staff Recommendation: Approve the Classification and Compensation Plan to reflect a 4% Cost-of-Living Adjustment per Gardena Municipal Employees Association (GMEA) and Gardena Management Employees Organization (GMEO) Contractual Agreements, effective July 5, 2026

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

15.A. RESOLUTION NO. 6744, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) for Implementation of a Local Transaction and Use Tax

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6744

15.B. RESOLUTION NO. 6745, Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records

Staff Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 6745

15.C. Approval of First Amendment to Agreement with Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates (HdL) Companies for City Tax Audit and Information Services

Staff Recommendation: Approve Agreement Amendment

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

16.A. Authorization to Contract with Phoenix Group Information Systems for Parking Administrative, and Law Enforcement Processing Services

Staff Recommendation: Authorize Contract

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

17.A. PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1891, Amending Chapter 8.70 of the Municipal Code for Stormwater and Runoff Pollution Control and Declare California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption

Staff Recommendation:

- Open the Public Hearing; Allow Each Speaker Three (3) Minutes
- Receive Public Testimony
- Close the Public Hearing
- Introduce Ordinance No. 1891
- Find that the Adoption of the Ordinance is Exempt from the Provisions of CEQA
- Direct Staff to File a Notice of Exemption

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

19. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION

20. COUNCIL ITEMS

21. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

22. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

23. COUNCIL REMARKS

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

24. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

25. REMEMBERANCES

Barbara Rosales, 87 years of age, longtime Gardena resident and volunteer with the Senior Bureau for over 20 years.

26. 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, July 28, 2026.

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/ BECKY ROMERO

BECKY ROMERO, City Clerk

Date Posted: July 10, 2026