
GARDENA CITY COUNCIL



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

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Special Closed Session 6:30 p.m.
Open Session 7:30 p.m.

TASHA CERDA, *Mayor*
RODNEY G. TANAKA, *Mayor Pro Tem*
MARK E. HENDERSON, *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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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.**B. PARTICIPATE REMOTELY VIA DIAL-IN CALL/PHONE:**
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- 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 SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

3. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

3.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL EXISTING LITIGATION

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

Brooks, Wendy v. City of Gardena, et al.

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 25LBCV02614

3.B. 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)

3.C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Gov. Code section 54957.6.)

Agency designated representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Name of Employee Organization: Gardena Police Managers Association

3.D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Gov. Code section 54957.6.)

Agency designated representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Name of Employee Organization: International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART)

3.E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

(Gov. Code section 54957.6.)

Agency designated representative: Clint Osorio, City Manager

Name of Employee Organization: Gardena Police Officers Association

RETURN FROM SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. INVOCATION

Pastor Nathaniel Session

Enlightened Ministry Bible Church

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Certificate of Recognition to Aidan Madison in appreciation of his service to the community as a Youth Commissioner

6.B. GTrans 2026 APTA Bus Safety Excellence Award and International Bus Roadeo Competition

6.C. Gardena Events Video Presentation

7. PROCLAMATIONS

8. APPOINTMENTS

Council Appointments to Commissions, Committees, Councils and Boards

(Appointees to be Ratified and Sworn In)

8.A. Rent Mediation Board - Mina Semenza (Appointed by Mayor Cerda)

8.B. Youth Commission - Prince Otegbulu (Appointed by Mayor Cerda)

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 City Council, July 28, 2026

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

- 10.C. Receive and File Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, July 7, 2026**
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- 10.D. Receive and File Minutes - Regular Meeting of the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission, July 21, 2026**
CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- 10.E. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 11, 2026**
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- 10.F. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, August 25, 2026**
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- 10.G. Monthly Investment Report, July 2026**
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- 10.H. Personnel Report P-2026-13 08-25-26**
CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
- 10.I. Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the City Message Board at 162nd Street and Western Ave. Project, JN 551**
CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS
- 10.J. Approval of Agreement between the City of Lawndale and City of Gardena for the Elderly Nutrition Program Services**
CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 10.K. Approval of Amendment 2 to MOU with South Bay Cities Council of Governments for Additional Funding for the Housing Navigation Scope of Work**
CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 10.L. Approval of Amendment 2 to TRIO Community Meals Agreement to Increase Not to Exceed from \$400,000 to \$500,000 Annually for Senior Meals Catering**
CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

11. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

- 11.A. AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING - Cancelled**

11.B. MODIFICATION TO AMEND SITE PLAN REVIEW #1-19 AND REQUEST TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT (AA#3-26) AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA#7-26) TO ALLOW FOR A 15% REDUCTION IN THE REQUIRED GUEST PARKING SPACES AND RECONFIGURE THE SHARED RESIDENTIAL AND GUEST PARKING WITHIN THE EXISTING 113-UNIT TOWNHOME DEVELOPMENT AT 2129 ROSECRANS

The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission reviewed a request to approve the 2nd Modification/Amendment to Site Plan Review #1-19 and Administrative Adjustment #3-26 to allow for a 15% reduction in the required guest parking spaces, and reconfiguration of the shared residential and guest parking spaces.

Environmental Consideration: The project was considered for a categorical exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (Class 32 –in-fill development project).

APPLICANT: Samantha Merchant

LOCATION: 2129 W. Rosecrans Avenue (4061-028-049)

Commission Action: The Planning and Environmental Quality Commission approved to the 2nd Modification/Amendment to Site Plan Review #1-19 and Administrative Adjustment #3-26, by a vote of 3-0 (two commissioners were absent). The Commission directed staff to prepare an approval resolution for consideration at the next Planning Environmental Quality Commission meeting.

City Council Action: No City Council action is required. The approval resolution will be presented to the Planning and Environmental Quality Commission for consideration on September 1, 2026.

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. Acceptance of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 40th Consecutive Year

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 14.A. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1892, An Ordinance of the City of Gardena, California, Amending Portions of Title 18 (Zoning) of the Municipal Code Relating to the Review Process and Standards for Mechanical/Robotic Parking Structures and Finding the Action Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)**

Staff Recommendation: Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, and close the public hearing.

Staff Recommendation for Motion: Introduce Ordinance No. 1892 including making the findings for a CEQA exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3).

- 14.B. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1893, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California Amending Chapter 18.13 of the Gardena Municipal Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and Making a Determination that the Ordinance is Exempt from CEQA Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17**

Staff Recommendation: Open the public hearing, receive testimony from the public, and close the public hearing.

Staff Recommendation for Motion: Introduce Ordinance No. 1893 including making the findings for a CEQA exemption pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17.

- 14.C. Consideration of a contract with spcaLA for Animal Sheltering and Services**

Staff Recommendation: Approve the contract between the City and spcaLA for a 12 month term beginning September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027.

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

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

- 16.A. Notification of Eligibility for Funding in the Amount of \$131,000 Under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Award for the 2026-2027 Grant Cycle**

Staff recommendation: Accept the \$131,000 Grant Award from the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety, for Expenditures to be Funded under the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) for 2026-2027 Grant Cycle.

- 16.B. PUBLIC HEARING: INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1894, Adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy of the City of Gardena, California Governing the Use of Military Equipment Pursuant to Assembly Bill 481**

Staff Recommendation:

- Conduct the public hearing and receive public testimony;
- Allow three (3) minutes for each speaker; and
- Introduce Ordinance No. 1894

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

- 17.A. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Funding Agreement Amendment with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (LACMTA) in the Amount of \$5,675,000 and Approve a Contract Change Order to the Professional Services Agreement with Cannon Corporation, in the Amount of \$184,793 for the Redondo Beach Blvd Arterial Improvements, JN 945**

Staff Recommendation:

- Authorize the City Manager to execute a Funding Agreement (FA) Amendment with LACMTA; and
- Approve a Contract Change Order (CCO) for Professional Services with Cannon Corporation

- 17.B. Award a Contract to F.M. Thomas for the City Hall HVAC Controller System Replacement in the amount of \$78,362.00**

Staff Recommendation: Award a Contract to F.M. Thomas for the City Hall HVAC Controller System

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

19. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION

- 19.A. Approve Contract with MOEV Inc. for Microgrid Management Software at a Cost of \$235,000 and a Project Total of \$258,500**

Staff Recommendation: Approve Contract and Project Total

- 19.B. Approve Proposed Modification of GTrans Line 7X From All Sundays to Game Day Sundays Only**

Staff Recommendation: Approve Service Modification

20. COUNCIL ITEMS

- 20.A. Designation of Voting Delegate / Representative for the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo - September 23-25, 2026**

Staff Recommendation: Designate Voting Delegate / Representative

21. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

22. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

23. COUNCIL REMARKS

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

24. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

25. REMEMBERANCES

Mrs. Betty Ozawa; 101 years of age, beloved mother of Gardena Valley News editor, Gary Kohatsu.

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, September 8, 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: August 21, 2026