

MINUTES
Regular Meeting Notice
Gardena City Council
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

The Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda of the Gardena City Council of the City of Gardena, California was called to order at 7:42 p.m. on February 10, 2026, in the Council Chamber at City Hall 1700 West 162nd Street, Gardena, California, Mayor Tasha Cerda presiding.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Tasha Cerda; Mayor Pro Tem Mark E. Henderson; Council Member Rodney G. Tanaka; Council Member Paulette C. Francis; and Council Member Wanda Love. Other City Officials and Employees present: City Manager Clint Osorio; City Attorney Carmen Vasquez; City Clerk Mina Semenza; and Deputy City Clerk Becky Romero. City Treasurer Guy Mato was not present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

3. CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION ROLL CALL

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Daisy Ramos and Benjamin Gallegos, both in the 5th grade attend Purche Elementary School. Daisy participates in a lot of school programs, including cheer. She is a part of the Orchestra where she plays the trumpet. Daisy enjoys playing volleyball, camping, and going to the beach. Benjamin enjoys going to school. He plays football with the City of Gardena at Rowley Park. He is also an aspiring artist who specializes in drawing anime.

5. INVOCATION

Pastor Kevin Moore, of Restoration Church, led the Invocation.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. Certificate of Recognition to Gene Hale for his Service to the Community as a Member of the Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission-To be accepted by Gene Hale

Mayor Pro Tem Henderson spoke regarding Mr. Hale's achievements. Mr. Hale accepted his Certificate of Recognition and appropriate photos were taken.

6.B. Certificate of Recognition to the Members of the City of Gardena Police Explorer Post #142 for their successes at the 28th Annual Chandler Tactical Explorer Competition held in Chandler, Arizona-To be accepted by the Members of the City of Gardena Police Explorers Post #142

Chief Todd Fox introduced Explorer Post #142 and spoke about all their accomplishments at the event; the Certificate of Recognition was accepted by all members of the City of Gardena Police Explorer Post #142 and appropriate photos were taken; Sergeant Tyler Nash spoke about all their hard work and thanked the Council for their continuous support and thanked Chief Fox and all his advisors for their support.

6.C. Gardena Events Video Presentation

The video presentation highlighted the Recreation and Human Services Department's current and future events.

7. PROCLAMATIONS

7.A. "BLACK HISTORY MONTH" February 2026 - To be Proclaimed Only

Was proclaimed by Mayor Cerda.

8. APPOINTMENTS

8.A. Gardena Youth Commission - Ryan Henderson (Appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson)

When Mayor Cerda asked if any member of the Council had anyone to appoint, Mayor Pro Tem Henderson stated he wanted to appoint Ryan Henderson to the Youth Commission.

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, and seconded by Council Member Tanaka to Approve the Appointment of Ryan Henderson to the Youth Commission. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Henderson, Tanaka, Francis, Love, and Cerda).

Ms. Henderson then accepted her Certificate, thanked the Council for the appointment and appropriate photos were taken. City Clerk Semenza administered the Oath of Office.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public comments.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

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, January 27, 2026

CONTACT: CITY CLERK

10.C. Approval of Warrants/Payroll Register, February 10, 2026

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10.D. Personnel Report P-2026-3 02-10-26

CONTACT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

10.E. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1887, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gardena, California, Adding a New Chapter 15.36 (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations) to the City of Gardena Municipal Code Pursuant to State Law

CONTACT: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The item was pulled by Council Member Francis.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis and Mayor Cerda. Assistant Community Development Director Burns, and City Attorney Vasquez answered all questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Love and was seconded by Council Member Francis to Adopt Ordinance No. 1887. The motion passed 5-0 (Yea: Love, Francis, Cerda, Henderson, and Tanaka).

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

10.F. Approval of the Fifth Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments

CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

10.G. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1886, An ordinance of the People and City Council of the City of Gardena Adding Chapter 3.46 to the Municipal Code to Impose a Transactions and Use Tax to be Administered by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration

CONTACT: CITY MANAGER

Item was pulled by Council Member Francis.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio and City Attorney Vasquez answered all questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Francis and was seconded by Council Member Love to Adopt Ordinance No. 1886. The motion passed 5-0 (Yea: Francis, Love, Cerda, Henderson and Tanaka).

**** Item was Removed from Consent**

10.H. Adopt Resolution No. 6722, Artesia Boulevard Landscaping Assessment District Renewal for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

10.I. Adopt Resolution No. 6723, Consolidated Street Lighting District Renewal for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026, and Ending June 30, 2027

CONTACT: PUBLIC WORKS

10.J. Approval of Amendment 1 to MOU with South Bay Cities Council of Governments

CONTACT: RECREATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

10.K. Approve City of Gardena's GTrans FY2026-2028 Short Range Transit Plan

CONTACT: TRANSPORTATION

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson and seconded by Council Member Tanaka to Approve the Consent Calendar items with the exception of 10.E. and 10.G. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Henderson, Tanaka, Cerda Francis and Love).

11. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION ACTION SHEET

11.A. FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING - Cancelled

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

12.A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Cerda asked City Clerk Semenza if any public comments had been received. City Clerk Semenza stated that we received two (2) Public Comments which have been added to the agenda packet, distributed to Council, and made part of the record.

1) Andrea Simental, Library Manager of the Gardena Mayme Dear Library; came to give updates on both the Gardena Mayme Dear and Masao. W. Sato Libraries; and

2) Gizelle Zaragoza, came to give information on the UCLA South LA CPR Initiative.

13. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

13.A. Ratify Administrative Approval of Proposals from VectorUSA and AMS.NET, LLC dba MGT Impact Solutions for Fiber Connectivity, Network Infrastructure, and Audio Visual for the Gardena Community Aquatic and Senior Center in the Amount of \$602,795 and a Project Total of \$693,214

Staff Recommendation: Ratify Approval of Proposals

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any questions or comments, there were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson and seconded by Council Member Francis to Ratify Approval of Proposals. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Henderson, Francis, Cerda, Tanaka and Love).

13.B. RESOLUTION NO. 6728 Adopting Amended Pay Schedules for Specified Directors and Department Heads

Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 6728 Adopting Amended Pay Schedules for Specified Directors and Department Heads

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any questions or comments, there were no public speakers.

A motion was made by Council Member Tanaka and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to Approve Resolution No. 6728 Adopting Amended Pay Schedules for Specified Directors and Department Heads. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Tanaka, Henderson, Cerda, Francis and Love).

14. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

14.A. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1888, An Ordinance Of The City Of Gardena, California, Adopting By Reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24), Except for the Fire Code, And Making Amendments thereto; Adoption of the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code; and Finding the Action Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption of CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(B)(3)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any questions or comments, there were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Member Francis. City Manager Osorio answered all questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Francis and seconded by Council Member Love to Introduce Ordinance No. 1888 and Set a Public Hearing Date on the Adoption for the March 10, 2026, City Council Meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Francis, Love, Cerda, Henderson and Tanaka). Council Member Francis introduced Ordinance No. 1888.

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

There were no Items.

16. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - POLICE

There were no Items.

17. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - PUBLIC WORKS

17.A. Declare a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption for the Mas Fukai Park Improvements Project (JN 820), and approve a Contract Change Order in the amount of \$90,214 to the Professional Services Agreement with David Volz Design Landscape Architects, Inc.

Staff Recommendation:

- Declare the Project CEQA Exemption
- Approve Professional Services Contract Change Order (CCO)

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any questions or comments, there were no public speakers.

Questions and comments were made by Council Members Love and Francis. City Manager Osorio, Public Works Director Allan Rigg and Assistant Public Works Director Kevin Kwak answered all questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Love and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson to Declare a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption for the Mas Fukai Park Improvements Project (JN 820)m and Approve a Contract Change Order in the Amount of \$90,214 to the Professional Services Agreement with David Volz Deisgn Landscape Architects, Inc. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Love, Henderson, Cerda, Tanaka and Francis).

18. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - RECREATION & HUMAN SERVICES

There were no Items.

19. DEPARTMENTAL ITEMS - TRANSPORTATION

There were no Items.

20. COUNCIL ITEMS

20.A. Discuss and Consider The City of Gardena Rules and Procedures Handbook for Newly Elected Officials

Staff Recommendation: Discuss and Consider Adoption of the City of Gardena Rules and Procedures Handbook for Newly Elected Officials

City Manager Osorio presented the Staff Report.

Mayor Cerda asked if anyone had asked to speak on this item and if the Council had any questions or comments, there were no public speakers.

Comments were made by Council Member Love.

A motion was made by Council Member Francis and seconded by Council Member Love to Discuss and Consider Adoption of the City of Gardena Rules and Procedures Handbook for Newly Elected Officials. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Francis, Love, Cerda, Henderson and Tanaka).

21. COUNCIL DIRECTIVES

Council Member Francis

Subject: To get a memo from staff that will fully explain the timing and process of all projects in development.

Purpose – To encourage reasonable development and completion of a project once it's approved.

Reason – To make sure projects we approve begin by “a date certain.”

Benefit – To encourage projects be started and completed within a reasonable timeline.

Mayor Cerda seconded it.

22. CITY MANAGER REMARKS RE: DIRECTIVES / COUNCIL ITEMS

City Manager Osorio stated that he did not have any updates to any of the directives, but wanted to announce that Stephany Santin, Director of Recreation and Human Services, has resigned from her position; he has asked Nikki Sweeney to be Acting Director in the interim.

23. COUNCIL REMARKS

1) **COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA** – On a sad note, he's sorry to lose the Director of Recreation and Human Services, Stephany Santin. He wished her well in her future endeavors. He knows Nikki will do a great job as acting Director. He stated enjoy celebrating Black History Month. He thanked Gizelle for showing up tonight. CPR is important. He hopes people sign up for that event. Since the last meeting, he attended a major Elks event where the California-Hawaii president and his first lady came here for dinner. He attended the COG Transportation Committee meeting, and the COG Steering Committee meeting. They are working on scheduling a meet and greet with some of the senators, assembly members, and congresspeople.

2) **COUNCIL MEMBER LOVE** – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended Congresswoman Waters' Town Hall meeting and the county's toxic waste collection. She announced her town hall meeting with Council Member Francis will be February 28th at 16921 S. Western Ave. They welcome everyone, and they encourage everyone to come out and get involved.

3) **COUNCIL MEMBER FRANCIS** – Since the last meeting, she attended Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Town Hall meeting. There were a lot of great questions and some confusion, which is why Council Member Love and her are having this town hall meeting. She hopes you all can come out and attend and ask your questions. She thanked Daisy and Benjamin from Purche Avenue for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. She thanked Gene Hale for his service to our community for serving on the Gardena Economic Business Advisory Commission. She congratulated our Gardena Police Explorers Post 142 for their efforts and for the win. She also congratulated Nikki for stepping up as the Acting Director for the Recreation and Human Services Department. She wants to be clear and let everyone know that Dr. Martin Luther King's holiday is in January and Black History Month is in February. Lastly, she thanked Ms. Simental for announcing the activities going on in the library. As a teacher, she encourages everyone to read and visit the library.

4) **MAYOR CERDA** – Since the last Council Meeting, she attended her LA County Sanitation personnel meeting; the City of Gardena's employee mixer; the Environmental Charter Middle School, as Council Member Francis and she sat on a panel, where the question was asked what young people could do to be more involved? There were representatives there from the City of LA, from Gardena, our Police Officers, Code Enforcement, Homeless Coordinator, and Dave Matthews team. They were informed about the Gardena Direct app, so we encouraged them all to download the Gardena Direct app and then had the great idea to have a challenge for the kids. Any young people from February 14th through March 13th, who submit the most Gardena Direct items from the ECMS-Gardena school, will win two Disneyland tickets as well as a \$50 gift card to a place of their choice. And then she was challenged by Mr. Dave Matthews on the LA side to do the same thing. So, the kids have an opportunity to participate in two challenges, one on the Gardena side and one on the LA side, by downloading the My LA 311 app. She

attended her monthly Town Hall with the Chief of Police at the Toss up restaurant. She is having another Town Hall meeting with the Chief at Matthews Homestyle Restaurant on Thursday, February 26th. She attended Congresswoman Maxine Waters' Town Hall; a funeral of one of our residents, Ms. Dorothy Dawson. She attended the installation banquet for the consolidated board of realtors. She attended the LAUSD round table; the Too Toxic to Trash event, she gave kudos to the Public Work's staff; and Challenge Athletes with one of the business owners here in Gardena. An upcoming event is a stamp unveiling by the New Earth Christian Church, which hosted the Black Heritage stamp unveiling at Rowley Park, Sunday, February 15th. It begins at 2 PM. She would like everyone to enjoy Black History Month as well.

5) **MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON** – Happy Black History Month. He congratulated the Explorers and Ms. Ryan Henderson. He attended his SCAG meeting. He had two points of pride, one at Congresswoman Waters' Town Hall. She said, "You know, your city really looks good, and it feels safe, and I really like coming here". He wants us all to take a bow. The other point of pride was on Sunday; we had some filming going on in the City of Gardena. Hopefully, we'll have more filming opportunities, and maybe somebody will be discovered. He thanked GPD for being out there making sure everyone was safe, and the production went off as it was intended.

24. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

- 1) Therapeutic Recreation Program, Spread the Love Cupid's Soiree, Friday, February 13, 2026 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Nakaoka Community Center;
- 2) Glow in the Dark Youth Kickball Game, Saturday, February 21, 2026 starting at 5:30 p.m. for ages 5-8 and 6:30 p.m. for ages 9-12 at Rush Gymnasium;
- 3) Gardena Seniors on the Go, Lakers Game, Tuesday, February 24, 2026 Departure time is 5:30 p.m. visit Nakaoka Community Center for more information;
- 4) Youth Spring Break Camp, March 30, 2026 thru April 3, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for ages 5-12 visit Nakaoka Community Center for more information;
- 5) Come Share your ideas to help shape the future of Mas Fukai Park, Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Mas Fukai Park; and
- 6) Semi-Annual Clean up Event, if your normal trash day is Mondays cleanup day will be Feb. 14, for Tuesdays it will be Feb. 21, for Wednesdays it will be Feb. 28, for Thursdays it will be Mar. 7, and for Fridays it will be March 14.

25. REMEMBERANCES

Ms. Charleta Williams, a long-time City of Gardena resident.

26. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25p.m. Mayor Cerda adjourned the Gardena City Council Meeting to the Closed Session portion of the City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m., and the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

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

APPROVED:

Tasha Cerda, Mayor

By: _____
Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk