



CITY OF GILROY

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 | 6:30 PM

CITY CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
7351 ROSANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020

Chair: Melanie Reynission

Vice Chair: Ruben Dario Villa

Commissioners: Camille McCormack, Adilene Moreno, Steven Porter, Steven Taylor, & Wendy Zamora

Staff Liaison: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator



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The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. SECRETARY'S REPORT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. Approval of the Minutes from the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 7.1. Update on Art-Related Funds**
 - 7.2. Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.1. Overview of the Process to Request the Council to Dedicate Surplus Funds to Arts and Culture Purposes**
- 9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES**
- 10. COMMISSION COMMENTS**
- 11. STAFF COMMENTS**
- 12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

FUTURE MEETING DATES

September 09, 2025 – Gilroy City Council Chambers – 6:30 PM
October 14, 2025 – Gilroy City Council Chambers – 6:30 PM

**City of Gilroy
Arts and Culture Commission
Minutes
Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | 6:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Commissioner Melanie Reynisson Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa Commissioner Camille McCormack Commissioner Wendy Zamora
Absent	Commissioner Adilene Moreno Commissioner Steven Porter Commissioner Steven Taylor

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Staff Liaison Katsuyoshi reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 2:01 PM.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion

Approve

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Commissioner Wendy Zamora

SECONDER: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

AYES: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson, Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa,
Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission

Motion

Approve

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

SECONDER: Commissioner Wendy Zamora

AYES: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson, Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa,
Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Mural Request at the Gilroy Center for the Arts

Sharon Albers attended and responded to questions from the Commission.

Motion

Recommend Approval

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson

SECONDER: Commissioner Camille McCormack

AYES: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson, Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

2. Mural Request at the Las Animas Park Handball Courts

Joey Castaneda, artist for the proposed project, was present and presented about his design.

Motion

Recommend Approval

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson

SECONDER: Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa

AYES: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson, Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

3. Public Art Request at the Downtown Paseo

A presentation was given by Amanda Rawson with the Womanhood Project about the augmented reality art project proposal.

Motion

Recommend Approval

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Commissioner Wendy Zamora

SECONDER: Commissioner Camille McCormack

AYES: Commissioner Melanie Reynisson, Commissioner Ruben Dario Villa, Commissioner Camille McCormack, Commissioner Wendy Zamora

8. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan

The Commission discussed the updates to the For the Love of Gilroy event, looking at February for the banner raising event, and held discussions about the logistics of the program. There were no updates provided for the multicultural days or the

fundraising gala. The update to the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan and Public Art Resources Document involved a need for the Planning Division to present its requirements for conditioning developments with public art requirements.

9. GILROY ART-RELATED COMMUNITY EVENT UPDATES

Commissioners announced upcoming events and art-related activities in development.

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

11. STAFF COMMENTS

Staff announced that Kylie would be supporting the Arts and Culture Commission, and a reminder that the meeting in July is being cancelled.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

A request was made for the August meeting to discuss the legislative agenda and the potential to request the City Council to dedicate a portion of surplus funds for Arts and Culture Commission activities.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.



City of Gilroy Arts and Culture Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Update on Art-Related Funds
Meeting Date: August 12, 2025
From: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator
Department: Administration
Prepared by: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator

RECOMMENDATION

None - This is an informational item.

BACKGROUND

In the spring, the Arts and Culture Commission requested to know what the balance of funds are in the two art-related funds available to it.

ANALYSIS

The Commission has access to the following funds, and the amounts are as follows:

Fund Name	Current Balance	Available Balance
ARTS / CULTURAL DONATIONS	\$144.48	\$144.48
PUBLIC ART PROJECT	\$43,280.56	\$35,939.27

For the Public Art Project, a portion (\$7,341.29) of the current balance is held for dedicated, specific purposes, including the below:

- \$2,833.10 for a bench installation and plaque at Gilroy Sports Park.
- \$4,508.19 reserved for mural repairs, bench plaque repairs, and Gilroy Garlic Festival Founders Plaque repairs.

ALTERNATIVES

None. This is an informational item.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

None. This is an informational item.

Attachments:

None



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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Work Plan
Meeting Date: August 12, 2025
From: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator
Department: Administration
Submitted by:
Prepared by: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator

RECOMMENDATION

Commissioners and sub-committees update the Commission on plans and progress of workplan items.

BACKGROUND

At the February 11, 2025 regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission (Commission), the Commission adopted a work plan for FY26 and FY27. At their regular meeting on March 11, 2025, the Commission further refined the work plan and appointed committees. The work plan is attached to this staff report.

ANALYSIS

This will be an ongoing agenda item to discuss the work plan items, and to receive updates from any commissioner or committee.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

None.

Attachments:

1. Arts and Culture Commission Workplan - FY26 and FY27

2026 and 2027 Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan

Project Name	Work	Lead Commissioner	Sub-Committee Members	City Council Priority	Status
For the Love of Gilroy Event	Continue the successful pilot program into an annual event each year.		Reynisson, Villa, Porter	<i>N/A</i>	
Multicultural Community Days	Explore hosting an event series featuring arts and culture presentations and displays of various cultures in the community, consisting of up to two events per fiscal year as a pilot program.		Zamora, Reynisson, Taylor	<i>Neighborhood Equity</i>	
Fundraising Gala	Explore the opportunity to host a fundraising gala, aiming at one event during the workplan period.		Taylor, Reynisson, McCormack	<i>Financial Resilience</i>	
Update the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan	Update the strategic plan to identify strategies and goals for Gilroy's arts and culture into the future.		Villa, Zamora, Porter	<i>Neighborhood Equity</i>	
Public Art Resource Document	Explore the viability of creating a public art resource document for future development, in conjunction with the Community Development Department.		N/A	<i>Neighborhood Equity</i>	

Updated April 9, 2025



City of Gilroy Arts and Culture Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Overview of the Process to Request the Council to Dedicate Surplus Funds to Arts and Culture Purposes

Meeting Date: August 12, 2025

From: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator

Department: Administration

Prepared by: Bryce Atkins, Assistant to the City Administrator

RECOMMENDATION

Commission discussion.

BACKGROUND

At the June 10, 2025 regular meeting, the Commission directed that an item be added to this agenda to facilitate a discussion about what it would take to ask the Council to dedicate a portion of the end-of-year surplus funds towards arts and culture purposes.

ANALYSIS

The brief information provided during the future agenda item request indicated that the request centered on the budget process discussion with the City Council regarding the recreation fund's end-of-year surplus. This surplus was proposed to be held for future growth, with a portion reserved for facility improvements at parks.

The request was asking for an item to discuss how to do so for surplus funding for arts and culture related efforts.

The Commission would need to determine what surplus funds are being requested to be used in this way, what percentage of the surplus funds would be apportioned to arts and culture efforts, and examples of what the funds may likely be used for. Once determined, a commissioner or a few commissioners would need to write a memo to the City Council with the recommendation on a template provided by staff for Commission Communications.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

None. The item is developing the recommendation language for the request, and not an expense item.

Attachments:

None.