

City of Gilroy
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

- 1.1. **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Blankley at 6:00 PM.
- 1.2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Council Member Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3. **Invocation**
Pastor Malcom MacPhail provided the Invocation.
- 1.4 **City Clerk’s Report on Posting the Agenda**
Interim City Clerk Minor reported on the Posting of the Agenda.
- 1.5. **Roll Call**

Attendance	Attendee Name
	Dion Bracco, Council Member
	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
	Carol Marques, Council Member
	Zach Hilton, Council Member
	Tom Cline, Council Member
	Fred Tovar, Council Member
	Marie Blankley, Mayor
Absent	None

- 1.6. **Orders of the Day**
Mayor Blankley requested Agenda Item #11.2 be heard before Agenda Item #11.1. Full Council agreed to reorder the items.
- 1.7. **Employee Introductions**
City Administrator Jimmy Forbis introduced Beth Minor, Interim City Clerk, and Heba El-Guindy, Public Works Director.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards
There were none.

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)
There were none.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

- 4.1. **PUBLIC COMMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

The following speakers spoke on items not on the agenda;

Ana Mendoza spoke regarding unfair treatment and possible unlawful treatment when evicting tenants;

Robert Zepeda spoke regarding possible theft incidents that occurred at Safeway and Nob Hill;

Jesus Alarcon spoke regarding the high cost of rents in the area; Joseph Thompson spoke regarding unfair rent increases.

Having no further speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco no report. Council Member Armendariz no report. Council Member Marquez no report.

Council Member Hilton reported on the VTA Policy Advisory Committee meeting and the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority JPA Board meeting.

Council Member Cline no report. Council Member Tovar no report.

Mayor Blankley reported on the Caltrain Policy Group meeting.

6. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

There were none.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. Approval of the Action Minutes of the February 5, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- 7.2. Accept and File Quarterly Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2023.**
- 7.3. Approval of Final Map and PIA Tract 10594 700 W. 6th Street Subdivision.**
- 7.4. Approval of Notice of Acceptance of Completion for Property Improvement Agreement No. 2017-06, Ballybunion Dr. and Santa Teresa Blvd. Roundabout. *Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-28***
- 7.5. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Approving a Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment for \$20,813 for a County of Santa Clara Office of Emergency Management Training and Exercise Grant.**
Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-10
- 7.6. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy**

Approving a Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment of \$33,080.66 for a County of Santa Clara Health Care System.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-09

Mayor Blankely opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Approve Consent Calendar Items 7.1 – 7.6 Roll Call Vote	
RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Bracco, Council Member Marquez, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

BIDS AND PROPOSALS

- 7.7. **Award a Contract in the amount of \$408,134 to Blue Raster for Bicycle and Pedestrian Geographic Information Systems Consultant Services and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Measure B Fund.**

Mayor Blankley opened the Public Comment. Ron Kirkish spoke against approving the contract.

Having no further speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Award the Contract to Blue Raster and Approve the attached budget Amendment in the Measure B Fund.

RESULTS:	PASS 4-3
MOVER:	Rebecca Armendariz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Zach Hilton, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Marquez, Council Member Tovar
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-14

Award a Contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Design

- 7.8. **Award a Contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Design of Two Traffic Signals Project No. 24-RFP-PW-498 in the amount of \$149,854, Approve a Project Contingency of \$29,971, and Approve a Total Project Expenditure of \$179,825 for Design Services.**

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Award a Contract to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for the Design of Two Traffic Signals Project No. 24-RFP-PW-498 in the amount of \$149,854, Approve a Project Contingency of \$29,971, and Approve a Total Project Expenditure of \$179,825 for Design Services

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Marques, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

10. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS**

10.1. **Consideration of a Ceasefire Resolution.**

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There were 75 members of the public who spoke regarding the Council consideration of a cease fire resolution.

Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To approve the community version of the Resolution calling for a permanent ceasefire in Israel and Palestine, as submitted in our agenda packets on pages 172 to 173.

RESULTS:	FAIL: 2-5
MOVER:	Zach Hilton, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rebecca Armendariz, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Hilton,
NOES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Marques, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

MOTION: To reject any and all resolutions regarding the Cease Fire.

RESULTS:	PASS: 5-2
MOVER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tom Cline, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Marques, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Hilton
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

11.2 Consent of the Appointment of Beth Minor as Interim City Clerk (Retired Annuitant) Effective February 27, 2024, and Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Approving the Appointment and Employment Agreement.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Consent the City Administrator’s recommendation to appoint Beth Minor as Interim City Clerk (as a retired annuitant) effective February 27, 2024, and Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy approving the appointment of Beth Minor as Interim City Clerk (Retired Annuitant) pursuant to California Government Code Section 21221(h) and authorizing the City Administrator to execute the employment agreement.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Marie Blankley, Mayor
SECONDER:	Carol Marqus, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Marques, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-11

11.3. Receive Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY24) Mid-Year Budget Report and Adopt a Budget Amendment Resolution.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Receive Mid-Year Budget Report for FY24, and to Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Amending the Appropriations for FY24 in Fund 293.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Marie Blankley, Mayor
SECONDER:	Carol Marqus, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Marques, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	
ABSENT:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-15

11.4. FY24 and FY25 Departmental Workplan Updates.

Council discussed the Workplan Updates and requested staff make minor changes to include moving items up on the workplan and combining several. No Motion was made.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

11.5. Council-Initiated Agenda Item Policy

Council discussed the new Council policy/procedure for the submission and consideration of future Council-initiated items on the Council’s agendas.

No Motion was made.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

11.6. Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year-Ended June 30, 2023.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year-Ended June 30, 2023.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Zach Hilton, Council Member
AYES:	Council Member Bracco, Council Member Armendariz, Council Member Marques, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Cline, Council Member Tovar, Mayor Blankley
NOES:	

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

There were none.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

There were none.

13. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment. There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

Mayor Blankley recessed the Regular Meeting at 10:00 PM.

The Council convened into the Closed Session at 10:04 PM.

A motion was made to stay in Closed Session. The Vote was unanimous.

13.1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT Pursuant to GC Section 54957.6 and GCC Section 17A.11 (4); Collective Bargaining Units: Local 2805, IAFF Fire Unit Representing Gilroy Fire Fighters City Negotiators: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator, LeeAnn McPhillips, HR Director Anticipated Issues(s) Under Negotiation: Wages, Hours, Benefits, Working Conditions; Memorandums of Understanding: City of Gilroy and Gilroy Fire Fighters Local 2805.

13.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to GC Sec. 54956.8 and GCC Sec.17A.8 (a) (2) Property: Gilroy Gardens Theme Park, 3050 Hecker Pass Highway, Gilroy, CA (APN's: 810-17-024, 810-17-026, 810-17-029, 810-17-030, 810-17-031, 810-18-002, 810-18-013, 810-19-005, 810-19-007, 810-19-010, 810-19-011, 810-19-014) Negotiators: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator Other Party to Negotiations: Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park, LLC Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment for sale or lease.

14. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Blankley reported no reportable action from the Closed Session.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blankley adjourned the meeting at 10:50 PM.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gilroy on March 18, 2024.

DocuSigned by:

Beth Minor

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/s/Beth Minor

Interim City Clerk