

**City of Gilroy
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 P.M.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Cline.

1.3. Invocation

The invocation was led by Pastor Greg Quirke.

1.4 City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

The Acting City Clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, March 14, 2025 at 3:34 P.M.

1.5. Roll Call

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Council Member Greg Bozzo, Mayor
Absent	None

1.6. Orders of the Day

Item 7.1 was pulled from the agenda.

1.7. Employee Introductions

City Administrator Jimmy Forbis introduced John Doughty as the new Public Works Director.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

None.

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

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 Bozzo opened public comment.

Greg Felios provided comment regarding the joint meeting with the Gilroy Unified School District, and to continue the relationship between the two organizations into the future.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco – No report.

Council Member Fugazzi – No report.

Council Member Marques – No report.

Council Member Hilton – Reported on: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Policy Advisory Committee's Transit-Oriented Development Access Study was initiated and the nearing completion of the Gilroy Station Access Study; Silicon Valley Clean Energy's (SVCE) Board approved adjustments to the surplus solar energy compensation terms for consistency with other energy agencies. Additionally, SVCE received a clean financial audit and approved its mid-year operating budget. The agency will also be allocating \$35 million in bill credits for relief to customers.

Council Member Ramirez – Reported on the Gilroy Sister Cities Association developing a strategic plan and a succession plan, and subsequent plans to support the strategic goals.

Council Member Cline – Reported on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) having hosted a workshop on the U.S. Highways 101 & 25 project. The next workshop is scheduled for April 8, 2025.

Mayor Bozzo – Also reported on the VTA workshop and that comments from members of the public, even in the larger organization, made an impact. Additionally, the VTA strike continues. Lastly, reported on Gilroy Gardens having just celebrated their 25th anniversary.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1. **Approval of the Action Minutes of the March 3, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting**

6.2. **Claims of Paul Villa, Enrique Montelongo, Enedina Gonzalez, Yriel Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez, heirs and successors in interest of Salvador Adrian Montelongo (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)**

6.3. **Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2024**

6.4. Approve Second Amendment to the Agreement with The Pun Group LLP for Annual Financial Audit Services for an Additional \$177,221, with a Revised Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$530,278.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion:

APPROVE the consent calendar.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Tom Cline, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

7. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

7.1. Purchase of PFAS-Free Structural Firefighting Turnouts for the Total Amount of \$429,974 Utilizing Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Contract No. 010424-LNC and Adopt a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Pulled from the Agenda.

7.2. Award a Contract to Advance Design Consultants, Inc. for HVAC & Mechanical Design Services at Old City Hall Restaurant, Project No. 25-RFP-ASD-505 in the amount of \$144,774

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Ron Kirkish provided comments regarding the investment in the HVAC unit and that he was concerned about what the improvement was for, and that it not be inclusive of extraneous work relating to clean energy.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: DENY the award of the contract, but without prejudice of the matter coming back to the Council at a future time.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Terence Fugazzi, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearings shall commence at 7:00 PM or soon thereafter

8.1. Two Tentative Map applications to subdivide approximately 6.7 acres into 42 single-family duet residential lots (TM 24-02) and approximately 41.36 acres into 84 single-family residential lots (TM 24-03) in the Glen Loma Ranch Specific Plan area

1. Disclosure of Ex-Parte Communications
2. Staff Report: Sharon Goei, Community Development Director
3. Open Public Hearing
4. Close Public Hearing
5. Possible Action:
 - a) Determine that Tentative Map applications TM 24-02 and TM 24-03 do not require independent CEQA review beyond EIR Addendum #2 because none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15162 are present.
 - b) Adopt a resolution approving Tentative Map TM 24-02, subject to the findings, conditions, and mitigation measures provided in the draft resolution.
 - c) Adopt a resolution approving Tentative Map TM 24-03, subject to the findings, conditions, and mitigation measures provided in the draft resolution.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

Motion:

APPROVE the determination that Tentative Map applications TM 24-02 and TM 24-03 do not require independent CEQA review beyond EIR Addendum #2 because none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Sec. 15162 are present.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Carol Marques, Mayor Pro Tempore

SECONDER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

Motion:

ADOPT a resolution approving Tentative Map TM 24-02, subject to the findings, conditions, and mitigation measures provided in the draft resolution.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

Motion:

ADOPT a resolution approving Tentative Map TM 24-03, subject to the findings, conditions, and mitigation measures provided in the draft resolution.

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

SECONDER: Carol Marques, Mayor Pro Tempore

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

8.2. Hold the Second Public Hearing Regarding the City's Transition from an At-Large to a District-Based Election System for the Purpose of Receiving Public Input on the Potential Contours of the New Districts and Hearing the Demographer's Presentation on the Transition Process and the Drawing of District Maps for the November 2026 and 2028 Elections.

1. Disclosure of Ex-Parte Communications
2. Staff Report: Andrew Faber, City Attorney
3. Open Public Hearing
4. Close Public Hearing
5. Possible Action:

Hold a second Public Hearing and receive public input and a presentation from the City of Gilroy's ("City") consulting Demographer, Redistricting Partners, regarding the process and criteria for establishing boundaries for district elections pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") for the City Council. The City Council again should further discuss the following topics:

1. The Communities of Interest within the City that should define the boundaries and composition of districts before any maps of any proposed district boundaries are drawn; and,
2. Whether the City should draw six districts and retain its directly elected Mayor, or draw seven districts where City Councilmembers select the Mayor on a rotating or other basis.

HEARD AT 7:00 PM AFTER ITEM 11.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing

Edwin Diaz commented regarding his experience going through such transitions, and that the process is complicated and challenging. He also commented his desire for Council to continue to make the effort for the processes and information as accessible and as transparent as possible.

Carolina Gabriel stated she wanted to ask questions, and was advised that she can give comments at this hearing, but recommended to participate in the public workshops which have a question and answer component for any questions.

Ron Kirkish commented that everyone he has spoken to wants the six district

design with an at-large mayor election. The Mayor would be beholden to the entire community.

With no further comments, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

Motion:

APPROVE the City of Gilroy considers a six-district map with an at-large mayor.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez

ABSTAIN: Mayor Bozzo

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. Strategic Planning Session #2 - Receive Mid-Year Report on Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget and Update on the General Fund Five-Year Forecast

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

9.2. Adoption of an ordinance approving a zoning map amendment application to rezone an undeveloped property (APN # 810-23-005) to Residential Hillside, consistent with the 2040 General Plan Hillside Residential land use designation (Z 22-03)

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 8.1.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion:

ADOPT an ordinance approving a zoning map amendment application to rezone an undeveloped property (APN # 810-23-005) to Residential Hillside, consistent with the 2040 General Plan Hillside Residential land use designation (Z 22-03).

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

NAYS: Council Member Fugazzi

9.3. 2025 Christopher High School Aquatics Center Operator

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Amanda Morrill commented that she was one of the pool managers for Swimming Swan, and described the resources provided by the contractor in the previous year for the operation, that there is off-season activity and costs, and that they are very involved in the community.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion:

APPROVE the agreement with Swimming Swan for the 2025 season, and staff is to immediately analyze options for 2026, and to return to Council with an analysis on options in early fall of 2025 for the summer of 2026.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

SECONDER: Tom Cline, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

NAYS: Council Member Bracco

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

10.1. 2024 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: ACCEPT the report and direct staff to submit the 2024 Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, no later than April 1, 2025.

RESULT:

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Carol Marques, Mayor Pro Tempore

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

11. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 12.

None.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

THIS ITEM WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 9.2.

The City Administrator reported on: 1) Library Day at the San Francisco Giants Game will be on April 7th, sponsored by Santa Clara County Library District. A special link was made available to buy tickets, with every ticket purchased providing \$5 back to our libraries; and 2) Monday March 24 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., the City's Housing Division will hold a virtual public meeting for the Santa Clara County Multi-City Inclusionary Zoning and Affordable Housing Study, with details in the weekly e-newsletter.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

Adjourning to Closed Session in Memoriam of City of Gilroy Environmental Engineer Saeid Vaziry

- 14.1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS Pursuant to GC Section 54957.6 and GCC Section 17A.11(4)**
Collective Bargaining Units: Gilroy Police Officers Association, Inc. Representing Gilroy Police Officers; Gilroy Management Association Representing Mid-Management Employees (GMA); and Unrepresented Exempt Employees (Confidential, Department Heads & Council-Appointed)
City Negotiators: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator; LeeAnn McPhillips, Assistant City Administrator and Administrative Services & Human Resources Director/Risk Manager
Anticipated Issue(s) Under Negotiation: Wages, Hours, Benefits, Working Conditions
Memorandums of Understanding: City of Gilroy and Gilroy Police Officers Association Inc.; City of Gilroy and Gilroy Management Association (GMA)

The City Council adjourned into Closed Session with a moment of silent remembrance for Saeid Vaziry, the City of Gilroy's Environmental Engineer overseeing the South County Regional Wastewater Authority for the past 19 years, and the accomplishments and contributions he made to the residents and community of Gilroy.

The City Attorney then read the closed session item into the record and provided procedural instruction to the Council.

The City Attorney opened Public Comment.

With no speakers, public comment was closed.

The Council entered Closed Session at 9:23 PM.

Motion:

CONTINUE to remain in closed session.

RESULT: PASS

MOVER:

SECONDER:

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Council Member Marques, Council

15. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Report of any action taken in Closed Session and vote or abstention of each Council Member if required by Government Code Section 54957.1 and GCC Section 17A.13(b); Public Report of the vote to continue in closed session if required under GCC Section 17A.11(5).

The Council returned to open session at 9:53 P.M., with no reportable action.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 P.M.

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 April 7, 2025.

/s/Bryce Atkins
Acting City Clerk