

**City of Gilroy
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 7, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bracco.

1.3. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Pastor Malcolm MacPhail.

1.4 City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

Acting City Clerk Atkins reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 4:06 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

Mayor Bozzo reminded attendees that the public hearing on the district elections transition would be heard at a time certain of 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter.

1.7. Employee Introductions

Captain Powell from the Gilroy Police Department introduced new employee Detention Services Officer Tallen Gray-Peoples to the Gilroy City Council and community.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

2.1. Proclamation in Memoriam for Saeid Vaziry

ITEM NO. 2.1 WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM NO. 2.3

Mayor Bozzo read the proclamation into the record and welcomed the family of Saeid Vaziry to speak.

Kean Vaziry, son of Saeid Vaziry, spoke on behalf of the family and thanked the Council for the recognition, and spoke to the positive experiences of his father working with the City of Gilroy, and the positive impact of Saeid's work on the community.

2.2. Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Fair Housing Month

2.3. Proclamation Declaring April 2025 as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month

ITEM NO. 2.3 WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 1.7

Mayor Bozzo read the proclamation, then invited Arts and Culture Commissioner Vice Chair Ruben Dario Villa to receive the proclamation.

Vice Chair Villa discussed the positive impacts of the arts on the community, the efforts of the Gilroy Arts Roundtable, Silicon Valley Creates, and the City regarding the arts, and encouraged continued investment in the arts.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

3.1. Presentation of the Report for the *Elevate the Arts* Program by Alexandra Urbanowski from Silicon Valley Creates

Alexandra Urbanowski gave the presentation on the annual report for the Elevate the Arts program.

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

This part of the meeting allows public address on non-agenda topics within the Council's jurisdiction. To speak, complete a Speaker's Card from the entrances and give it to the City Clerk. Speaking time ranges from 1-3 minutes based on the Mayor's discretion. Extended discussions or actions on non-agenda items are restricted by law. For Council action, the topic may be listed on a future agenda.

Email written comments on non-agenda topics to publiccomments@cityofgilroy.org or mail them to City Hall, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020, by 1:00 p.m. on the meeting day. These comments, available at City Hall, will be shared with the Council and included in the meeting record. Late submissions will be shared as soon as possible. A 10-page limit applies to hard-copy materials, but electronic submissions are unlimited.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Jan Guffey commented about the Earth Resource Fair on April 19, 2025, and the agencies that have come together for this free family event open to the

public at San Ysidro Park.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

4. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco – Reported on a meeting at the SCRWA Facility of the South County Water Recycling Committee met and with recent rainfall, the reservoirs are almost full, and the snowpack is a record this year.

Council Member Fugazzi – Nothing to report.

Council Member Marques – Reported on a meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Implementation Board and the audit report showing \$40 million increase mostly for land acquisition and most of the funding from grants. Expenditures have mostly been for land restoration. Additional comments included increase in burrowing owl numbers and other positive indicators of various programs.

Council Member Hilton – Reported on the Caltrain Policy Group's efforts to enhance safety while delivering services, including the installation of RailSentry for train safety to prevent collisions, as well as additional project information about the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Council Member Hilton provided an additional report on Santa Clara County LAFCO regarding his support of the action to dissolve the South Santa Clara County Fire Department and annex its territories into the Santa Clara County Central Fire Protection District.

Council Member Ramirez – Reported on the Santa Clara Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee. Gilroy is an entitlement city and has its own CDBG funding, but is part of the HOME funding consortium and may only get access to this federal funding through the consortium. The meeting involved conversations about Gilroy's unhoused population in the County and the lowest per capita income in the County and active involvement to ensure the City gets its share of these funds.

Council Member Cline – Reported on the VTA Mobility Partnership Committee focused on the State Route 101/25 interchange project, including construction starting, completion expected in 2027, and that the initial construction will have impacts from closure of Castro Valley and Mesa Road, as well as utility relocation and road widening efforts. A further call for residents to ask County representatives to help fund the second phase of this project.

Mayor Bozzo – Reported on the Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors meeting, about the planning happening and work on a conditional permit application to have a Garlic Festival event at the lower portion of Gilroy Gardens in the grass area, and that it is still being worked out currently.

5. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

5.1. Recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission Regarding Ranked Locations for Potential Future Pickleball Courts

6. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 7.1. **Approval of the Action Minutes of the March 3, 2025 City Council Special Meeting and the March 3, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting**
- 7.2. **Approval of a First Amendment to Extend the Terms of the On-Call Professional Services Agreements for Historical Evaluations and Environmental Reviews to June 30, 2027**
- 7.3. **Approval of a Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with CSG Consultants, Inc. in the Amount of \$356,000 for On-Call Building and Fire Plan Review and Inspection Services through June 30, 2026**
- 7.4. **Claim of Balwinder Singh Mann (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)**
- 7.5. **Claim of Valerie Williams (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)**
- 7.6. **Approval of Reformatted Salary Schedules for Exempt Employees (Gilroy Management Association, Full-Time/Unrepresented/Confidential/Exempt/Mid-Management Employees, and Full-Time/Unrepresented/Exempt/At-Will/Department Head Employees) for CalPERS Reporting and Approve Corresponding Side Letter with the Gilroy Management Association (GMA) to Incorporated Updated Salary Schedules to the GMA Memorandum of Understanding**

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion:

ADOPT 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

8. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

- 8.1. **Award a Contract to Ascent Environmental, Inc. for the Development of a Gilroy Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)/Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Program in the Amount of \$473,841 (Partially Funded by Caltrans Grant of \$335,529)**

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment

Ron Kirkish commented about his concerns about Plan Bay Area 2050 regarding use of VMT in mitigation measures and the impacts of regulations.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: APPROVE Alternative #1 of the contract with Ascent Environmental, which is the option of the proposal but not including the enhanced community engagement, for an amount not-to-exceed \$440.816.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Zach Hilton, Council Member

SECONDER: Terence Fugazzi, Council Member

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

NAYS: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Marques

8.2. Award a contract to Dewberry Engineers Inc. for Lions Creek Consultant Services in the Amount of \$189,652.26

ITEM 7.2 WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 8.1

Mayor Bozzo opened public hearing

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public hearing.

Motion: AWARD CONTRACT

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

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1. Hold the Third Public Hearing Regarding the City's Transition from an At-Large to a District-Based Elections System for the Purpose of Receiving the Demographer's Presentation on the Transition Process, the Information Received Regarding Communities of Interest in the City, the Possible Contours of Six Districts, the Drawing of Maps by Redistricting Partners, the Review of Maps Submitted on the City's Website and by Other Means, and the Presentation of Legally Compliant Draft Maps to the City Council for the Six New Districts, as well as the Order of Elections for the 2026 and 2028 Elections
Public Hearings shall commence at 7:00 PM or soon thereafter

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 third Public Hearing and receive public input and a presentation from the City of Gilroy's consulting Demographer, Redistricting Partners, regarding the process and criteria for establishing boundaries for district elections pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act for the City Council. This could include discussion of 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.
2. Review of draft maps submitted by Redistricting Partners and the public, including requests for changes to existing draft maps or requests to prepare new draft maps.
3. Consideration of the Order of Elections, that is, which three districts will be on the ballot in 2026, and which three districts will be on the 2028 ballot.

ITEM NO. 8.1 WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM 7.1

Mayor Bozzo opened the Public Hearing at 7:42 P.M.

Joanne Fierro commented that she supported and asked the Council to elevate maps JH05 and JH07 and her reasoning for elevating them.

Zain Yahya commented that it was great to see the level of involvement with the community and stated his support JH07 as a good map to use, and to throw in ranked choice voting.

Sally Armendariz commented that she wants the Council to consider JH05 as a map to consider, and the historic, demographic, infrastructure, and other reasoning for her support of the recommended map and the community of interest she identified as her neighborhood on the east side of Gilroy.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 P.M.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1. Strategic Planning Session #3 - Economic Development

Motion: TABLE to a future meeting.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER:

SECONDER:

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

10.2. Downtown Parklet Update

ITEM NO. 9.2 WAS HEARD AFTER ITEM NO. 7.2

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment

Tom Miller commented about the history of the development of the parklet, other cities that have parklets, and the benefits they provide.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: APPROVE to let the existing parklet stay as long as Tempo is in business but if it is sold or goes out of business the parklet must be removed; that it be inspected by the City and any repairs that the City deems necessary to be up-to-code must be completed or the parklet must be removed; that the parklet cannot block another business and that if it cannot be modified to meet this requirement then the parklet must be removed, and that there are to be no new parklets allowed on Monterey Road.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Terence Fugazzi, Council Member

AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Hilton, Mayor Bozzo

NAYS: Council Member Cline, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Approve a School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Greg Felios commented about his support for the School Resource Officer Program, that he also stated his support to Gilroy Unified, and his reasons for supporting it.

Ron Kirkish commented about the calls for service in a year and average per day, the desire for more school resource officers, and to keep the program going.

Maria Aguilar commented that she has heard of a higher number of drug use and sales at Christopher High School compared to Gilroy High School, though calls for service data shows the opposite frequency between the two schools.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: APPROVE the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with Gilroy Unified School

District

RESULT: **Pass**

MOVER: Tom Cline, 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, Mayor Bozzo

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

No report.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

No report.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- 14.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to GC Sec. 54956.8 and GCC Sec. 17A.8 Properties: APNs 841-10-010 and 841-10-028**
Negotiators: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator
Other Party to Negotiations: Jessup Roberta A Trustee (Jessup Transportation, Inc.)
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 14.2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to GC Sec. 54956.8 and GCC Sec. 17A.8 Properties: APN 841-84-009**
Negotiators: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator
Other Party to Negotiations: McCarthy Gilroy, LLC
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
- 14.3. 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)
- 14.4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - PENDING LITIGATION. Pending Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.11 (3) (a), Gandolfi Investments, LLC v. City of Gilroy, et.al., Superior Court for the County of Santa Clara, Case Number 24CV444165, filed July 26, 2024.**

- 14.5. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to GC Sec. 54956.8 and GCC Sec. 17A.8**
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; Victoria Valencia, Economic Development Manager
Other Party to Negotiations: Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park, LLC
Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment for sale or lease.
- 14.6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/EMPLOYMENT: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.11(2)**
Name/Title: Fire Chief

Motion: ENTER into Closed Session.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER:

SECONDER:

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

Motion: 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 Member Ramirez, Mayor Bozzo

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).

Council adjourned to open session at 10:29 P.M.

City Attorney Faber reported that there was no reportable action.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 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 21, 2025.

/s/Bryce Atkins
Acting City Clerk