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City of Gilroy
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ramirez.

1.3. Invocation

None.

1.4 City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

City Clerk Atkins Reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, April 18, 2025 at 10:37 A.M.

1.5. Roll Call

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Council Member Greg Bozzo, Mayor
Absent	Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Carol Marques, Council Member

1.6. Orders of the Day

Mayor Bozzo announced that the districting public hearing item will be heard at 7:00 PM.

1.7. Employee Introductions

Police Chief Espinoza introduced three promoted employees: Sergeant Diana Casey, Sergeant Daniel Pineda, and Captain Lamonte Toney

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.

Robert Butler - Commented about his personal history in Gilroy and informed the Council about an art exhibit and fundraising for the South County Compassion Center for the May 2nd fundraising concert, and a kids drama club at the Gilroy Arts Center.

Elaine Gooding - Commented about issues encountered at the Garlic Farm RV Park and previous efforts to resolve the ongoing issues.

Eric Rodriguez - From Silicon Valley Clean Energy - reported on community benefits for the City's membership with SVCE.

Emily Miller - Commented about her membership as a Parks and Recreation Commission and their proposed workplan.

Ron Kirkish - Commented about the SVCE presentation and his concerns with the original promise of green energy and current energy procurement practices.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco – Reported on the Library Joint Powers Authority Finance Committee that it is in excellent financial shape and addressed incorrect rumors on the future of the Library District.

Council Member Ramirez – Nothing to report.

Council Member Cline – Nothing to report.

Mayor Bozzo – Nothing to report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.1. Approval of the Action Minutes of the April 7, 2025 City Council Special Meeting and the April 7, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting

6.2. Approval of a Notice of Acceptance of Completion for the FY25 Annual Citywide Curb Ramp Project No. 25-PW-290 and Approval of a Final Contract Amount of \$403,574

6.3. Consent to the Appointment of Rob Fleeup as Fire Chief

6.4. Claim of Helen Witter (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers present, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: APPROVE

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

SECONDER: Tom Cline, Council Member

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

7. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

7.1. Award a Three-Year Contract to Honeywell International Inc., for HVAC Maintenance Services, in the amount of \$620,878

Motion: AWARD CONTRACT

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

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

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers present, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Amending Chapter 16.6-1(p) Cardroom, Table Restrictions

Mayor Bozzo opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 PM.

With no speakers present, Mayor Bozzo closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 PM.

Motion: READ TITLE ORDINANCE AND WAIVE FURTHER READING and INTRODUCE AN ORDINANCE

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

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

8.2. Public Hearing to Establish a List of Properties Subject to the Weed Abatement Program and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Fire

Chief to Abate the Nuisance Arising Out of Weeds Growing and Refuse Accumulating Upon Property in the City of Gilroy Pursuant to Section 12.51 of the Gilroy Code

Mayor Bozzo opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM.

With no speakers present, Mayor Bozzo closed the Public Hearing at 6:51 PM.

Motion: ADOPT the resolution

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

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

8.3. Hold the Fourth 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

This item was heard after Item No. 10.1.

Mayor Bozzo opened the Public Hearing at 7:22 PM.

Joanne Fierro – Commented that the east side should not be split into two, and that Draft Maps A and D are the best two maps.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 PM.

The Council directed that map JH06 be elevated as Draft.

After some Council discussion, the Public Hearing was re-opened at 7:28 PM

Sally Armendariz – Commented that JH06 would divide the Latino community, and that the east side prefers Draft Maps A and D.

Gretchen Yodershock – Commented that she lives in the Wren area and prefers Draft Map A because she likes her neighborhood not being linked to Eagle Ridge, and that the east side should be kept as one solid voting block with shared interests.

Andrea Altamirano – Commenting on behalf of CARAS about the importance of fair and equitable elections, and advocated support for Draft Maps A and D.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo re-closed the Public Hearing at 7:32

PM.

Motion: APPROVE to move the final decision on districting from May 5, 2025 to May 19, 2025.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Kelly Ramirez, Council Member

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

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Quality-of-Life Police Officer Program

This item was heard after Item No. 8.2

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Ron Kirkish – Commented on blight at certain locations and thanked the Police Chief, Council, and City Administrator for addressing it, but that it took effort to get friendly attention on the matter as a third-party reporter.

Maria Aguilar – Commented that it is great to have the Quality-of-Life Officers, but that the money can be used in a better way and should be refocused on service provision.

With no additional speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

10.2. Consideration of a City Logo Policy

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

Maria Aguilar – commented that she wants the Council to consider in the policy grassroots non-profit organizations regarding use of the logo.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Council provided staff with direction.

11. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

12.1. Santa Teresa Fire Station Update

12.2. Media Training for Elected Officials

City Administrator Forbis reported about the Gilroy Foundation granting funds to

the Recreation Division, and that a more comprehensive update will be provided at the next Council Meeting.

Communications and Engagement Manager Bedell provided media training for the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

None.

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).

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 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 May 5, 2025.

/s/Bryce Atkins
Acting City Clerk