

**GILROY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Blankley at 6:00 P.M.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Bracco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Invocation Father Michael Hendrickson, St. Mary's Church, provided the invocation.

1.4. City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda Interim City Clerk Beth Minor advised the agenda was posted on Friday, May 3rd at 8:31 A.M.

1.5. Roll Call

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

1.6. Orders of the Day

There were none.

1.7. Employee Introductions

Heath McMahon, Utilities Director, introduced Izabela Cirloganu, Management Analyst.

Police Captain Luke Powell to introduced Lucas Asuncion, Police Officer.

Fire Chief Wyatt introduced Gregory Lucas, Casey Main, and Kevin BeBee, all newly Promoted to Fire Captain.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

2.1. Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Affordable Housing Month

2.2. Proclamation Proclaiming May 2024 as Building Safety Month

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

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.

Ron Gurries spoke regarding the City's homeless encampment ordinance and lack of enforcement.

Michael Harris asked the Council to support a fall baseball program in Gilroy as the closest one is in Morgan Hill.

William Owen also spoke regarding a Gilroy fall baseball program.

Irene Garcia spoke regarding having to wait 3 hours in the Police Department lobby to report a bank fraud incident.

Kristin Brown relayed an incident with a man who was acting crazy and tried to get into her car while she and her daughter were at the signal light at Monterey Road and 6th Street.

Paul Brown came to support his wife and daughter and to speak about the homeless encampments around schools and the use of illegal drugs and their effects on people.

Robert Butler introduced himself to the Council and spoke about his accomplishments and having grown up and worked in Gilroy.

David Behzad spoke about the fire that destroyed his business at 7998 Monterey and the past theft and vandalism that has occurred there.

Rigo Gallardo spoke about the need to prioritize safety at construction sites and the need to hire contractors who embody the values of safety, responsibility, and ethical conduct.

Trinity Elledim spoke about the need for access to care and social services for the homeless.

Elizabeth Bertolone advised the Council that she was also having issues with people stealing gas, vehicle vandalism, and vehicle thefts from her used car business.

Ron Kirkish spoke regarding environmental strategies and sea level rise and the Plan Bay Area 2050 has \$19 Billion for this process.

There being 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 Marques report the new ticket pricing at Gilroy Gardens is working and they showed only a slight decline in attendance, compared to other amusement parks. She also spoke about the upcoming Study Session with the Gilroy Gardens Board on Monday, May 13, 2024.

Council Member Hilton announced the Santa Clara County VTA is seeking proposal to support VTA's vision of equitable, transit-oriented communities. He also attended the California Community Choice Association which represents interests in electricity providers in California. He also noted that bicycles are an essential transportation means for those who need to get around.

Council Member Cline No report.

Council Member Tovar congratulated the over 400 African American students who were recognized for their academic achievements at an event hosted by Santa Clara University, and also congratulated GECA for being awarded the 2024 California Distinguished School award and thanked the Gilroy School Board for considering his idea for School Resource Officer funding.

Mayor Blankley spoke about the rise in northbound ridership on CalTrain by 35%. Caltrain will have a table at the Bike to Work Community Day on May 16th. She also gave an update on SB1031.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 6.1. **Approval of the Action Minutes of the April 8, 2024 and April 15, 2024 City Council Regular Meetings.**
- 6.2. **Approval of Notice of Acceptance of Completion for FY24 CDBG Curb Ramp Project Phase 2 No. 24-PW-289.**
- 6.3. **Approval of a Notice of Acceptance of Completion for the San Ysidro Lighting/Picnic Area Improvements Project No. 23-PW-281.**
- 6.4. **Annual Military Equipment Use Report 2024, per CA Assembly Bill No. 481.**
- 6.5. **Transfer of Interest Income from the Museum Vase Endowment Trust to the Gilroy Museum Fund.**

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To approve the Consent Calendar Items 6.1-6.5.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0
MOVER:	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol Marques, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Preliminary Design Renderings of the Proposed Gilroy Ice Center (Sharks Ice)

Staff presented the report and building renderings to Council.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

Palemon Frausto spoke about how this project would benefit the community and also provide jobs for local construction workers.

Eli Robles noted this project needed the contractor to be committed to providing health care benefits and they should hire from accredited apprentice programs.

Jane Howard praised the City for moving forward with this project.

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

7.2. FY24 and FY25 Community Development Department Workplan Update.

Council received the report on the Community Development Department workplan.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

8. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1. Conduct a Public Hearing to Approve CDBG Program Year 2024-25 Funding Allocations and Annual Action Plan.

Council Member Armendariz excused herself from this discussion.

Mayor Blankley opened the Public Hearing at 8:13 P.M.

Deanne Everton, the Executive Director for Rebuilding Together, shared how the funds they receive go to helping people make critical repairs to their homes.

Mayor Blankley closed the Public Hearing at 8:16 P.M.

MOTION:

- a) Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding allocations and Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2024-25.
- b) Direct the Community Development Director, or designee, to submit the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and further authorize the Community Development Director, or designee, to make any changes to the Annual Action Plan as needed to comply with CDBG submission guidelines.

RESULTS:	PASS: 6-0-1
MOVER:	Carol Marques, Council Member
SECONDER:	Fred Tovar, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	ARMENDARIZ

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

10.1. City Council Downtown Committee (Part 3) - Subcommittee Reports and Recommendations – Code Enforcement.

Susan Jacobsen, Downtown Committee member, reported on their findings on downtown code enforcement issues and the stated the need for an Code Enforcement Officer dedicated to downtown.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

10.2. Customer Service/Relationship Management Program

Council received the report from staff regarding the new Customer Service/Relationship Management Program.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

10.3. Receive Draft Updates of the City’s Annual Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program

Staff shared the draft updates to the annual shared sidewalk replacement program and received feedback from the Council.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

10.4. Approval of an Exception to the CalPERS 180-Day Waiting Period for Work After Retirement for Ogarita Carranza (Retired Annuitant) to Serve in an Extra Help Position in the Public Works Department

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Adopt a resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy approving the exception to the CalPERS 180-day wait period and appointment of Ogarita Carranza to an extra help position in the Public Works Department.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE
MOVER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rebeca Armendariz, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-20

11. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Attorney Andy Faber spoke regarding the Grants Pass, Oregon public camping case and Senate Bill 9 as it pertains to Charter Cities.

14. CLOSED SESSION

14.1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to GC Sec. 54956.8 and GCC Sec.17A.8 (a) (2)

Property: City-Owned 536 Acres at Hecker Pass (Including 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 Parties to Negotiations: Paul Nakamoto, Bay.Org (DBA Aquarium of the Bay/Bay Ecotarium)

Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment for sale or lease

The Council went into the Closed Session at 9:25 P.M. and all Council Members agreed to stay in closed session.

15. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mayor Blankley advised no reportable action.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 9:41 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.

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/s/Beth Minor

Interim City Clerk