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**City of Gilroy
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Marques.

1.3. Invocation

The Invocation was led by Pastor Malcolm McPhail.

1.4 City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

The City Clerk reported that the agenda was posted on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 11:19 AM.

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 for the district-based elections item would be heard at 7:00 PM.

1.7. Employee Introductions

City Administrator Forbis Introduced Fire Chief Rob Fleeup.

Fire Division Chief Summers introduced newly promoted Fire Engineers Jesse Skapik and Ian Nickolas.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

2.1. Proclamation Declaring May 2025 as National Bike Month

Luis Ramirez, Gilroy Parks and Recreation Commissioner, received the proclamation.

2.2. Proclamation Declaring May 18 to May 24, 2025, as National Public Works Week

John Doughty, Gilroy Public Works Director, received the proclamation.

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

None.

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

4.1. Annual Sister Cities Association Presentation

David Peoples, President of the Gilroy Sister Cities Association, provided the presentation.

4.2. 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.

Alaina Purcell Schroeder - from Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley commented regarding the Community Development Block Grant award determinations.

Linda Bostwick - from Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley commented regarding the Community Development Block Grant award determinations.

Liz Murillo - from Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley commented regarding the Community Development Block Grant award determinations.

Vilma Peraza - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Genevieve Corbin - Commented regarding the upcoming Monterey Crosswalk at the Gateway Senior Apartments.

Juan Rojas - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Terri Hendrix Hermann - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Miguel Flaquer - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Rose Ang - Asked questions regarding streets.

Kathy Chavez Napoli - Commented regarding the history of populations in the

Gilroy area and gave a land acknowledgment statement.

Sheila Monger - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Giovanni Albanese - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Matthew Gallion - Commented in support of mobile food vendors.

Dan Donovan – From the Gilroy Historical Society announced the architectural award winners.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco – Reported on attending the Library’s Grand Opening of Earthen Excursion play space.

Council Member Fugazzi – Reported on Visit Gilroy’s Reverse Mexico Mission.

Council Member Marques – Reported on the Santa Clara County Habitat Implementation Board meeting.

Council Member Hilton – No report.

Council Member Ramirez – Thanked David Peoples for the presentation.

Council Member Cline – No report.

Mayor Bozzo – No report.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.1. Approval of Minutes for the May 5, 2025 Strategic Planning Workshop, Special Meeting, and Regular Meeting, as well as the May 12, 2025 City Council Budget Workshop**
- 6.2. Purchase of Irrigation Controllers for a Total of \$124,763 Utilizing Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Contract 112624-TTC**
- 6.3. Annual Military Equipment Use Report 2024, per CA Assembly Bill No. 481**
- 6.4. Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2025**
- 6.5. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Road Rehabilitation Projects for Funding by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Funds**
- 6.6. Approve the Amended and Restated Funding Agreement Between the City of Gilroy and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority for the 2016 Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Encouragement Program**

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion:

Approve the Consent Calendar with an edit to the May 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes regarding the Community Development Block Grant item vote tally.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Dion Bracco, Council Member

SECONDER: Carol Marques, 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

None.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8.1. Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.3 (AB 2561) to Receive a Report on City of Gilroy Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts

This item followed Item No. 8.2

Mayor Bozzo opened the Public Hearing.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

8.2. Sixth 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 and Selecting a Final District Elections Map from the Remaining Two Draft Map – Maps D and F; as well as Determining the Order of Elections – that is - Which Three Districts Will Be on the Ballot in the November 2026 Election and Which Three Districts Will Be on the 2028 Ballot; Determining Whether Candidates for City Council Must be Residents and Electors of the District in Which They Seek Election for Any Period of Time Prior to Filing Their Nomination Papers and Declaring Their Intent to Run; and Introduce an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Declaring Henceforth that City Council Elections will be Districted, Adopting a Districting Map, Declaring the Order of Elections, and Potentially Imposing a Residency Requirement on Council Candidates

This Public Hearing Item Shall be Heard at 7:00 p.m. or Soon Thereafter

This item was heard after Bids and Proposals, Section 7.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing.

Kathy Chavez Napoli - Commented in support of Map D.

Joseph Robinson - Commented in support of Map D.

Joanne Fierro - Commented in support of Map D.

Dan Donovan - Commented in support of Map D.

Tanaya Stumpf - Commented in support of Map D.

Jorge Mendoza - Commented in support of Map F.

Faviola Bataz - Commented in support of Map D.

Alberto Lustre - Commented in support of Map D.

Jesus Becerra - Commented in support of Map D.

Armando Benavides - Commented in support of Map D.

Sally Armendariz - Commented in support of Map D.

Erin OBrien - Commented in support of Map D.

Rebeca Armendariz - Commented in support of Map D.

Jorge Vargas - Commented in support of Map D.

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

Motion: Approve the division of the City into six electoral districts with identification numbers for the districts as shown Map F.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, 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

Motion: Approve the order of elections to be Districts #4, #5, and #6 to be on the ballot in November of 2026, and Districts #1, #2, and #3 to be on the ballot in November of 2028.

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

Motion: Adopt a thirty-day (30 day) residency requirement for candidates to qualify when filing their nomination papers.

RESULT: Pass
MOVER: Terence Fugazzi, Council Member
SECONDER: Carol Marques, Council Member
AYES: Council Member Bracco, Council Member Cline, Council Member Fugazzi, Council Member Marques, Council Member Ramirez,
NAYS: Council Member Hilton, Mayor Bozzo

Motion: Read Ordinance by Title Only and Waive Further Reading

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

Motion: Adopt Ordinance No. 2025-04

RESULT: Pass
MOVER: Terence Fugazzi, 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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1. Strategic Planning Session #4 - Council Legislative Agenda / Public Safety / Unhoused

This item followed Item No. 8.1.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Adopt a Resolution Setting the 2025 Fireworks Service Fee

Motion: Adopt Resolution No. 2025-17

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Tom Cline, Council Member

SECONDER: Carol Marques, Council Member

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

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

11.2. Consent the Appointment of Ken Binder (CalPERS Retired Annuitant) as the Interim Police Chief Following Successful Completion of all Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Hiring Requirements and Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Appointment and Employment Agreement

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion: Consent to the appointment of Ken Binder as Interim Police Chief and adopt Resolution 2025-18 approving the appointment and employment agreement.

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, Mayor Bozzo

6. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

City Administrator Forbis provided an update including the Uvas Creek cleanup project and the retirement of Pedro Espinoza as the Police Chief.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

None.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- 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)

City Attorney Faber read the item and provided instruction.

City Attorney Faber opened public comment.

With no speakers, City Attorney Faber closed public comment.

Council entered closed session at 9:38 PM.

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).

City Council returned to open session at 10:08 PM with no reportable actions.

16. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 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 June 2, 2025.

/s/Bryce Atkins
Acting City Clerk