

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Marques led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Invocation

Pastor Greg Quirke led the invocation.

1.4. City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

Interim City Clerk Beth Minor advised the agenda was posted on Friday, October 4, 2024 at 1:07 P.M.

1.5. Roll Call

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

1.6. Orders of the Day

1.7. Employee Introductions

City Administrator, Jimmy Forbis introduced Mark Johnson-Environmental Program Manager; Daniel Padilla-City Engineer; and Shawn Wright-Engineer 1.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

2.1. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation and Recognition to the Gilroy Firefighters that Saved a Life in Chico, CA.

2.2. Proclamation Recognizing October 17, 2024 as The Great Shakeout Day.

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

4.1. Annual Presentation of the Library Commission

Victoria Coverson, Library Commission Chair, 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

Ron Kirkish spoke regarding a political mailer that he felt contained false information.

Robert Lance spoke regarding the uptick of vehicle sideshows within the city.

Bill O'Connor felt that the elections process should stay with the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters.

Jim Wyatt urged all Gilroy residents to vote yes on Measure C, which is meant to provide essential funding for Gilroy Police, Fire, and paramedics.

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco asked that everyone keep our fellow Americans in the south in our prayers as they have had to endure a catastrophic hurricane.

Council Member Armendariz thanked everyone who came to support the 9th annual tamale festival downtown.

Council Member Marques reported the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Implementation Board provided an update on several species that have been added to the protected list; cattle grazing is used on the grasslands along Coyote Ridge. There will be a presentation regarding the Garlic Festival proposal to Gilroy Gardens Board Members. There are several repairs and upgrades that will be completed shortly.

Council Member Hilton noted that the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority JPA Board approved the Fiscal year 2024/25 operating budget with an expectation of maintaining a discount to PG&E rates and making positive contributions to the agency's financial reserves.

Council Member Cline reported Visit Gilroy's website will have additional features allowing tourism partners to update and manage their own listings. It will also leverage tourism assets in a very organized manner.

Council Member Tovar thanked those who attended the Tamale Festival. He congratulated Tempo Kitchen and Bar on their 3rd anniversary.

Mayor Blankley noted that she attended two meetings with nothing further to note.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6.1. **Approval of the Action Minutes of the September 9, 2024 and September 16, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.**
- 6.2. **Annual Review and Adoption of the City's Investment Policy.**
- 6.3. **Claim of Jennifer Figueroa/Melvin Ketchum (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim).**

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To approve Agenda Items 6.1-6.3

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

7. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Addition of Gilroy Library Improvements Project to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25).

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

Stephen Fitzgerald, Deputy County Librarian noted that they are working to make the library more secure, better functioning and more accessible for the community.

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

MOTION: To approve the addition of the Gilroy Library Improvements Project to the City's CIP program; and to adopt a resolution to amend the FY25 budget to appropriate \$800,000 from Fund 405 – Gilroy Community Library, for the design phase of the project.

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

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-45

10.2. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee and Appointment of Members for the Gilroy Gardens Lease Negotiations.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To create an ad hoc committee for the negotiations regarding the lease agreement with Gilroy Gardens Family Theme Park; and Appoint Council Members Bracco, Cline, and Tovar to the created ad hoc committee.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7 - 0
MOVER:	Fred Tovar, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tom Cline, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

10.3. Authorization for Council Travel to the League of California Cities Annual Conference, Selection of Voting Delegate, and Direction Regarding the Proposed League Resolution.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: Authorize travel for Council Members Armendariz and Tovar, and Mayor Blankley to attend the League of California Cities (League) Annual Conference.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7 - 0
MOVER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tom Cline, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

MOTION: To select Council Member Tovar as the voting delegate to vote on the proposed League resolution; and direct him to vote in favor of the resolution.

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

ABSTAIN:

10.4. Glen Loma Ranch EIR Addendum and Development Agreement Operating Memorandum

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

Paul Severance read a letter from Jeff who was not able to attend the meeting. He thanked the Council for their consideration and efforts to revise the design area.

Stephanie Elle stated she was excited to hear that an agreement has come for the new fire station. She also thanked the Council for their work on this project.

Connie Rogers spoke on behalf of Gilroy Growing Smarter and congratulated the negotiations and to finally get the funding for the fire station.

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

MOTION: To adopt a Resolution to approve Addendum #2 to the Glen Loma Ranch Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-46

2. Adopt a Resolution to approve the Fourth Operating Memorandum to the Glen Loma Ranch Development Agreement.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7 - 0
MOVER:	Fred Tovar, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, CLINE, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-47

3. Adopt a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget to appropriate \$7,200,000 as revenue in the Capital Projects Fund for contribution towards the new Fire Station and \$1,046,337 as expenditures to be transferred out of the Traffic Impact Fund for the

Traffic Impact Fee Reimbursement policy amounts assigned to the City.

RESULTS:	PASS: 7 - 0
MOVER:	Dion Bracco, Council Member
SECONDER:	Tom Cline, Council Member
AYES:	BRACCO, ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, CLINE, HILTON, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-48

11. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

City Administrator, Jimmy Forbis reported that on October 25 at 6:30 P.M. there will be a virtual workshop entitled Your Housing Rights-Fair Housing 101 in cooperation with Project Sentinel. The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Halloween adaptive dance on Friday, October 25th at the Gilroy Senior Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gourmet Alley Project will be held on November 8th.

Mayor Blankley advised there will be a High Speed Rail meeting on October 22nd at South Valley Middle School.

13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Attorney, Andy Faber acknowledged the hard work on the Glen Loma item by Mayor Blankley, Jimmy Forbis and Tim Foley.

14. CLOSED SESSION

**14.1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION:
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.11(3)(b)**

Name of case: Jesse R. Sanchez; Mirna Leonides Sanchez; and the Estate of Jesse Sanchez, Jr. v. The City of Gilroy; County of Santa Clara; Rebeca Armendariz; Sally Armendariz; Domingo Armendariz Filed August 22, 2022

**14.2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE:
Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.8(4) Consideration of consent to removal of one Department Head, per Gilroy Charter Section 703(c).**

Council unanimously voted to go into Closed Session.

Council unanimously voted to stay in Closed Session for Item 14.2.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

15. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Council adjourned to open session and the Mayor advised no reportable action.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 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.

DocuSigned by:
Beth Minor
D4244EA57BF7425...

/s/Beth Minor
Interim City Clerk

