

City Council Meeting Action Minutes
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Cline led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3. Invocation

Pastor Quirke led the Invocation.

1.4. City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

Interim City Clerk, Beth Minor announced that the agenda was posted on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

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

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)

4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

4.1. Presentation by Caltrain

Sam Sergeant, Director of Strategy and Policy for Caltrans presented an update.

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 Blankley opened Public Comment.

James Suner spoke regarding several issues pertaining to two of his building projects.

Genie Corbin spoke regarding the lack of sidewalks and a bus stop on the south end of Monterey Road by 6500 Monterey Road.

Robert Zepeda felt there needs to be more information put on the City's webpage regarding the upcoming November election.

Zechariah Aaron Delarosa spoke about the homeless community and wanted to ensure that their voices get heard.

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

5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Bracco advised no report.

Council Member Armendariz advised no report.

Council Member Marques advised no report.

Council Member Hilton spoke regarding the VTA Policy Advisory Committee Equitable Vehicle Miles Traveled Mitigation Program Grant project.

Council Member Cline advised no report.

Council Member Tovar advised no report.

Mayor Blankley noted the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority received a commitment for \$5 billion for BART Phase Two.

6. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

6.1. Interviews for Open Seats on Youth Commission for Future Appointments Scheduled for August 19, 2024.

The City Council interviewed the applicants for the Youth Commission.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7.1. Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Requesting the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-36

7.2. Adopt a Resolution to Approve the Technical Reissuance of the Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority for the Affordable Housing Project Located at 1520 Hecker Pass Highway.

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-37

7.3. Claim of J.C. Castaneda (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim).

7.4. Claim of Roohi Eskandarian (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 Item Nos. 7.1 – 7.4

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:	

8. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9.1. Consideration of the Report of Abatement of Weeds and Refuse Within the City of Gilroy and Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Confirming the Imposition of Assessment Liens Against the Land.

Mayor Blankley opened the Public Hearing.

Dave Reynolds explained why he felt his property should not be on the list and he should not have to pay the fine.

There being no further speakers, Mayor Blankley closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: To Adopt a resolution allowing the assessment of fees, minus any qualifying objections, as reported by the Santa Clara County Weed Abatement Program.

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

Enactment No.: Resolution No. 2024-38

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1. Approval of the City’s Revised Annual Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To approve the revised Annual Shared Cost Sidewalk Replacement Program (PW Project No. 800320).

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

10.2. For the Love of Gilroy Public Art Campaign - Selection of Designs and Award of Intellectual Property Right Agreements in the Amount of \$500 Each.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

MOTION: To approve the Arts and Culture Commission's recommended award order with requested Council changes.

RESULTS:	PASS: 5-2
MOVER:	Fred Tovar, Council Member
SECONDER:	Carol Marques, Council Member
AYES:	ARMENDARIZ, MARQUES, HILTON, TOVAR, BLANKLEY
NOES:	BRACCO, CLINE
ABSENT:	
ABSTAIN:	

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

11.1. Proposal from the Gilroy Sister Cities Association for an Agreement for Services.

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

Dave Peoples spoke regarding the relationship between the Association and the City of Gilroy, and the accomplishments of the Association.

Vito Mercado requested the City continue to support the Gilroy Sister Cities Association.

Sam Bozzo noted that he supported the group and hopes the City Council will continue to.

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

MOTION: To Approve the Proposed Agreement for Services.

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

12. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

The City Administrator noted that Tuesday, August 6, 2024 was National Night Out and City staff would be present at the grass area in front of City Hall.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

15. CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Blankley opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Mayor Blankley closed Public Comment.

15.1. 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 Party to Negotiations: Chris Sutton, Select Contracts Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment for sale or lease.

15.2. 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.

16. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

City Attorney Andy Faber announced the Council voted unanimously to stay in closed session and there was no reportable action.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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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Beth Minor
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/s/Beth Minor
Interim City Clerk

