

City of Gilroy

Downtown Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 14, 2024 | 8:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marques at 8:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Fran Beaudet, Committee Member Dion Bracco (Council Member), Committee Member Terence Fugazzi (Council Member), Committee Member Susan Jacobsen, Committee Member Dave Leal, Committee Member Emily McEwan-Upright, Committee Member Carol Marques (Council Member), Chair Kelly Ramirez (Council Member), Committee Member Jeanie Rizzuto, Committee Member Staff Present: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator Sharon Goei, Community Development Director Hipolito Olmos, Building Official Victoria Valencia, Economic Development Manager
Absent	Frank Johnson, Committee Member Richard Legends, Committee Member Savannah Loganbach, Committee Member Danny Mitchell, Committee Member

3. Public Comment

Chair Marques opened Public Comment.

There being no speakers, Chair Marques closed Public Comment

4. Welcome Two New Members and Recruit New Members to Maintain 15

- a. Councilmembers Fugazzi and Ramirez were introduced. Mayor Bozzo in attendance as a non-voting member.

5. Approval of the Minutes:

- a. V. Valencia read allowed two sentences added to Item 7 of the minutes.
- b. J. Rizzuto recommended adding the wording “on Monterey, as well as the side streets” to item 6.

S. Jacobsen made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. E. McEwan seconded. Motion passed.

6. Date for Parklet Topic to be on Council Agenda

This item was moved to the end of the agenda. S. Goei introduced the item, and findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Brainstorm New Issues to Work On

There was a discussion on the ad hoc committee expiration (April 8), and a review of the first five items that the committee brought forward:

1. Plywood Removal- draft ordinance written by the committee, pending staff review. Scheduled to return to Council by June 2025
2. Beautification-ongoing efforts
3. Vacancy Ordinance- draft ordinance written by the committee, pending staff review. Scheduled to return to Council by June 2025
4. Noise Ordinance-will be addressed through the Zoning Code Ordinance Update
5. Code Enforcement-ongoing efforts.

New Issues:

1. Chair Marques recommended three items:
 - a. Food Trucks- V. Valencia informed the group that this item is on the workplan and expected to come before council again in April 2025. V. Valencia will share a food truck framework with the food truck sub-committee when the sub-committee is formed.

- b. Downtown Specific Plan- there was a discussion on the difference between the Specific Plan and the Downtown Strategic Plan. Downtown Strategic Plan is included in the current budget cycle. V. Valencia will send both documents to the group for review and further discussion.
 - c. Downtown Employee Parking Lot- general consensus was not to move forward with this item.
2. Questions and discussion related to Code Enforcement occurred and how City Staff reacts to issues. H. Olmos reiterated to the group the need to submit issues through the portal so they can be tracked and addressed.

8. Next Meeting Date:

The Committee will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, February 4 at 8:00 AM at the Council Chambers, instead of the regularly scheduled February 11 meeting.

9. Adjournment

Chair Marques adjourned the meeting at 9:00 AM