



**CITY OF GILROY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA**



TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 | 6:00 PM

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
7351 ROSANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020**

Chair: Luis Rameriz

Vice Chair: Javier Martinez

Commissioners: Sam Bozzo, Theresa Graham, Jesse Jimenez, Emily Miller, and Jorge Vargas

Staff: Public Works Director John Doughty and Recreation Manager Adam Henig

Mission Statement

The Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Gilroy is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens by promoting planning, acquisition, development, and sustainability of parks, trails, cultural, historical and other recreational areas. The commission embraces wellness and recreation, park safety, and inclusiveness for all ages and abilities because Parks Make Life Better.



In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at (408) 846-0204 or cityclerk@cityofgilroy.org to help ensure that reasonable arrangements can be made.



Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the City of Gilroy Parks and Recreation Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available with the agenda packet on the City website at www.cityofgilroy.org subject to Staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE GILROY OPEN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, task forces, councils and other agencies of the City exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE OPEN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, TO RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE ORDINANCE OR TO REPORT A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, CONTACT THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION STAFF AT (408) 846-0204

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES:

During the **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** portion of the meeting, each person wishing to speak should prepare a presentation of not more than three (3) minutes. Persons wishing to address the Commission are requested, but not required, to complete a Speaker's Card located at the entrances. Completion of this speaker's card is voluntary. All persons may attend this meeting and speak, regardless if a card is completed or not. Speaker's slips should be submitted to the Secretary **BEFORE** this portion of the meeting begins. Anyone wishing to address the Commission on any other item on this **AGENDA** is requested, but not required, to fill out a speaker's slip as well and submit it to the Secretary **BEFORE** the Commission takes action on the item.

The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **FLAG SALUTE**
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. February 18, 2025
6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
7. **INTRODUCTIONS** – John Doughty, Public Works Director.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. **Approval of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule for the Parks & Recreation Commission.
10. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 10.1. **Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Review current work plan and motion to vote on the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan for FY2026 and FY2027.
 - 10.2. **City of Gilroy's Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development**
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Discuss and motion to vote on the Commission's budget requests for FY2026 and FY2027.

11. **PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE**

11.1. Recreation Division updates

11.2. Parks Division updates

12. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

- **Ramirez** – Butcher, El Roble, Renz, Sunrise
- **Bozzo** - Carriage Hills, Gateway, Miller
- **Vargas** - Christmas Hill Park & Ranch Site, Hecker Pass, Las Animas
- **Miller** - Cydney Casper, Del Rey, Gilroy Sports
- **Graham** – Rainbow, Gilroy Sports
- **Jimenez** – Farrell, Forest, San Ysidro
- **Martinez** – Rainbow, Los Arroyos

13. **STAFF COMMENTS**

13.1. Civic Center Master Plan workshops

13.2. District-Based Elections Outreach Materials

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Gilroy
Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Graham at 6:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Theresa Graham, Vice Chair Luis Ramirez, Commissioner Salvatore Bozzo, Commissioner Emily Miller, Commissioner Javier Martinez, Commissioner Jesse Jimenez, Commissioner Jorge Vargas, Commissioner
Absent	None

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted on February 13, 2025.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. January 21, 2025

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

SECONDER Sam Bozzo, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

SECONDER Jorge Vargas, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

7. **INTRODUCTIONS**

7.1. Jesse Jimenez
Emily Miller
Javier Martinez
Jorge Vargas

Each of the new commissioners introduced themselves and spoke about why they were interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

9. **COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION**

Staff liaison Henig reviewed the orientation for new commissioners as described in the meeting packet.

10. **10.1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair of Parks and Recreation Commission**

Henig presented the staff report. Commissioner Vargas nominated Commissioner Ramirez to become Chair. Ramirez accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vargas motioned to select Ramirez to serve as chair for the 2025 term. Commissioner Miller seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Jorge Vargas, Commissioner

SECONDER Emily Miller, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

Commissioner Vargas nominated Commissioner Martinez to become Vice Chair. Martinez accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Vargas motioned to select Martinez to serve as vice chair for the 2025 term. Commissioner Jimenez seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Jorge Vargas, Commissioner

SECONDER Jesse Jimenez, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

10.2. City of Gilroy's Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development

Henig presented the staff report. There were eleven public comments made by the following persons on this item:

- Cheryl Ellemberg – spoke about pickleball.
- Kadie Zollinger – spoke about pickleball.
- Keri Loesch – spoke about pickleball.
- Vijaya Bandavu – spoke about pickleball.
- Rob Rocha – spoke about pickleball.
- Matt Bell – spoke about pickleball.
- Carol Gonzalez – spoke about pickleball.
- Linda Clark – spoke about pickleball.
- Delores Tanaka – spoke about pickleball.
- Rob Rocha (#2) – time was yielded to speaker. spoke about pickleball.
- Vita – spoke about pickleball.

Following discussion, commissioners voiced their support to recommend these items for the next budget cycle (per guidelines set forth in the City Administrator's letter):

- Martinez – funding for park safety
- Vargas – funding for all-weather turf for soccer; park safety; and pickleball court
- Bozzo – funding for staff to facilitated access at South Valley Middle School's pickleball courts
- Ramirez – funding for pickleball court; park safety; better lighting at parks
- Miller – funding for pickleball court; a park master plan (including language about Economic Development); pickleball study
- Jimenez – funding for pickleball court; infrastructure improvements to Christmas Hill, Las Animas, San Ysidro

Commissioner Vargas motioned to table the budget development recommendation until the next regular meeting, which will be held in March. Martinez seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Jorge Vargas, Commissioner

SECONDER Javier Martinez, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

Staff Liaison Henig requested a short break at 7:53 p.m. Vice Chair Graham approved.

Graham reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

10.3. Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

Henig presented the staff report. There was one public comment by Jan Guffey, who provided an update about the Earth Day event Christmas Hill Park in April. Commissioners proposed the following items be adopted to their next work plan:

- Ramirez – Arbor Day, Monitor park assignments, participate in citywide events, raise commission profile by hosting “Coffee in the Park,L” and better communication with other commissions.
- Miller – Monitor park assignments, participate in citywide events, establish a pickleball court, assess joint use agreements, and the beautification of parks and recreation
- Graham – Monitor park assignments,
- Bozzo – A second storywalk, raising money for youth scholarships, and establishing a pickleball court
- Vargas – Studying funding options for recreation services and supporting ongoing items such as monitor park assignments and Arbor Day
- Jimenez – Sponsoring Arbor Day, identifying park improvement possibilities, and studying funding options for parks and recreation.

Vargas motioned to table the adoption of the work plan for the next budget cycle until the next regular meeting, which will be in March. Martinez seconded. Motion pass 7-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Jorge Vargas, Commissioner

SECONDER Javier Martinez, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

Due to time constraints, Ramirez motioned to skip items 11 and 12 and proceed to item 13. Martinez seconded. Motion passed 7-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Luis Ramirez, Commissioner

SECONDER Javier Martinez, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Graham, Commissioner Ramirez, Commissioner Bozzo, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Vargas

11. OLD BUSINESS

11.1. Review of FY24 and FY25 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

12. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

12.1. Recreation Division Updates

12.2. Status of City Parks

13. **COMMISSIONER PARK REPORTS & COMMENTS**

13.1. **Park Assignments**

Commissioners assigned themselves the following park locations, where they will report back at each meeting on what they observe.

- Butcher – Ramirez
- Carriage Hills – Bozzo
- Christmas Hill Park & Ranch Site – Vargas
- Cydney Casper – Miller
- Del Rey – Miller
- El Roble – Ramirez
- Farrell – Jimenz
- Forest – Jimenz
- Gateway – Bozzo
- Gilroy Sports – Graham, Miller
- Hecker Pass – Vargas
- Las Animas – Vargas
- Los Arroyos – Martinez
- Miller – Bozzo
- Rainbow – Martinez, Graham
- Renz – Ramirez
- San Ysidro – Jimenez
- Sunrise – Ramirez

14. **STAFF COMMENTS**

15. **FUTURE COMMISSIONER INITIATED ITEMS**

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

AH

Adam Henig, Recreation Division
Recording Secretary



City of Gilroy

Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Approval of the 2025 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

BACKGROUND

In November 2024, the Parks and Recreation Commission was asked to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule. Instead, because there were going to be four new commissioners seated after the new year, they opted to hold off until the newest commissioners were seated. They recommended having this item go before the Commission in March.

The commission is scheduled to meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers and begin at 6:00 p.m. Historically, the Commission has gone dark (i.e., not held a meeting) twice a year. During the months of July and December, the Commission will not hold a meeting.

Below are the dates of the third Tuesday of the month in 2025. Note, two of the meeting dates have already passed.

- ~~January 21~~
- ~~February 18~~
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15 – cancelled
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21

- November 18
- December 16 – cancelled

The Commission is tasked with approving its 2025 meeting schedule.



City of Gilroy

Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan
Meeting Date: March 18, 2025
From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Review current work plan and motion to vote on the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Commission Workplan for FY2026 and FY2027.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation Commission is tasked with developing and adopting a new work plan for the upcoming two-year budget, Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027. The work plan should reflect what the Commission will be working on during this period.

The current work plan (FY24 and FY25) comprise of the following items:

- The Commission agreed to adopt the following items on their Work Plan:
- Hosting Arbor Day (suggestion was to have it in the Fall);
- Training opportunities for Commission members (i.e., webinars, conferences, etc.);
- Participate in citywide events (i.e., Breakfast with Santa and Bike to Wherever Day);
- Monitor city parks;
- Establish guidance for a future pickleball court at a city park;
- Study opportunities for parks and recreation services to have dedicated funding sources; and,
- Work with Gilroy Library to bring about a Storywalk to a park or a trail.
- Represent the Commission in Earth Day celebration at Christmas Hill Park that is scheduled to take place in April.

During the previous commission meeting, the Commission discussed the following items to be considered for the FY26 and FY 27 workplan:

- Hosting Arbor Day
- Monitor park assignments

- Participate in citywide events
- Host Coffee in the Park
- Better communication with other commissions.
- Establish a pickleball court
- Assess joint use agreements with GUSD
- Beautification of parks and recreation
- A second storywalk
- Raising money for youth scholarships
- Studying funding options for recreation services
- Identifying park improvement possibilities

The Commission decided to table the work plan approval for the following meeting since it would occur before the March 28 deadline.

ANALYSIS

The work plan should comprise of tasks that have a clear, concise, and measurable goal that can be delivered upon no later than June 30, 2027. They can be new items or previously adopted ones that continue to offer value to the Gilroy's parks and recreation services and its users. When applicable, there should be a commissioner(s) willing to be assigned the lead.

The Commission should also take into consideration what is doable given that the body meets ten times per calendar year. As part of the budget adoption process, City Council will review and approve the commission's workplan for the two fiscal years.

Attachments:

1. FY24 and FY25 Parks and Recreation Commission Work Plan

FY24 and FY25 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Project Name	Work	Lead Commissioner/Staff	Deliverable in June 2025	City Council Priority	Status
Host Arbor Day	Develop a community event around Arbor Day to retain Tree City USA designation	Sam	Working with staff to identify park to host and celebrate Arbor Day event.	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	COMPLETED: Arbor Day was hosted at Rainbow Park on Thursday, October 24, 2024.
Training Opportunities for Commissioners	Participate in parks and recreation related training opportunities	N/A	Inform commissioners about upcoming opportunities; participate in trainings	N/A	No update
Participate in Citywide Events	Meet and greet residents at special events in the City; inform residents about the Commission & parks and recreation	All Commissioners	Table or participate in citywide events such as Breakfast with Santa, Bike to Wherever Day and or a Downtown Gilroy event	N/A	COMPLETED: Participated in Bike to Wherever Day 2024 on May 16, 2024 at the Christmas Hill Park Levee. Supported Breakfast with Santa on December 7 Senior Center.
Monitor City parks	Share observations about parks at monthly meetings; commissioners are responsible for reporting on their park assignments at monthly meetings; utilize checklist	All Commissioners	Commissioners have been assigned two or more parks to report on at each meeting	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	Commissioners will continue to monitor and report their observations of their assigned parks to staff
Review of establishing a Pickleball facility	Establish guidance for a future pickleball court at a city park	All Commissioners	Participate and provide input in survey of pickleball locations and types of amenities	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	COMPLETED: Commissioners submitted their scoring of potential pickleball locations. Staff will provide a final summary of their results and forward recommendation to City Council.
Study opportunities for parks and recreation services to have dedicated funding sources	Research how a dedicated funding source can be available for funding parks and recreation services and facilities	Luis	Publish memo to identify opportunities to develop dedicated funding source for parks and recreation services.	Ensure Neighborhood Equity	Bentson met with Public Works Director Guindy and will share additional information with Commission.
Work with Gilroy Library to bring about a Storywalk to a park or a trail.	Identify and recommend a park or trail location that is suitable for a StoryWalk in Gilroy.	Staff	Support the City to install a Storywalk at a park or on a trail. The StoryWalk project will be constructed at Christmas Hill Park.	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	IN PROGRESS: Staff has submitted its MOU edits to the Santa Clara County Library District. Awaiting for next steps.
Support Earth Day event at Christmas Hill Park	Table and share information about PRC to members of public	Luis, Terry	Event will be held in April 2025 at Christmas Hill Park	Maintain and Improve City infrastructure	IN PROGRESS: Commission voted to support adding event to Work Plan at November meeting. Commission can table at the Earth Day event (promoting parks & recreation in Gilroy).

Revised March 10, 2025



City of Gilroy

Parks and Recreation Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: City of Gilroy's Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development

Meeting Date: March 18, 2025

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss and motion to vote on the Commission's budget requests for FY2026 and FY2027.

BACKGROUND

The City of Gilroy prepares its budgets on a two-year cycle. The City's fiscal year begins on July 1 of each year and ends June 30 of the following year (as an example, the current fiscal year commenced July 1, 2024, and will end on June 30, 2025). The City is currently in its second and final budget year from the previous budget cycle.

The City is seeking input on the upcoming budget cycle from its boards and commissions. By consensus, commissions can submit a budget request for consideration of inclusion in the proposed and potentially adopted City budget. In a memorandum, the City Administrator cited the following criteria to be taken into consideration:

- A description of the item you are requesting
- The justification for the request and how it fits within your board/commission workplan
- An estimate of the cost for the request, including any revenue source (if applicable)

As a point of reference, staff has attached the Park and Recreation Commission's 2023 budget input memo. That Commission had requested \$50,000 in funding for upgrades to the Hecker Pass Dog Park. Although the proposal was ultimately not approved, it does provide an example of how the memo should be drafted.

ANALYSIS

During the previous regular meeting, commissioners mentioned the following items to be considered (in alphabetical order):

- All-weather turf for soccer
- Better lighting at parks
- Infrastructure improvements to Christmas Hill, Las Animas, San Ysidro
- Park master plan (including language about Economic Development)
- Park safety
- Pickleball court
- Pickleball study
- Staffing at South Valley Middle School pickleball court

Staff is requesting that the Parks and Recreation Commission identify and provide, through Commission consensus, its budget request(s) for Fiscal Years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The selected item(s) will need to be more specific in order to meet the criteria that was set forth by the City Administrator.

Here is an example of another commission's (Library) budget input from the previous budget cycle:

The Library Commissioner is requesting funding to have a commissioner attend the annual California Library Association conference in FY25. The benefits of attending include: a) educating the commissioner about the latest trends b) networking with other library commissions/boards c) using as a recruiting tool to increase interest among prospective applicants. The costs to attend the annual conference include the following:

- *Conference registration (\$475)*
- *Hotel (\$1300)*
- *Airfare (if located in Southern California) (\$300)*
- *Taxi/Ride Share to and from the airport = \$100*
- *Airport parking (\$30/day) = \$90*
- *Meals per diem = \$235*

The requested amount was up to \$2,500.

Attachments:

1. Letter to Advisory Body Requesting Budget Input
2. Example - 2023 Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Input Memo



City of Gilroy

7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, California
95020

City Administrator's Office
Telephone (408) 846-0250
<http://www.cityofgilroy.org>

January 31, 2025

To: Parks and Recreation Commission

Re: City of Gilroy's Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development

The City will begin its budget development process for the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 in January 2025. This process is a formal method through which the City Council establishes its priorities and goals for the upcoming fiscal years and the budget is subsequently developed to align with set priorities and goals. The City develops and adopts two one-year budgets, also known as a biennial budget. Each fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th.

I would like to invite you to participate in the process by providing input on what you would like the City Council to consider in this budget development. The input could include funding for professional training, conferences, grants, or projects your board/commission would like the City Council to consider. All input received will be presented to the City Council.

Budget requests should include the following information:

- A description of the item you are requesting
- The justification for the request and how it fits within your board/commission workplan
- An estimate of the cost for the request, including any revenue source (if applicable)

In addition, as part of the budget adoption process, City Council will be asked to review and approve each board or commission's workplan for the two fiscal years.

Please submit your proposed board/commission workplan and any budget requests as one collective request from the entire board/commission. An action on your board/commission agenda to approve the recommendations is encouraged. Please prepare a memo to the Board's assigned Executive Sponsor. All requests should be submitted no later than March 28, 2025.

Respectfully,

Jimmy Forbis
City Administrator



Recreation Division

7371 Hanna Street
GILROY, CALIFORNIA
95020

www.cityofgilroy.org/recreation

April 27, 2023

To: Jimmy Forbis, City Administrator

Subject: Follow-up about Parks & Recreation Commission Budget Input Memo

On April 26, a committee made up of three members from the Parks and Recreation Commission identified specific items they would recommend for their budget request of \$50,000 toward city dog park improvements. Given that both city dog parks—Las Animas Veterans Park and Hecker Pass/Third Street—need substantial capital improvements, these funds would have the most impact if it were applied to a single park rather than divide it upon the two. The committee recommended that the funds go toward the Hecker Pass Park since it currently attracts more patrons on a regular basis.

Prior to the meeting, the committee members conducted an informal survey of Hecker Pass dog park users and found that two of the biggest challenges were a lack of shade and seating at the park.

To address this need, in the middle of the gated area is a meeting space (see image on page 2) that provides a suitable location to offer shade and seating. The lack of either diminishes opportunities for socialization as well as preventing older adults and those with a walking disability from attending. To fill this void, the committee recommends the following items be included in the Parks and Recreation Commission's budget request:

- Three 20-foot-tall specimen trees (\$6k each) = \$18,000
- Three 6-foot long, steel seat cast bench (\$2k each) = \$6,000
- One 46-inch 4-person picnic table with umbrella insert = \$2,000
- Concrete pad to provide foundation for additional seating = \$24,000

Sincerely,

Adam Henig
Staff Liaison, Parks & Recreation Commission

CC: Daryl Jordan, Public Works Director
Matt Jones, Deputy Public Works Director



Recreation Division

7371 Hanna Street
GILROY, CALIFORNIA
95020

www.cityofgilroy.org/recreation

Location of proposed budget items at Hecker Pass Park





City of Gilroy Recreation Division

7171 Hanna Street | (408) 846-0460

Rec@cityofgilroy.org | www.cityofgilroy.org/recreation

Below are the following updates from the Recreation Division.

- I. Aquatics Update
- II. Adaptive Valentine's Dance
- III. Gilroy Senior Center
 - a. Tax services
 - b. Chinese New Year
- IV. 2025 Spring-Summer Recreation Guide
- V. Financial Sustainability Certification Program CPRS
- VI. 2024-25 Recreation Youth Basketball League
- VII. 2025 Spring Youth Soccer League
- VIII. East Gilroy/San Ysidro Park
- IX. 2025 Summer Camp





City of Gilroy Parks and Landscape Division

613 Old Gilroy St. | 408.846.0283

Field Maintenance

- Soft ball field maintenance
- Fencing repairs at Christmas Hill Majors.
- Working to remove squirrel burros, and level walkways.
- Re-aligned base pegs at Christmas Hill Fields
- Planning to repair shade screen at Major field.



Service Requests

- Mainline repairs
- Vandalism
- Illegal dumping
- Drinking fountain repair
- Park bench repair
- Fallen tree limbs.
- Weed Abatement
- Replaced the stolen Bike pump at San Ysidro



Storm clean-up

- Recent storms caused tree damage and flooding throughout the Parks.
- Flooding of the Christmas Hill parking lots
- Las Animas Dog Park
- Lions Creek trail
- Sports Park
- Los Arroyos
- Carriage hills



Please join us!



Visioning the **Gilroy Civic Center Master Plan**

Community Workshop Series

at the **Wheeler Center**, located at 270 W 6th Street

Workshops will be conducted in English and Spanish

The City of Gilroy is launching a project to modernize and reimagine the Civic Center by developing a new Civic Center Master Plan. The existing Master Plan, adopted in 2002, needs an update to address the increasing demands of the community, underutilized spaces, and aging facilities.

The community is invited to participate in a series of workshops to share your ideas and priorities for a new civic center.

Missed the first workshop? Don't worry! There are still two more opportunities for you to share your feedback and be part of the process.

Community Workshop #2

Alternative Concepts & Visioning Sessions

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9am or 6pm (two sessions)

Community Workshop #3

Preferred Concept & Visioning Sessions

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

9am or 6pm (two sessions)

Snacks and childcare will be provided.



For additional information, please visit,
www.cityofgilroy.org/CCMP
or scan QR code.



Gilroy City Hall
7351 Rosanna St.
Gilroy, CA 95020
408.846.0219
www.cityofgilroy.org

Ryan Osenton
Project Manager
Direct: 408.846.0277
ryan.osenton@cityofgilroy.org

els/
Architects, Designers, and
Community Collaborators

¡Favor de acompañarnos!



Visualizar el Plan Maestro del Centro Cívico de Gilroy

Serie de Talleres Comunitarios **en el Centro Wheeler, ubicado en 270 W 6th Street**

Los talleres se realizarán en inglés y en español

La Ciudad de Gilroy está lanzando un proyecto para modernizar y reimaginar el Centro Cívico mediante el desarrollo de un nuevo Plan Maestro del Centro Cívico. El Plan Maestro actual, adoptado en el 2002, necesita una actualización para hacer frente al aumento de las demandas de la comunidad, a los espacios infrautilizados y al envejecimiento de las instalaciones.

Se invita a la comunidad a participar en una serie de talleres para compartir sus ideas y prioridades para un nuevo centro cívico.

¿Te perdiste el primer taller? ¡No te preocupes! Aún tienes dos oportunidades más para compartir tus comentarios y ser parte del proceso.

Taller Comunitario #2 **Conceptos Alternativos** **y Sesiones de Visualización**

Martes, abril 8, 2025
9am o 6pm (dos sesiones)

Taller Comunitario #3 **Concepto Preferido** **y Sesiones de Visualización**

Martes, mayo 20, 2025
9am o 6pm (dos sesiones)

Habrà bocadillos y cuidado de niños.



Para más información,
favor de visitar,
www.cityofgilroy.org/CCMP
o escanee el código QR.



Ayuntamiento de Gilroy
7351 Rosanna St.
Gilroy, CA 95020
408.846.0219
www.cityofgilroy.org

Ryan Osenton
Gerente del Proyecto
Directo: 408.846.0277
ryan.osenton@cityofgilroy.org

els/
Architects, Designers, and
Community Collaborators



Understanding Gilroy's Transition to District-Based Elections

Your participation and input is welcome and encouraged!

The City of Gilroy is in the process of transitioning from an at-large elections system in which voters of the entire City elect six City Council Members and one Mayor to a district-based elections system in which the City is divided into separate districts, each with one City Council Member who resides in the district and is chosen by the voters in that particular district.

For Gilroy, there are two district-based options to consider: the creation of six districts and the retention of the at-large mayor position; or, the creation of seven districts where one of the City Council Members serves as mayor on a rotating basis.

The district-election system will be introduced at the 2026 and 2028 elections.

Why are City Council Elections Moving To a District-Based System?

On December 16, 2024, the City received a letter from an attorney alleging that the City is in violation of the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA") and threatening litigation if the City declines to voluntarily change to a district-based election system for electing Council Members. The Council gave direction to staff to proceed with agendizing the resolution of intent in order to take advantage of the safe harbor provisions of the Elections Code section 10010 and avoid costly litigation. At the meeting on February 24, 2025, the City Council approved Resolution No. 2025-07, declaring the City of Gilroy's intent to initiate procedures to transition from at-large elections to district-based elections.

For More Information or to Submit Public Comments



Visit: www.cityofgilroy.org/districting
Email: districting@cityofgilroy.org

Important Dates:

Monday, March 17

City Council Meeting/Second Public Hearing at 7 PM

Tuesday, March 25*

Public Workshop at 7 PM (In Person)

Presentation on districting and hands-on mapping activities.

Location: South Valley Middle School Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, March 29*

Public Workshop at 9:30 AM (In Person)

Presentation on districting and hands-on mapping activities.

Location: Christopher High School Library

Monday, April 7 (Districting Map Discussion/Review of Draft Maps)

City Council Meeting/ Third Public Hearing at 7 PM

Monday, April 21 (Districting Map Discussion/Review of Draft Maps)

City Council Meeting/Fourth Public Hearing at 7 PM

Monday, May 5 (Adoption of Map & Sequencing of Districts)

City Council Meeting/Fifth Public Hearing at 7 PM

*Public maps must be submitted by Monday, March 31st at 10 AM for consideration at the April 7th public meeting. Maps submitted after this time will be reviewed at the following hearing on April 21st.



Cómo es la transición de Gilroy hacia las elecciones distritales

¡Agradecemos y apoyamos su participación y comentarios!

La ciudad de Gilroy está transitando un proceso de cambio de un sistema de elecciones generales, en el que los votantes de toda la ciudad eligen seis miembros del Concejo Municipal y un alcalde, a un sistema de elecciones distritales, en el que se divide la ciudad en distritos separados donde cada uno tiene un miembro del Concejo Municipal que reside en el distrito y es elegido por los votantes de ese distrito en particular.

En Gilroy, hay dos opciones distritales a considerar: la creación de seis distritos y la retención del cargo de alcalde de forma general, o bien la creación de siete distritos y que uno de los miembros del Concejo Municipal se desempeñe como alcalde, de manera rotatoria.

El sistema de elección distrital se pondrá en práctica en las elecciones de 2026 y 2028.

¿Por qué se desea cambiar las elecciones municipales a un sistema distrital?

El 16 de diciembre de 2024, la ciudad recibió una carta de un abogado donde declaraba que la ciudad estaba violando la Ley de Derechos Electorales de California ("CVRA"), y amenazaba con demandar a la ciudad si no se cambiaba voluntariamente a un sistema electoral distrital. El Concejo dio instrucciones al personal para que procediera a agendar la resolución de intención, a fin de aprovechar las provisiones de puerto seguro de la sección 10010 del Código Electoral y evitar litigios costosos. En la reunión del 24 de febrero de 2025, el Concejo Municipal aprobó la Resolución No. 2025-07, que declara la intención de la ciudad de Gilroy de iniciar procedimientos para la transición de elecciones generales a elecciones distritales.

Para obtener más información o enviar comentarios públicos



Visite: www.cityofgilroy.org/districting
Correo electrónico:
districting@cityofgilroy.org

Fechas importantes:

Lunes, 17 de marzo

Reunión del Concejo Municipal/Segunda Audiencia Pública a las 7 PM

Martes, 25 de marzo*

Taller público a las 7 PM (presencial)
Presentación sobre la distribución de distritos y actividades prácticas para la elaboración de mapas.
Ubicación: Sala de usos múltiples de South Valley Middle School

Sábado, 29 de marzo*

Taller público a las 9:30 AM (presencial)
Presentación sobre la distribución de distritos y actividades prácticas para la elaboración de mapas.
Ubicación: Biblioteca de Christopher High School

Lunes, 7 de abril (Debate sobre el mapa para la distribución de distritos/Revisión de los mapas propuestos)

Reunión del Concejo Municipal/Tercera Audiencia Pública a las 7 PM

Lunes, 21 de abril (Debate sobre el mapa para la distribución de distritos/Revisión de los mapas propuestos)

Reunión del Concejo Municipal/Cuarta Audiencia Pública a las 7 PM

Lunes, 5 de mayo (Adopción del Mapa y Secuenciación de Distritos)

Reunión del Concejo Municipal/Quinta Audiencia Pública a las 7 PM

* Los mapas públicos deben ser enviados antes del lunes 31 de marzo a las 10 a. m. para su consideración en la reunión pública del 7 de abril. Los mapas enviados después de este plazo serán revisados en la audiencia siguiente, el 21 de abril.