



**GILROY OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021**

I. OPENING

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Esposito called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced that the Commission was meeting remotely via Zoom under the Governor's Order; he then detailed the process of public participation.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioner Diana Bentz, Commissioner Karen Enzensperger, Chairperson Robert Esposito, Commissioner Rebecca Scheel.

Absent: Commissioner Matthew Carvalho

B. Welcome Newly Appointed Commissioners Matthew Carvalho and Karen Enzensperger

Commissioner Enzensperger introduced herself.

II. PRESENTATIONS TO THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

A. PUBLIC COMMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT WITHIN THE COMMISSION'S SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION

There were none.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of the Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting

There were no public comments.

Motion on Item III. A.

Motion was made by Chairperson Esposito, seconded by Commissioner Scheel and carried 4-0-1 (Absent: Carvalho) to approve the November 12, 2020 minutes.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Appointment of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

The staff report was presented by Deputy City Clerk Guzzetta.

There were no public comments.

Motion on Item V. A.

Motion was made by Commissioner Scheel, seconded by Commissioner Enzensperger and carried 4-0-1 (Absent: Carvalho) to reappoint Robert Esposito as Chairperson.

Motion was made by Commissioner Scheel, seconded by Chairperson Esposito and carried 4-0-1 (Absent: Carvalho) to reappoint Diana Bentz as Vice Chairperson.

B. Quarterly Review of Public Records Requests Per Gilroy Code Section 17A.35 (c) (Fourth Quarter, 2020)

The staff report was presented by Deputy City Clerk Guzzetta.

There were no public comments.

Motion on Item V. B.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bentz, seconded by Chairperson Esposito and carried 4-0-1 (Absent: Carvalho) to receive the report.

C. Commission Input on City Budget for Fiscal Year's 2021-22 and 2022-23

The staff report was presented by Deputy City Clerk Guzzetta.

The Commission discussed the City Budget and requested the item return on the May 13, 2021 Commission meeting.

There were no public comments.

VII. CITY CLERK'S REPORT – NONE.

VIII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Assistant City Attorney Houston spoke on Public Records Act responses during COVID, and reported that Berliner Cohen would be an Amicus Brief writer for a Public Records Act case pending appeal in the Los Angeles area regarding a serial Public Records Act

requester and advised he has started making requests in Northern California.

IX. REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Chairperson Esposito reported on an article he read regarding possible Brown Act violations in Chico, California.

Commissioner Bentz expressed appreciation for the sessions on Implicit Bias and the Diverse and Inclusive City at the League of California Cities New Law & Elections Seminar Training.

X. FUTURE COMMISSION INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

The Commission requested a discussion on the remaining training budget for the Open Government Commission.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

/s/ Suzanne Guzzetta, CMC

Deputy City Clerk