

Gridley City Council – Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 3, 2025; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

"Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community's vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. We collectively develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives."

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Johnson, Roberts, Calderon, Sanchez, Farr
Absent:	None
Arriving after roll call:	None

Staff Present:	Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator Todd Farr, Police Chief Anthony Galyean, City Attorney Martin Pineda, Finance Director Chip Fowler, Fire Chief Ross Pippitt, Utility Director Dave Harden, City Engineer Carmen Santana, Recording Clerk
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Farr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION – None

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OR PROMOTED EMPLOYEES

City Administrator Arteaga introduced the new Principal Planner Christopher Smith.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

The forum was opened, and seeing as no one was present to speak, was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. City Council Minutes

City Council review and approval of regular meeting minutes for the January 21, 2025

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Approve Council meeting minutes: January 21, 2025

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Roberts

Action: to approve consent agenda as presented

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Parkland Estates – Declaring the Intent to Create a Maintenance Assessment District

City Council to consider the approval of Resolution No. 2025-R-004: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Declaring Its Intention to Form a Maintenance Assessment District for the Maintenance of Various Improvements, said Maintenance District being Designated as the City of Gridley Maintenance Assessment District No. 7 and being formed Pursuant to the Improvement Act of 1911

Recommended Action(s):

- a. Introduction of Public Hearing (by Mayor)

Mayor Farr called the public hearing to order and provided a brief introduction regarding the purpose of Resolution No. 2025-R-004. The resolution proposes forming Maintenance Assessment District No. 7 to fund ongoing maintenance of various improvements within the Parkland Estates development.

- b. Presentation by Staff

City staff provided an overview of the proposed maintenance assessment district, outlining the improvements covered, assessment methodology, and anticipated costs. City Engineer Dave Harden explained that the district would ensure the ongoing maintenance of landscaping, street lighting, and other public infrastructure within Parkland Estates.

- c. Council Questions to Staff

Councilmember Sanchez asked for clarification regarding the assessment process, cost-sharing among property owners, and the timeline for implementation. City Engineer Harden addressed concerns regarding maintenance responsibilities, and how the City will adjust yearly as needed.

d. Open Public Hearing

Mayor Farr opened the Public Hearing.

e. Close Public Hearing

With no public comments noted for the record, Mayor Farr closed the public hearing.

f. Council Discussion

No further Council discussion for the record.

g. Council Action: Approve Resolution 2025-R-004 approving the declaration of intent for form a maintenance assessment district for Parkland Estates

ROLL CALL

Motion: Johnson

Second: Sanchez

Action: to approve Resolution 2025-R-004 approving the declaration of intent to form the maintenance assessment district for Parkland Estates.

Ayes: Roberts, Calderon, Farr, Sanchez, Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, 5-0

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - None

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Calderon reported on his tentative community project he's putting together to educate our community on the danger of Fentanyl and other substances to be held in April 2025.

Mayor Farr reported on his attendance at the League of California Cities - Councilmember Academy Seminar in Sacramento.

Councilmember Sanchez also reported on her attendance at the Councilmember Academy that took place in Los Angeles.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

City Administrator Arteaga reported on her attendance at the 2025 NCPA Strategic Issues Conference. Administrator Arteaga also informed Council of her upcoming attendance at the League of Ca Cities – City Managers conference.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE REPORTS

A. Police Department from Police Chief, Todd Farr

Police Chief Todd Farr reported on the 2024 stats for the police department and stated there was one vacancy currently at the police department, Animal Control Officer. He further made a statement for the record considering the recent "Day without an Immigrant" gathering. His statement was as follows:

"Protecting everyone in Gridley, including the undocumented immigrants in our community, is my primary focus. This means ensuring those living here, regardless of immigration status, are safe and secure. It also means those who have been victimized feel confident they can report crimes and cooperate with local and state law enforcement without consequence.

At the same time, I do not believe our laws should shield dangerous individuals or restrict our agency and officers from investigating and apprehending serious or violent offenders. Existing laws in California seek to strike this balance with California law enforcement agencies to partner with federal agencies in targeting terrorist groups, human traffickers, and various criminal operations imbedded with foreign agents. Our role in these joint public safety efforts is all predicated by criminal acts, not immigration enforcement. Responding to, and preventing crime, will always be Gridley Police Department's primary focus.

Expected changes in federal immigration enforcement policies have caused fear throughout our immigrant communities, including confusion and uncertainty as to what role the Gridley Police Department may play in these new directives. It has never been the role of the Gridley Police Department to enforce federal immigration law, nor should it be our responsibility.

The Gridley Police Department wants all citizens of Gridley to know the Gridley Police Department's commitment remains to serve and protect everyone, and to be open and transparent."

Councilmember Sanchez expressed appreciation for Police Chief Todd Farr's statement and emphasized the importance of ensuring that members of the community can come forward without fear of retaliation.

Councilmember Calderon requested that Police Chief Farr reiterate the City's stance on making arrests on behalf of ICE. In response, Chief Farr clarified that, as stated in his earlier remarks, the City of Gridley does not pursue individuals for immigration law violations. However, he noted that if ICE were to request assistance in a criminal investigation, the department would cooperate as necessary.

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COUNCIL ITEMS - (Appearing on the Agenda within 30 days):

Travel Policy	2/18/2025
Energy Efficiency Contract Review	2/18/2025
Capital Improvement Strategic Plan Study Session	2/18/2025
Mid-Year Budget Review	2/18/2025

CLOSED SESSION

3. Closed Session Discussion Public Employment: Utility Director - Cal. Gov. Code Section 54597

Council came out of closed session at 6:44 pm with no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items left to discuss, Council adjourned to the next regular meeting on February 18, 2025.


Elisa Arteaga, City Administrator