

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bozzo at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Council Member Dion Bracco Council Member Tom Cline Council Member Terence Fugazzi Council Member Zach Hilton Council Member Kelly Ramirez Mayor Greg Bozzo
Absent	Council Member Carol Marques

3. City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

City Clerk Kim Mancera reported on the Posting of the Agenda.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Invocation

None.

6. Orders of the Day

Move items 6.2 and 7.1 to be heard after item 3, and move item 8.1 to a future date.

7. Employee Introductions

Mayor Bozzo introduced City Administrator Matt Morley.

City Administrator Matt Morley introduced Economic Development Director Raissa de la Rosa.

Finance Director Harjot Sangha introduced Information Technology Systems Administrator Adrian Jimenez.

Public Works Director John Doughty introduced Maintenance Worker Ryan Grimaldo and Maintenance Worker Pedro Porras.

2. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

1. PUBLIC COMMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:13 P.M.

Deanne Everton - commented on Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley and thanked the City Council for awarding this year's \$149,000 in CDBG capital funds to support the work.

Bill O'Connor - commented on the Gilroy Community Police Academy.

Greg Felios - commented on Coffee with the Mayor and the Joint City of Gilroy and Gilroy Unified School District meeting.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

3. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Council Member Bracco – Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority, Santa Clara Water Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water Joint Water Resources Committee, SCRWA

Council Member Fugazzi – Santa Clara Water Commission (alternate), Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority Board (alternate), SCRWA, Visit Gilroy California Welcome Center, VTA Mobility Partnership Committee

Council Member Marques – Gilroy Sister Cities, Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority (alternate), Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Governing Board, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Implementation Board, SCRWA (alternate)

Council Member Hilton – ABAG, CalTrain Policy Group (alternate), Santa Clara County Expressway Plan 2040 Advisory Board (alternate), Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority JPA Board, South County Youth Task Force Policy Team, VTA Policy Advisory Committee

Council Member Ramirez – ABAG (alternate), Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors (alternate), Cities Association of Santa Clara County, Gilroy Youth Task Force (alternate), Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Governing Board, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency Implementation Board, SCRWA, Santa Clara Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee

Council Member Cline – CalTrain Policy Group (alternate), Gilroy Sister Cities (alternate), Gilroy Youth Task Force, Santa Clara County Expressway Plan 2040 Advisory Board, Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority JPA Board (alternate), Silicon Valley Regional Interoperability Authority Board, Visit Gilroy California Welcome Center (alternate), VTA Mobility Partnership Committee, VTA Policy Advisory Committee (alternate)

Mayor Bozzo – Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors, Santa Clara Valley Water Joint Water Resources Committee, South County Youth Task Force Policy Team, VTA Board of Directors (alternate), Santa Clara Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee (alternate), Cities Association of Santa Clara County (alternate)

Council Member Bracco - No report.

Council Member Fugazzi - No report.

Council Member Hilton - Reported from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) general assembly. As one of the delegates, he will be working toward a General Assembly and Business Conference in 2026, where they will determine policy, and adopt the annual budget and work plan. At the Santa Clara County LAFCO meeting, the board directed staff to increase the budget and reissue the RFP for a countywide water and wastewater service review. The Santa Clara County Vector Control District staff recommended pursuing a 2026 assessment ballot to increase revenue. He invited anyone visiting the Admin Wing in City Hall to stop by the Council Members' Office, where we have on loan from the Gilroy Museum, an aerial view of Gilroy.

Council Member Ramirez - No report.

Council Member Cline - No report.

Mayor Bozzo - Reported from the Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors that the Garlic Festival will be back in July at the South County Event Center, down below Gilroy Gardens. Gilroy Gardens won the Brass Ring Excellence Award in Best Food and Beverages from the International Association of Amusement Park Operators. Gilroy Gardens is run by a non-profit organization, and this year Gilroy Gardens saw a dip in attendance coming their way. They were able to create some business strategies, and their revenue is up almost 20% even though their attendance is flat or slightly down. The City of Gilroy and Gilroy Gardens have been working on a long-term lease for a while. They are hoping to report out sometime soon. South County Youth Task Force (SCYTF) had a community conversation with District Attorney Jeff Rosen. The discussion was centered around public safety trends that impact South Santa Clara County. He spoke about the SCYTF late-night gym at Wheeler Auditorium, which is part of the youth diversions that they offer. He had a chance to attend. He noted that it is not just sports, but includes a dinner, check-in/discussion, and activities for the youth. He had the chance to play basketball with a group of youth. He announced that rain is in the forecast and reminded everyone to turn off their sprinklers to conserve water.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:18 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Approve the consent calendar.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Tom Cline

SECONDER: Council Member Dion Bracco

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Marques

1. Approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting
2. Authorization for Council Member Travel to the League of California Cities 2026 City Leaders Summit
3. Award a Three-year On-call Services Contract to Maggiora Bros Drilling, Inc. for Water Well and Pump Station Services for \$420,000, with an Option to Extend for Two Additional One-year Terms Subject to City Administrator Review and Approval for \$150,000/Year
4. Approve an Amendment to the Land Management Software Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the Environmental Health Suite and Fire Prevention Mobile Software and Three Years of Annual Maintenance and License Fees in the Amount of \$130,054
5. Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy Declaring Weeds a Nuisance
6. Acceptance of the Cash and Investment Report as of December 31, 2025

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Consider Extending the Urgency Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Issuance of Tobacco Retailer Permits Citywide for a Period of Ten (10) Months and Fifteen (15) Days

Planning Manager Michael Fossati provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing at 8:32 P.M.

Mundo Castrejon - commented on the Circle K business at the corner of Chestnut and 10th Street and the process for approval of a new Tobacco Retailer Permit.

Ryan Kroll - commented on a Tobacco Retailer Permit for Circle K.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

Motion

Determine this action is exempt from environmental review under California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

SECONDER: Council Member Zach Hilton

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Marques

Motion

Direct the City Clerk to read the ordinance extending the Urgency Interim Ordinance by title only and to waive further reading.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Zach Hilton

SECONDER: Council Member Dion Bracco

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Marques

Motion

Adopt an ordinance extending the Urgency Interim Ordinance to prohibit the issuance or approval of any new Tobacco Retailer Permit Citywide for an additional six (6) months and fifteen (15) days, with the associated findings.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

SECONDER: Council Member Zach Hilton

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Marques

Motion

Review, approve and issue the 10-day report as required by Government Code Section 65858(d) for the extension of the Urgency Interim Ordinance.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Zach Hilton

SECONDER: Council Member Tom Cline

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Council Member Marques

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Receive an Update and Provide Direction Regarding Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Rate Increase Ballot Measure for the November 2026 Election**

Finance Director Harjot Sangha provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 9:08 P.M.

Frank Johnson - commented on the average hotel rates in Gilroy vs. Morgan Hill.

Maria Aguilar - commented on vouchers for the homeless and mentioned they will increase.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Report received.

Council directed staff to pursue a general-purpose TOT rate ballot measure.

Council directed staff not to conduct a community survey to gauge support.

Council provided feedback on the memo ballot questions.

Council directed staff to pursue a not-to-exceed tax rate structure with a not-to-exceed tax rate of 13%.

2. **Appointment of Planning Commissioner to Fill One (1) Remaining Open Seat and Selection and Appointment of Library Commissioner to Fill One (1) New Vacancy**

This item was heard after item 3 on the agenda.

City Clerk Kim Mancera provided a report.

The following appointments were made by the City Council.

Library Commission
Jan Guffey - Full term

Planning Commission
Payman Khodabandeh- Full term

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. **Abatement of Sixth Street Temporary Encampment on APN: 841-18-089**

This item was heard after item 3 and item 6.2 on the agenda.

Police Captain Luke Powell provided a report and presentation.

City Attorney Andy Faber provided a report.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:07 P.M.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the encampment and asked what the plan is after the 90-day period expires.

Linda Thomas - commented on the encampment and spoke about visiting the site.

Joan Lewis - commented about why the encampment needs to be removed.

Aubrey Tasby - commented about the positive impacts on the residents of the encampment.

Tom Chargin - commented about delivering food to the encampment and the lack of resources from the County.

Jan Bernstein Chargin - commented about the impact of dispersing the unhoused throughout the city instead of them being housed in one location.

Jose Medina - commented on his positive experience at the encampment.

Gabriel Lopez - commented on Camp Hope. He thanked the Council for allowing them to stay there and asked that they be allowed to stay.

Chris Vanni - commented on the end-game and the impact of encampments along the creeks and around the parks.

Shelley Swan - commented on the progress that residents of Camp Hope have made since they have been allowed to stay there.

Todd Langton - commented on the negative effect that removing this encampment will have on the city.

Robert Aguirre - commented on the encampment and provided history on the land.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a resolution suspending enforcement of Gilroy City Code Chapter 5 for a period of time not to exceed ninety (90) days, authorizing the City to continue to provide sanitation-related services (portable restrooms and solid waste removal) to the temporary encampment during the suspension and abating the said encampment after the suspension period to include that the suspension may be

ended if the City Administrator determines there is an increase in risk of public health or safety that requires immediate enforcement of the ordinance.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Dion Bracco

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton

ABSENT: Council Member Marques

The meeting recessed at 8:04 P.M. and reconvened at 8:18 P.M.

2. Pilot Below Market Rate (BMR) Preservation Program Update and Overall BMR Housing Program Overview

Housing and Community Services Manager Christie Thomas provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 9:25 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Report received.

8. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

1. Request to Reopen the Wayland Parking Lot at Las Animas Veterans' Park

This item has been continued to the February 23, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

City Administrator Matt Morley thanked the City Council for including him in the team.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

City Attorney Andy Faber announced that he and the City Clerk will be providing training to the City Council and staff on SB 707 in March. He also mentioned that having Christie on board doing all the work for the BMR program is wonderful.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 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 on February 23, 2026.

Kim Mancera
City Clerk

