

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, March 16, 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 Carol Marques Council Member Kelly Ramirez Mayor Greg Bozzo

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 Bracco led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Invocation

Pastor Trevor Van Lar led the Invocation.

6. Orders of the Day

None.

7. Employee Introductions

Interim Utilities Director Karl Bjarke introduced Management Analyst Trainee Yeni Martinez and Utilities Operations Manager Tyson Enzweiler.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

1. American Red Cross Month Proclamation

Mayor Bozzo presented the American Red Cross month proclamation to Camille McCormack.

3. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

1. Annual Presentation from the City Historian, Toby Echelberry

City Historian Toby Echelberry provided a presentation.

2. 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 6:29 P.M.

DeLinda Yatskevich - commented on housing within Gilroy.

Makhan Gupta - commented and thanked the Mayor and City Council for discussing the homeless in the City of Gilroy and requested that they continue managing the unhoused.

Greg Felios - commented on how he wore a Gilroy Garlic Festival shirt to Disneyland and received many compliments and questions about the Festival.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

4. 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 Marques - Reported that she is the City liaison for the Gilroy Sister Cities. They had their fundraiser at the Portuguese Hall.

Council Member Hilton - Reported from the Valley Transportation (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee, which is developing a local investment plan focused on road ridership, increased productivity, and enhancing the customer experience. He reported from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) that the board approved an additional \$6 million for the home rebates program and also approved adding a policy in support of nuclear investigation and development. He also shared that, in celebration of Read Across America, he volunteered his time to read to students at El Roble Elementary and Lugia Aprea Elementary. In addition, he shared how the Gilroy Police Department, Gilroy Unified School District, Gilroy Parks & Recreation Commission, and other partners will be hosting an E-Bike traffic safety pedestrian awareness forum at Brownell Middle School on March 27th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

Council Member Ramirez - Reported that she participated in Read Across America and volunteered her time reading to students at Eliot Elementary. She will be attending a Cal Cities Housing Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting. She also attended the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, where they discussed ALPRs.

Council Member Cline - Reported that he attended the Sister Cities banquet fundraiser. He attended and participated in Rock the Mock at Gilroy High School. He also participated in the dunk tank at the opening day of Little League in Gilroy.

Mayor Bozzo - Reported from the Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors that Gilroy Gardens is about 80% through its seasonal hiring, which provides 400 jobs to the community.

5. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. Interviews and Appointments to the Arts and Culture Commission

City Clerk Kim Mancera proceeded with the interviews and appointments.

The following applicants were interviewed for the Arts and Culture Commission.

Subul Siddiqui
Meena Vijaykar

Rabia Shahid

The following applicants were selected by the City Council to serve a partial term ending December 31, 2027.

Subul Siddiqui
Rabia Shahid

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

City Clerk Kim Mancera announced that there was a change to Item 6.2 - Notice of Completion for the FY26 CDBG Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Project No. 26-PW-303 and Approval of the Final Contract Amount of \$152,974.00. The contractor has clarified the final contract amount which is now \$154,979.13, leaving a remaining balance of \$21,211.01 to go back into the City's CDBG Fund.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:55 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Approve the consent calendar.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Dion Bracco

SECONDER: Council Member Tom Cline

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

1. **Approve the February 23, 2026 and the March 2, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**
2. **Notice of Completion for the FY26 CDBG Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Project No. 26-PW-303 and Approval of a Final Contract Amount of \$152,974.00**
3. **Resolution Establishing Operating Hours for City-Owned Public Off-Street Parking Lots**
4. **Claim of Alejandrina Castro (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)**
5. **Claim of Isabel Parra (The City Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute a denial of the claim)**
6. **Approve Final Map and Property Improvement Agreement No. 2026-03 for Eagle Garden Development, Tract 10500, APN's 808-01-021, 808-01-022, and 808-01-023**

7. **Council Approval of Council Member Ramirez's Travel Reimbursement for the League of California Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee meeting**

7. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

1. **Award a Contract to Storm Water Inspection & Maintenance Services Inc. / An Apex Company for the State Trash Amendments Stormwater Compliance Project No. 800460 in the amount of \$143,370**

Environmental Programs Manager Mark Johnson provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:58 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget by appropriating \$157,707 from Fund 422 to Capital Project No. 800460.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Carol Marques

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion

Award a contract in the amount of \$143,370 to Storm Water Inspection & Maintenance Services Inc. / An Apex Company for FY26 Small Trash Capture Devices Project No. 800460, approve a contingency of \$14,337, and Authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and associated documents.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Carol Marques

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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

ABSENT: None

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of a Community Event Support Program Policy**

Economic Development Director Raissa De la Rosa provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:23 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a resolution establishing a Community Event Support Program Policy formalizing a non-profit subsidy program for community special events and authorize staff to implement the FY 2026-27 cycle using the updated timeline, review considerations, and reporting requirements.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Tom Cline

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Q2 Quarterly Budget and General Fund Forecast Update and Adoption of Resolutions Amending the Budget and Updating the Position Control List

Finance Director Harjot Sangha provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:46 P.M.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the maintenance and repair of our streets to be considered in the workplan and budget.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Receive Budget Report for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26), adopt a resolution approving the updated Position Control List for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 and adopt a budget amendment resolution.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

AYES: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council

Member Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

2. **2025 General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report**

Community Development Director Sharon Goei, Planning Manager Michael Fossati and Housing and Community Services Manager Christie Thomas provided a report and presentation.

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

Ron Kirkish - commented on the extremely low income (ELI) and that the State and Counties need to get involved.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Accept the report and direct staff to submit the 2025 Annual Progress Report to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, no later than April 1, 2026.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Zach Hilton

SECONDER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

10. **FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Request to Direct Staff to Provide Council with Options regarding the Addition of Public Hearings to the Architectural and Site Review Permit Process (FAIR Memo - Marques & Ramirez)**

Planning Manager Michael Fossati provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at P.M.

Landon Sepulveda - commented on the data center and voiced that he is against it.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the data center and that there is plenty of water to supply it.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Council consideration of a future agenda item directing staff to return to Council with options regarding the addition of public hearings to the Architectural and Site Review Permit process.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

SECONDER: Council Member Carol Marques

AYES: Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Terence Fugazzi

ABSENT: None

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

City Administrator Matt Morley mentioned that he met with CMAP. He also had the opportunity to meet with County Health to discuss community health and pedestrian and E-Bike safety. He met with Gilroy Gardens to discuss contract negotiations and plans to meet with Sharks Ice by the end of the month.

12. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

No report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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 April 6, 2026.

Kim Mancera
City Clerk