

**City of Gilroy  
City Council  
Minutes  
Monday, April 20, 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**

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Attendee Name</b>
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 Marques led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Invocation**

None.

**6. Orders of the Day**

None.

**7. Employee Introductions**

None.

**2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards**

**1. Proclamation for Earth Day and Arbor Day**

Mayor Bozzo presented the Earth Day & Arbor Day Proclamation to Gilroy's Deputy Public Works Director Matt Jones, Gilroy's Parks Supervisor John Sousa and Parks & Recreation Commissioner Greg Felios.

**3. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE (Informational Only)**

None.

**4. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL**

**1. Sister Cities Annual Presentation**

David Peoples with the Gilroy Sister Cities Association provided a presentation.

**2. Visit Gilroy Annual Presentation**

Frank Johnson with Visit Gilroy provided a presentation.

**3. 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 6:37 P.M.

Melissa Santos - Spoke on behalf of Community Solutions to bring awareness to the resources they have available to the community.

Jan Bernstein Chargin — Asked for an extension on the Camp Hope unhoused encampment.

Julie Della Maggiora - Spoke about wanting to partner with Gilroy Sister Cities Association. She also spoke in support of finding more ways to help the unhoused within the community.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

**5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**1. Council Member Bracco – Downtown Committee, 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 – ABAG, Downtown Committee, 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 – CalTrain Policy Group, 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), Gilroy Sister Cities, Gilroy Youth Task Force (alternate), 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)**

Council Member Bracco - No report.

Council Member Fugazzi - No report.

Council Member Marques - Reported that she attended the Gilroy Sister Cities board meeting and shared that the board was invited to speak at Christopher High School in hopes of creating interest for the students to join the program.

Council Member Hilton - Reported from the Silicon Valley Clean Energy JPA Board meeting that staff provided an update on the agency's integrated decarbonization roadmap and solicited input from the board. He also reported on the Santa Clara County LAFCO Environmental Justice Workshop Special Meeting and spoke on the city's ongoing efforts to promote pedestrian, biking and traffic safety within the community.

Council Member Ramirez - Reported that she attended the Gilroy Fire Department's Annual New Hire & Promotional Ceremony. She gave praise to the Downtown Business Association for its successful Wine Stroll. It was also reported that Community Solutions' Healing Hearts Gala raised over \$115,000 to support their critical services and programs. Lastly, she thanked the City of San Jose for granting her the opportunity to witness their recent efforts in the abatement of one of their largest unhoused encampments.

Council Member Cline - Reported that he attended both the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority JPA Board meeting and the VTA Policy Advisory Committee meeting. He gave praise to the Downtown Business Association for its successful Wine Stroll and also shared that he attended the Gilroy Gardening Groups Plant Sale that was hosted by the Miller Red Barn Association. Lastly, he commented on Gilroy Gardens, Christopher Ranch and the Garlic Festival teaming up to host an event on National Garlic Day.

Mayor Bozzo - No report.

## **6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:57 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

**Motion**

Approve the consent calendar.

**RESULT:** **Passed**

**MOVER:** Council Member Kelly Ramirez

**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 minutes of the March 25, 2026 and April 2, 2026 City Council Special Study Sessions, the April 4, 2026 Coffee with the Mayor, and the April 6, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting**
2. **Approve a School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for Fiscal Year 2026-2027**
3. **Approve the Second Amendment for HydroScience Design Services Contract for Water Utility Improvements to increase by \$175,395, for a New Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$1,112,985**
4. **Resolution of Intention to Renew the Gilroy Tourism Business Improvement District (GTBID)**
5. **Approval of a Purchasing Contract With RDO Equipment Co. of Hayward in the Amount of \$104,967 for the Purchase of a Vermeer BC1500 Wood Chipper Under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell, Contract# 010925-VRM**
6. **Approval of the Gilroy Tourism Business Improvement District (GTBID) Annual Reports as Submitted by Visit Gilroy/Gilroy Welcome Center for the Period of January 1, 2022 Through December 31, 2025**
7. **Approve the Second Amendment to the Agreement with Dewberry Engineers Inc. to Add \$187,766.15 for the Design of the Lions Creek Trail and Santa Teresa Blvd/Day Rd East Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements and Adopt a Budget Amendment Resolution for CIP Project No. 800270**
8. **Approval of a Purchasing Contract With Papé Machinery of Gilroy in the Amount of \$352,595 for the Purchase of a John Deere 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader, a John Deere 60 P-Tier Compact Excavator, and a TKT24LP Tilt Trailer Under a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Sourcewell, Contract# 011723-JDC and 092922-TKI**
9. **Consent the City Administrator's Recommendation to Appoint Cindy Murphy to the Department Head Position of Finance Director**
10. **Claim of Farmers Insurance Exchange a/s/o Armando Flores (The City**

**Administrator recommends a "yes" vote under the Consent Calendar shall constitute denial of the claim)**

## **7. BIDS AND PROPOSALS**

### **1. Award a Two-Year Contract to Hello Housing to Administer the City's Below Market Rate Housing Program with Three, One-Year Extension Options in a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$973,689 and Adopt a Resolution Amending the Budget in the Housing Trust and Los Arroyos Funds**

Deputy Director of Community Development Bryce Atkins provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:04 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

#### **Motion**

Award a contract to Hello Housing to administer the Below Market Rate (BMR) Housing Program from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028, with three, one-year extension options, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and associated documents and adopt the resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget to increase appropriations in the Housing Trust Fund by \$6,240 and the Los Arroyos Fund by \$5,760 for the Fiscal Year 2027 services of this contract.

**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

### **2. Award a contract to 17 Mile Construction in the amount of \$198,900 for tenant improvements at 641 Old Gilroy St (Jessup Property); Approve a project contingency of \$19,100, and Approve a total project expenditure of \$218,000**

Interim Utilities Director Karl Bjarke provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:13 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

#### **Motion**

Award a Public Works contract in the amount of \$198,900 to 17 Mile Construction for the tenant improvement project at 641 Old Gilroy St. and approve a project contingency of \$19,100 for a total project authorization of \$218,000 as well as authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract documents and approve any

future change orders within the project contingency.

**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

## 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. Public Hearing to Establish a List of Properties Subject to the Weed Abatement Program and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Fire Chief to Abate the Nuisance Arising Out of Weeds Growing and Refuse Accumulating Upon Property in the City of Gilroy Pursuant to Section 12.51 of the Gilroy Code

Fire Marshal Jonathan Crick provided a report.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing at 7:17 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

#### Motion

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gilroy authorizing the Fire Chief to abate the nuisance arising out of weeds growing and refuse accumulating upon property in the City of Gilroy, pursuant to Section 12.51 of the Gilroy City Code.

**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

### 2. Amend Chapter 15, Section 15.11 of the Gilroy City Code by Adding Reference to California Vehicle Code Section 22358 et seq. Allowing the City Council to Reduce Prima Facie Speed Limits in School Zones from 25 mph to 15 mph or 20 mph per Assembly Bill 382

Public Works Director John Doughty provided a report.

Mayor Bozzo opened the public hearing at 7:24 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed the public hearing.

**Motion**

Introduce and waive the first reading of the Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15.11 of the Gilroy City Code adding reference to California Vehicle Code Section 22358 et seq. allowing the City Council to reduce prima facie speed limits in school zones from 25 mph to 15 mph or 20 mph per Assembly Bill 382.

**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

**Motion**

Direct staff to place the Ordinance for adoption at the May 18, 2026 meeting and adopt a resolution approving a budget amendment adding \$150,000 from Fund 220 (Vehicle Registration Fee) to Capital Project Number 801120 (Citywide Safety Improvements).

**RESULT:**       **Passed**

**MOVER:**        Council Member Terence Fugazzi

**SECONDER:**   Council Member Carol Marques

**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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Receive an Update on Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Services Cost Escalation and Service Delivery Evaluation, and Approval of a Two-year Agreement with the Santa Clara County Communications Department for EMD services, in the Amount of \$170,256 for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) and \$329,803 in FY28**

Fire Chief Rob Fleeup provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:45 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

**Motion**

Approve a two-year agreement with Santa Clara County Communications

Department for Emergency Medical Dispatch services, in the amount of \$170,256 in FY 27 and \$329,803 in FY 28, and authorize the City Administrator to execute the contract and associated documents.

**RESULT:** **Passed**

**MOVER:** Council Member Tom Cline

**SECONDER:** Council Member Carol Marques

**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. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **Approve the Establishment of a City Council Homelessness Ad Hoc Subcommittee and Appoint up to Three City Councilmembers to Serve on the Subcommittee, and Provide Direction on the Homebase Proposal and Option**

City Administrator Matt Morley provided a report.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:54 P.M.

Ron Kirkish - Spoke opposing the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Joanne Fierro - Advocated for the unhoused and urged the community to assist where they can to help the homeless community.

Ann Marie McCauley - Spoke in favor of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

Jan Bernstein Chargin - Shared that she believes the Ad Hoc Subcommittee is a good idea and worth pursuing.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

#### **Motion**

Approve the establishment of a City Council Homelessness Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appoint Council Member Bracco, Council Member Ramirez and Mayor Bozzo to serve on the Subcommittee and proceed with the Homebase proposal and option of facilitation of six (6) meetings with four (4) virtual and two (2) in-person meetings that will occur at times to be determined later by the three Council Members in consideration with staff.

**RESULT:** **Passed**

**MOVER:** Council Member Tom Cline

**SECONDER:** Council Member Dion Bracco

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

**NAYS:** Council Member Terence Fugazzi  
**ABSENT:** None

**11. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Request to Consider Amending City Zoning Code Section 30.41.31 regarding Performance Standards for Commercial and Industrial Noise Impacting Residentially Zoned Properties (FAIR Memo - Hilton)**

Council Member Hilton provided a report.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:23 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

**Motion**

Council consideration of a future agenda item directing staff to amend Zoning Code Section 30.14.31 (Specific provisions – Noise).

**RESULT:** **Passed**

**MOVER:** Council Member Zach Hilton

**SECONDER:** Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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

**NAYS:** Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Carol Marques

**ABSENT:** None

**12. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS**

City Administrator Matt Morley commented on the Wine Stroll and the plant sale at the Miller Red Barn that took place over the weekend.

**13. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS**

No report.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**1. Public Employee Appointment/Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.11(2)  
Name/Title: Police Chief**

City Attorney Andy Faber announced the closed session item.

City Attorney Andy Faber opened public comment at 8:25 P.M.

With no speakers, City Attorney Andy Faber closed public comment.

**Motion**

Remain in closed session.

**RESULT:** **Passed**

**MOVER:** None

**SECONDER:** None

**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

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:25 P.M.

**15. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION**

City Attorney Andy Faber announced that there was no reportable action from the closed session.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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 XXXXXXXX, 20XX.**

Kim Mancera  
City Clerk