

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 PM

**1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS
(Government Code Section 54956.8)**

Properties: 7491 Railroad St. (APN 841-06-001); 7780 Monterey Rd. (APN 841-04-020); 7289 Rosanna St. (APN 799-15-027); and 7351 Rosanna St. (APN 799-15-026)

Agency Negotiators: Matt Morley, City Administrator; Raissa de la Rosa, Economic Development Director

Negotiating Parties: Falkon Development; Retraining the Village

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

The closed session meeting was called to order by Mayor Bozzo at 5:00 PM.

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

Motion

Remain in closed session.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: None

SECONDER: None

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: None

ABSENT: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Andy Faber opened public comment at 6:01 P.M.

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

3. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

session.

With no additional business before the Council, the closed session meeting was adjourned at 5:19 P.M

4. REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 PM

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 Zach Hilton Council Member Carol Marques Council Member Kelly Ramirez Mayor Greg Bozzo
Absent	Council Member Terence Fugazzi

3. City Clerk's Report on Posting the Agenda

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bozzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Invocation

Pastor Jesse Jimenez with Victory Outreach led the Invocation.

6. Orders of the Day

None.

7. Employee Introductions

Community Development Director Sharon Goei introduced Senior Planner Aaron Campbell.

5. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

1. Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Bozzo presented the Public Works Week Proclamation to Public Works Director John Doughty.

2. Resource Parent Appreciation Month Proclamation

Mayor Bozzo presented the Resource Parent Appreciation Month Proclamation to

Isidra Fausto Santiago.

6. PRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

1. Annual Presentation by the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce

The CEO of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Cristina Cortes and Planning Commissioner Chair Manny Bhandal provided a report from the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce.

2. VTA Local Investment Plan Presentation

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's Chief Government Affairs Officer Beverly Greene provided a report.

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 6:35 P.M.

Arcelia O'Connor - Spoke opposing the ICE detention center that is planned to be built near Gilroy.

Bill O'Connor - Spoke opposing the ICE detention center that is planned to be built near Gilroy.

George M. Rosas - Spoke on cars constantly speeding in his neighborhood.

Frank Logan - Spoke opposing the ICE detention center that is planned to be built near Gilroy.

Lorena Toriba - Spoke opposing the ICE detention center that is planned to be built near Gilroy.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

7. 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 Marques - Shared that she went to the Gilroy Gardens Cherry Jubilee Event. She also mentioned that she participated in a panel discussion hosted by Casey Estorga at Gavilan College. Lastly, she reported that she attended the Gilroy Sister Cities meeting.

Council Member Hilton - Reported on his involvement with ABAG and mentioned how he has recently worked with the Gilroy Museum to bring historical pieces to City Hall for display purposes.

Council Member Ramirez - Shared that she went to the Gilroy Gardens Cherry Jubilee Event and shared how she participated in a panel discussion hosted by Casey Estorga at Gavilan College. In addition, she reported that she was accepted into the 2026 focus agriculture program and also participated in St Mary's 8th grade student learning plan presentations. She received a tour of the Intuitive Surgical facility located here in Gilroy. She also shared that she attended the Santa Clara County Peace Officer Memorial Celebration at the Sheriff's Department, mentioned how she recently attended a Cities Association meeting and that she presented at the Gilroy Little League Jamboree. Lastly, she proposed that Council sends a letter of opposition against the proposed ICE Detention Center planned to be built near Gilroy.

Council Member Cline - Reported on his participation at St Mary's 8th grade student learning plan presentations and that he received a tour of the Intuitive Surgical facility located here in Gilroy.

Mayor Bozzo - No report

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Terry Hernandez - Spoke supporting the approval of community event funding for fiscal year 2027.

With no further 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 Zach Hilton, Council Member Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Fugazzi

1. **Approve the minutes of the May 2, 2026 Coffee with the Mayor and May 4, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting**
2. **Add the 2026 Citywide Speed Survey to the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Improvement Program and Approve a Capital Budget Amendment for the Project**
3. **Adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 15, Section 15.11 of the Gilroy City Code, 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**
4. **Adopt a Resolution Requesting the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission**
5. **Adopt a Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Road Rehabilitation Projects for Funding by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 Funds**
6. **Approval of Community Events Support Program Funding Allocations for FY 2027**
7. **Request for Approval to Disburse \$2,103 in Interest Income from the Gilroy Museum Endowment Trust to the Museum Donations Fund**
8. **Annual Military Equipment Use Report 2025, per CA Assembly Bill No. 481**

9. Acceptance of Cash and Investment Report as of March 31, 2026

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Meeting Regarding the Renewal of the Gilroy Tourism Business Improvement District (GTBID)

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

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:03 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Report received.

2. Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.3 (AB 2561) to Receive a Report on City of Gilroy Vacancies, and Recruitment and Retention Efforts

Interim Human Resources Director/Risk Manager LeeAnn McPhillips provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:09 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Report received.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Downtown Plywood and Vacancy Regulations

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

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:18 P.M.

Ron Kirkish - Shared his desire to have Downtown Gilroy become more inviting.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Direction was provided to staff to reactivate Chapter 5D, incorporating the Downtown Committee recommendations, except: 1) the definitions existing in Chapter 5D for vacant buildings would remain; and 2) that the vacancy registration fee would be progressive at \$750 the first year and \$1,500 each year thereafter. Council also directed staff not to pursue a vacancy tax at this time.

11. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Options for Displaying Commemorative Flags at City Hall or

the Civic Center Complex

Public Works Director John Doughty provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:35 P.M.

Paul Rousseve - Paul does not agree with separating the commemorative flag from the existing flag poles.

Terry Hernandez - Terry believes the commemorative flag as well as the Pride flag should be flown with the U.S. and California flags during Pride Month.

Alejandra Pearlman - Alejandra does not believe in separating the commemorative flag from the existing flag poles.

Greg Felios - encouraged council to find a way to accommodate the requests from those who apply to have a commemorative flag flown.

Carlos Pineda - Carlos asked for a more efficient, welcoming process for commemorative flags.

Sally Armendariz - Sally asked for more inclusivity when it comes to the LGBTQ+ community within Gilroy.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Direct staff to bring back the Flag Flying Policy to remove the required fees and signatures and change the language on the policy to include a third flag pole.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: None

SECONDER: None

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: None

ABSENT: Council Member Fugazzi

12. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

13. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

City Administrator Matt Morley shared that the City of Gilroy is looking for responses to the Blue Sky Initiative Survey and announced the Developer Roundtable that is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 2026 held in the Gilroy Council Chambers from 10:30am to Noon. Lastly, it was noted that there will be a first-time home buyers program on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 held at the Gilroy Library starting at 6:30pm.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

No report.

15. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 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 June 1, 2026.

Kim Mancera
City Clerk