

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2025 | 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 Hilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Invocation

None.

6. Orders of the Day

Mayor Bozzo announced that item 7.3 Environmental Services Update and Statewide Trash Provisions will be continued without a date certain.

7. Employee Introductions

Public Works Director John Doughty introduced City Engineer Nisha Patel.

Utilities Director Heath McMahon introduced Water Department Maintenance Workers Lance Malatka, Luis Castro, Daniel Ramirez, Anthony Valdivia, and Antonio Rodriguez, and Engineer I in Utilities CIP Guilianna Laurenzano.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

1. Stand United Against Hate Week Proclamation

3. 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 6:15 P.M.

Donald Perino - commented on the Gilroy Garlic Festival in 1979 and thanked all those involved.

Greg Felios - commented on the November 4, 2025 Special Election and Measure A.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the drug issue and DA Jeff Rosen.

Jodi Barr - commented on the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Gilroy and the organization.

Dan Donovan - commented on the November 4, 2025 Special Election vote centers.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

4. 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 - thanked Gilroy Fire for her shirt and hat in support of October Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Council Member Hilton - reported from Santa Clara County LAFCO is working on a draft RFP for a county-wide water and wastewater service review. He joined Gilroy Unified School District (GUSD) last week to discuss Pathways to Success. This is a new partnership with San Jose State University that guarantees admission to any CSU eligible GUSD graduate to the university.

Council Member Ramirez - thanked Gilroy Fire for her shirt and reported that Sister Cities has a group of students arriving from Japan next week.

Council Member Klein - no report

Mayor Bozzo - no report

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:27 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Approve the consent calendar.

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

- 1. Approve the minutes of the October 4, 2025 Coffee with the Mayor and October 6, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting**

6. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

- 1. Old City Hall HVAC System's Replacement of Two Air Conditioning Units for**

\$70,000 and Adopt a Related Budget Amendment Resolution to Appropriate the Funds

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

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:48 P.M.

Dan Donovan - commented in favor of the HVAC repairs.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Council instructed staff to proceed with the HVAC repairs, continue to honor the existing month-to-month lease, including maintenance requirements of the City as the landlord, and defer additional actions on the Old City Hall lease or lease renewal until the Economic Development Director is in place to provide further guidance.

Motion

Adopt a budget amendment resolution to increase the FY26 Facilities budget by \$70,000 to cover the cost to replace the two HVAC units and complete associated installation and repairs.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Dion Bracco

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

2. Award a contract to McKim Corporation for \$1,009,759 construction costs and \$100,976 contingency, for a total project cost of \$1,110,735, for the FY26 Sidewalk Replacement Program Project

Public Works Director John Doughty provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:11 P.M.

Rebecca Aviles - commented on the bidding process and did not understand why Villalobos was disqualified.

Tranquilino Villalobos - commented on CIP projects that they have completed in Gilroy and that Villalobos was the lowest bidder but was disqualified.

Janeth Zapata - commented on the development happening in the city and wants to understand what the justification to spend that amount of money is.

Ron Kirkish - thanked the first public speakers and would like to know why Villalobos was not chosen.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Award a contract to McKim Corporation in the amount of \$1,009,759, approve a project contingency of \$100,976, approve expenditure of \$1,110,735 for the construction of the FY26 Sidewalk Replacement Program Project (No.26-PW-299), and authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the contract and associated documents.

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 Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

7. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Receive Preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-25 Year-end Financial Report and Adopt a Budget Amendment Resolution

Finance Director Harjot Sangha provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:02 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Receive preliminary Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) year-end financial report, approve the Pension and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Section 115 Trust contributions pursuant to the Council Adopted policies and adopt a budget amendment resolution.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Tom Cline

SECONDER: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

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

The meeting recessed at 8:04 P.M. and reconvened at 8:16 P.M.

4. Provide Policy Direction on a Proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to Allow Electronic Billboards along State Route 101

Mayor Bozzo moved Item 7.4 to be heard after Item 7.1.

Community Development Planner Melissa Durkin provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:46 P.M.

Mike Conrotto - commented on the benefit of electronic billboards along the freeway.

Connie Rogers - commented on the image that electronic billboards may project on the City of Gilroy.

Joe Giacalone - commented on the benefit of electronic billboards and is in support of it.

Ron Kirkish - commented on electronic billboards and staying up with the times.

George Renz - commented on his support for electronic billboards for various reasons.

Greg Bumb - commented on his support for electronic billboards which will bring more customers to his motorcycle shop.

Michelle Carlen - commented on the benefits of electronic billboards and provided some examples from other cities.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Council directed staff to thoroughly research the issue of electronic billboards in conjunction with the Economic Development Department, and to bring back options that the City Council would consider at a future date. Council further directed that research focus on best practices for the City, and that it not be project-driven.

2. Discussion and Direction Regarding Establishing a Reserve Policy to Fund Parks Infrastructure

Finance Director Harjot Sangha provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 9:40 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Council directed staff to:

1. Draft a policy to establish and fund a Capital Infrastructure Reserve to set aside monies for park infrastructure and other capital improvements via an initial \$310,000 one-time contribution from the remaining Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25) year-end budgetary savings in the General Fund expenditures to occur at policy adoption, and up to 25% of all future year-end budgetary

- savings in the General Fund expenditures to be transferred to the said Capital Infrastructure Reserve, subject to Council approval.
2. Conduct a study session at the beginning of a regularly scheduled upcoming City Council meeting to receive updates and provide direction on the Parks and Trails Master Plan workplan item, including the request for proposal (RFP) scope, and to review the draft Capital Infrastructure Reserve and Funding Policy.

3. Environmental Services Update and Statewide Trash Provisions

This item was continued without a date certain.

8. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Bozzo informed the Council that due to significant concerns raised by members of the community, he has asked staff to place on the November 3, 2025 meeting for Council consideration and urgency ordinance to prohibit new smoke shops in the downtown area. The ordinance would be in effect for a limited time to allow staff to further study the issue.

9. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

No report.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

No report.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 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