

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, November 3, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bozzo at 6:15 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 Ramirez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Invocation

Pastor Jesse Jimenez led the Invocation.

6. Orders of the Day

None.

7. Employee Introductions

Utilities Director Heath McMahon introduced Engineer I for SCRWA Jay Kantamneni.

Police Captain Luke Powell introduced Police Officer Michael DeFrates and Police Officer Camilla Aguilar.

2. CEREMONIAL ITEMS - Proclamations and Awards

1. Arbor Day 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 6:26 P.M.

Greg Felios - commented on the importance of voting.

Adam Jaso - commented on the presence of the homeless camps in the slew and who is responsible for the cleanup efforts.

Sherri Jaso - commented the presence of the homeless camps in the slew and the citations they have received.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the great work of street paving from Public Works and spoke about an assault on a Gilroy Police Officer in the community over the weekend.

Linda Berti - commented on ADU issues on her street.

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 - wished Council Member Marques a Happy Birthday.

Council Member Fugazzi - no report.

Council Member Marques - congratulated the La Ofrenda committee for their great event.

Council Member Hilton - reported that the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee released the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Plan Bay Area 2025 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for review and comment. He thanked VTA and staff for sponsoring and attending in the La Ofrenda festival and wellness fair this weekend. He reported from Silivon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) that they do not receive federal funding and should have no direct impact from the government shutdown. He thanked SVCE and staff for sponsoring and attending the La Ofrenda festival and wellness fair this weekend. He also thanked City staff who worked the La Ofrenda festival and attended on their own for playing a part in the celebration.

Council Member Ramirez - congratulated the La Ofrenda team for the great festival. She congratulated the Library for its Storywalk display ceremony. She encouraged her fellow Council Members to participate in a ride-along with the Gilroy Police Department.

Council Member Cline - no report.

Mayor Bozzo - reported from the Gilroy Gardens Board of Directors that he is looking forward to the meeting at the end of November, where they will hold a strategic planning session.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion

Approve the consent calendar.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

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. **Approved the October 20, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**
2. **Approve the 2025 Update to the City of Gilroy's Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) in Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2022-0103-DWQ**
3. **Award a Contract to Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County for \$103,448 for South County Youth Task Force Community-Based Services for Youth**
4. **Authorize the City Administrator to Enter into a Ten-Year Master Service and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., to Purchase the Axon Interview Room Recording System for \$243,621**

6. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

1. **Award a Contract to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc. for the FY26 CDBG Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Project No. 26-PW-303 in the amount of \$156,820.00, approve a project contingency of \$19,370.14, and approve a total project expenditure of \$176,190.14 for Construction**

City Engineer Nisha Pratel provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 6:49 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Award a contract to FBD Vanguard Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$156,820.00, approve a project contingency of \$19,370.14, approve a total project expenditure of \$176,190.14 for the construction of the FY26 CDBG Sidewalk and Curb Ramp Project (No. 26-PW-303), and authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the contract and associated documents.

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 Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 30, Article LIV of the Gilroy City Code Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (Z 25-02)**

Planning Manager Michael Fossati provided a report and presentation.

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

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Determine the proposed ordinance is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15282(h) for the adoption of an ordinance regarding second units in a single-family or multifamily residential zone by a city or county to implement the provisions of Section 66314 and 66333 of the Government Code as set forth in Section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Zach Hilton

SECONDER: Mayor Greg Bozzo

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

Motion

Read the ordinance by title only and waive further reading of the 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 Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

Motion

Introduce the ordinance of the City Council of the City of Gilroy amending Chapter 30, Article LIV of the Gilroy City Code relating to accessory dwelling units.

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 Carol Marques, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

2. Consider Adopting an Urgency Interim Ordinance Prohibiting the Issuance of Tobacco Retailer Permits for a Period Not to Exceed Forty-Five (45) Days within the Downtown Specific Plan Area (M 25-13)

Planning Manager Michael Fossati provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:40 P.M.

Ashly Castillo - commented on not allowing more smoke shops in Downtown.

Saul Gonzalez - commented in favor of the urgency ordinance

Gary Walton - commented in favor of adopting the urgency ordinance.

Ron Kirkish - commented on DA Rosen not wanting to prosecute on drug charges.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Waive further readings and adopt an Urgency Interim Ordinance establishing a temporary prohibition on the issuance or approval of any new Tobacco Retailer Permits within the Downtown Specific Plan area within the City of Gilroy pursuant to Government Code Section 65858 and make findings, as incorporated in the ordinance, that adoption of the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, particularly regarding the protection of minors within the Downtown Specific Plan area.

RESULT: **Passed**

MOVER: Council Member Carol Marques

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

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Update on Downtown Plywood Storefront Ordinance and Downtown Vacancy Ordinance Proposal

Community Development Sharon Goei provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at P.M.

Gary Walton - commented on past partnerships and collaboration regarding Downtown and what it takes to bring in new tenants.

Maria Aguilar - commented on hiring artists to paint murals or paintings on the plywood store fronts.

Ron Kirkish - commented on creating a Santana Row atmosphere in Downtown Gilroy.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Report received.

Council directed staff to revive, update, and strengthen the expired Gilroy City Code Chapter 5D, "Vacant Commercial Space in the Downtown Historic and Downtown Expansion Districts," without a vacancy tax at this time, but with additional consideration in the future if Council feels it is needed.

9. FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

None.

10. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

No report.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

No report.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Houston announced the closed session item 12.1.

City Council adjourned to closed session at 8:47 P.M.

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

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 and Gilroy City Code Section 17A.11 Subdivision (3): One Case.**

13. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

Assistant City Attorney Houston announced that there was no reportable action.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 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 November 17, 2025.

Kim Mancera
City Clerk