

**City of Gilroy
City Council
Minutes
Monday, January 26, 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 Kelly Ramirez Mayor Greg Bozzo
Absent	Council Member Carol Marques

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 Trevor Van Laar led the Invocation.

6. Orders of the Day

Mayor Bozzo announced that Item 8.2 will be continued to the February 9, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting.

7. Employee Introductions

None.

2. 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 6:06 P.M.

Cindy Nunez - commented on the pedestrian/traffic accident near Las Animas school and asked for enhanced pedestrian safety at all Gilroy schools.

Brenda Hogue - commented on the pedestrian/traffic accident near Las Animas school and asked for enhanced pedestrian safety at all Gilroy schools.

Graham Melville - commented on the homeless situation in Gilroy and asked for the City's support.

Britt Smith - commented on the Gilroy Amazon data center.

Landon Sepulveda - commented on his concerns about the Amazon data center.

Laura Phillips - commented on concerns about the Amazon Data Center.

Jan Berstein Chargin - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and how it is working.

Sally Armendariz - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked the Council to extend the cleanup. She is also in favor of the beacon lights at all schools in Gilroy.

Robert Aguirre - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked the Council to listen and understand those who live there.

Miguel Flaquer - commented on the crosswalk striping near Glen View Elementary and the Veterans Day parade, and thanked the Council and City.

Joe Robinson - commented on the encampment sweeps and the safety of the community.

Rachael Wong - commented on Troop 711 working on their Eagle Scout badge and invited the community to their open house.

Shawna Scott - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked for the Council's support.

Ron Kirkish - commented on the appointment of Matt Morley and thanked the Council for bringing him on board. He also commented on "Camp Hope" and agrees that they should be given a chance.

Aubrey Tasbey - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked that the Council consider letting them stay for an additional 3 months.

Vanessa Ashford - commented on the success of the people who live at the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked for a 3-month extension.

Thomas Molina - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked the Council for their support.

Max Deleon - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked the Council

for their support of the unhoused.

Sam Brown - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked the Council for the residents to be able to stay another 3 months.

Rob Torres - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and issues regarding a relocation.

Linda Thomas - commented on the homeless residents in Gilroy and asked the community and Council to listen to their hearts.

Tom Chargin - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and asked for leeway and an extension.

Tristia Bauman - commented on the "Camp Hope" encampment and the benefit of having a solution in hand and not throwing it away.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

3. 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 - reported from Visit Gilroy, they are preparing for the Super Bowl and Fifa World Cup by adding two new sports pages to their website. Wineries of the Santa Clara Valley are sponsoring a new event. Visit Gilroy is working with the City of Gilroy re: potential TOT increase.

Council Member Hilton - reported from the Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) Policy Advisory Committee, they are ready for the Super Bowl and are expecting higher transportation use than the Taylor Swift concert. Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) will join a large group of energy providers committing to purchase energy from the Willow Rock Compressed Air Energy Storage Project. Electric vehicle programs are evolving as well. He spoke about the heartbreaking Glen Loma incident and advised that his office is there to provide any support needed and that his thoughts are with the families involved.

Council Member Ramirez - reported that she shares in the grief of the Glen Loma tragic accident. She attended the League of Cal Cities Mayor and Council Member Academy. She was previously selected to serve on the policy committee for Housing, Community and Economic Development, and spent the day reviewing policies and creating a work plan for this year. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to be able to attend.

Council Member Cline - No report. He mentioned that he had an emergency situation arise and wanted to say thank you to Captain MacPhail and his team, who showed up and helped. He also thanked his fellow Council Members who have supported him and all the people who have prayed.

Mayor Bozzo - reported that he attended a ribbon-cutting at Sharetea. He mentioned that the ownership group there was impressed with all of the staff that they dealt with throughout the process, and he thanked all staff involved. He reported on his trip to Sacramento and his meeting with Assembly Member Robert Rivas. He was able to share some of the accomplishments they made last year. He also shared the potential of the Civic Center and Santa Theresa extending to 101/125 interchange. He connected with Senator Laird and Cortese. He reported from Gilroy Gardens that the Halloween and North Pole nights were very successful this year. He reported South County Youth Task Force (SCYTF) does a lot of teen diversion, and they do a late-night gym at Wheeler Center every Thursday night. He was invited to play basketball with the kids and will report back on that.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

1. Continued Interviews and Appointment of Boards, Commissions, and Committee Members

City Clerk Kim Mancera provided a report.

The following applicants participated in commission interviews.

Library Commission

Janet Lee

Joseph Coughlan

Open Government Commission

Sharpy Sandhu

Parks and Recreation Commission

Greg Felios

Andrew Brinton

Jesse Jimenez

Emily Miller

Personnel Commission

Sharpy Sandhu

Planning Commission

Britt Smith

Payman Khodabandeh

Makhan Gupta

The following appointments were made by the City Council.

Arts and Culture Commission

Makhan Gupta - Full term

Camille McCormack - Full term

Library Commission

Christina Tovar - Partial term

Joseph Coughlan - Partial term

Open Government Commission

Blanca McMurray - Full term

Parks and Recreation Commission

Greg Felios - Partial term

Andrew Brinton - Full term

Jesse Jimenez - Full term

Emily Miller - Full term

Personnel Commission
Sharpy Sandhu - Full term
Danny Mitchell - Full term

Planning Commission
Martha Martinez - Full term

Final appointments to the Planning Commission will be made on February 9, 2026.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 7:33 P.M.

Ron Kirkish - commented on his concern about item 5.3 and the grant received by Silicon Valley Clean Energy.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Approve

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Tom Cline

SECONDER: Council Member Dion Bracco

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Carol Marques

Mayor Bozzo congratulated Raissa de la Rosa, the new Economic Development Director for the City of Gilroy.

- 1. Approve the minutes of the December 30, 2025 City Council Special Meeting, January 5, 2026 Regular Meeting, and the January 10, 2026 Coffee with the Mayor**
- 2. Award of Contract to Ross Recreation for Playground Retrofits at Rainbow Park with a 5% contingency of \$10,026, not to exceed \$210,538**
- 3. Authorize the City Administrator to Execute a Grant Agreement with Silicon Valley Clean Energy in the Amount of \$235,178, and Adopt a Resolution to Amend the FY2024-2028 Capital Improvement Program to add the EV Fleet Expansion and Depot Charging Project, and Amend FY2026-27 Budget to Appropriate the \$240,178 for the Project.**
- 4. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of a Farmland Security Zone (FSZ) for a 570-Acre Agricultural Parcel within the City of Gilroy's Sphere of Influence**

5. **Consent the City Administrator's Recommendation to Appoint Raissa de la Rosa to the Department Head Position of Economic Development Director**
6. **Council Ratification of Mayor Bozzo's Travel Reimbursement For The State of the State and Meeting with Speaker of the Assembly Robert Rivas**

6. BIDS AND PROPOSALS

1. **Award the Purchase of a Rosenbauer Type I Fire Engine in the Amount of \$1,058,224.31 Utilizing the Sourcewell Tag-On Contract No. 113021-RSD**

Interim Administrative Services & Human Resources Director/Risk Manager LeeAnn McPhillips provided a report.

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

Ron Kirkish - commented on the need for a new fire truck and that he agrees.

With no further speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a budget amendment resolution in the amount of \$1,058,224.31 to purchase a Type I Fire Engine.

- RESULT:** **Passed**
- MOVER:** Council Member Kelly Ramirez
- SECONDER:** Council Member Dion Bracco
- AYES:** Council Member Dion Bracco, Council Member Tom Cline, Council Member Terence Fugazzi, Council Member Zach Hilton, Council Member Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Council Member Carol Marques

Motion

Award the purchase of a Rosenbauer Type I Fire Engine in the amount of \$1,058,224.31 utilizing Sourcewell Contract No. 113021-RSD and authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the purchase contract documents,.

- 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 Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo
- NAYS:** None
- ABSENT:** Council Member Carol Marques

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Mobile Vending Ordinance and Pilot Program Update**

Economic Development Manager Victoria Valencia provided a report and presentation.

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

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a resolution extending the Mobile Vending Pilot Program through October 31, 2026, to provide additional time for program evaluation, stakeholder feedback, and the drafting of an updated ordinance, in addition the resolution shall incorporate amendments establishing a revocation and suspension process, authorizing the City to revoke or suspend the ability to operate within the City for any vendor who repeatedly violates City ordinances or the requirements of the Mobile Vending Pilot Program.

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Kelly Ramirez

SECONDER: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Carol Marques

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

2. Review and Adoption of Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund and Funding Policy

Interim City Administrator Harjot Sangha provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:29 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Review draft policy and adopt a resolution establishing a new Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund and funding policy.

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 Kelly Ramirez, Mayor Greg Bozzo

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Carol Marques

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Draft Request for Proposal (RFP), and Adopt a Resolution Appropriating \$310,000 for Preparation of the Parks and Recreational Trails Master Plan

Public Works Director John Doughty provided a report and presentation.

Mayor Bozzo opened public comment at 8:43 P.M.

With no speakers, Mayor Bozzo closed public comment.

Motion

Adopt a resolution appropriating \$310,000 from the newly established Capital Infrastructure Reserve Fund to Project 900780 to the FY26 Capital Budget,

RESULT: Passed

MOVER: Council Member Terence Fugazzi

SECONDER: Council Member Zach Hilton

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Council Member Carol Marques

2. Pilot Below Market Rate (BMR) Preservation Program Update and Overall BMR Housing Program Overview

This item has been continued to the February 9, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting.

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 8:44 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 February 9, 2026.

Kim Mancera
City Clerk