



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 08/18/2026

ITEM NO: 1

**DRAFT
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2026**

The Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting in person and via teleconference.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Rob Moore, Vice Mayor Maria Ristow, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Rob Rennie (participating remotely under Government Code Section 54953(b)(3)), Council Member Matthew Hudes.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Hudes led the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Moore welcomed the Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library presented a donation to the Los Gatos Library.

Mayor Moore stated the presentation by Silicon Valley Clean Energy will be deferred.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2026, Town Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2026, Closed Session Town Council Meeting.
3. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Traffic Management, Inc. to Increase the Contract Amount by \$43,006.15 for the 2026 Holiday Traffic Road Closures and Extend the Period of Performance to August 31, 2027.
4. Approve a Fourth Amendment to the Agreement for Services with Brightview Tree Care Services, Inc. to Increase Fiscal Year 2025–26 Compensation by \$41,117 for a Total Agreement Amount Not to Exceed \$1,117,232.
5. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to the Agreement for Services with H.A. Bowen Electric, Inc., Increasing Compensation by \$7,000 for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$152,335.
6. Authorize the Purchase of Library Books and Materials from Ingram During Fiscal Year 2026–27 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$132,800 and Waive Formal Bidding Requirements.
7. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Fifth Amendment to the Contract for Legal Services with the Law Firm of Atchison, Barisone & Condotti to Increase the Contract

Amount by \$10,000 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$350,000 for Services Provided During the Contract Term of December 2022 through June 30, 2026.

8. Approve the Revisions to the Town's Investment Policy as Recommended by the Finance Commission. **POLICY 4-02**
9. Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for May 2026.
10. Approve and Ratify the Accounts Payable Check Registers and Payroll Reports.
11. Adoption of Resolution Establishing a Policy Which Delegates Tort Liability Claims Handling Responsibilities to the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority (CJPIA). **RESOLUTION 2026-048**
12. Approve Response to 2026 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, "Pothole Damage: Improving Claims Processes within Santa Clara County" and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Transmittal Letter.
13. Approve Response to 2025-2026 Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury Report, "VTA's Management and Oversight of BART Silicon Valley Phase II" and Authorize the Mayor to Sign the Transmittal Letter.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on the consent items:

1. Member of the Public (Items 1-7)
2. Carin Yamamoto (Item 13)

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

(Video time: 00:15:40)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to approve consent items one through thirteen. **Seconded** by Vice Mayor Ristow.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke during verbal communications:

1. James Wetra
2. Member of the Public
3. Joe Enz
4. Nima Rouhi
5. Carin Yamamoto

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Conduct a Public Hearing to Consider Objections to the 2026 Weed Abatement Program Assessment Report and Adopt a Resolution Confirming the Report and Authorizing the Collection of the Assessment Charges **RESOLUTION 2026-049**

Paul Gonias, Project Analyst, presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

(Video time: 00:41:48)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to adopt a resolution confirming the 2026 Weed Abatement Program Assessment Report and authorize collection of [the] assessment charges. **Seconded** by Council Member Hudes.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

15. Consider a Recommendation of Approval by the Planning Commission and Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 (Zoning Regulations) of the Town Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Definitions

Sean Mullin, Planning Manager, gave a presentation.

Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

1. Cathy Weiner
2. Linda Swenberg

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item and provided feedback.

(Video time: 01:05:21)

MOTION: **Motion** by **Council Member Hudes** to continue this item to a date recommended by staff. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

OTHER BUSINESS

16. Introduction of an Omnibus Ordinance Amending the Town Code to Make Minor Updates and Clarifications **ORDINANCE 2385**

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, gave a presentation.

Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

(Video time: 01:29:42)

MOTION: **Motion** by **Council Member Badame** to introduce an ordinance amending various sections of the Town of Los Gatos Municipal Code to correct grammatical errors, clarify existing provisions, ensure consistency with current state and federal law, and make administrative, technical, and non-substantive changes. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow**.

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.**

17. Electronic Pet Containment and Town's Fence Regulations

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, gave a presentation.

Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individual spoke on this item:

1. Keith Blaine

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item and received the report.

(Video time: 01:45:58)

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Ristow [to direct] staff [to] come back in November with an ordinance change, to consider allowing electronic fences in the hillsides [and] also for properties that may not be in the hillsides that are over an acre.
Seconded by Council Member Badame.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Moore called a recess at 8:59 p.m.

Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

18. Allocation of \$20,000 in Supplemental Sustaining Grant Funds and Consideration of Continued Funding Eligibility for Counseling and Support Services for Youth (CASSY)

Ryan Baker, Library Director, presented the staff report.

Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

1. Amy Gibson
2. Mary Gloner

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

(Video time: 02:59:52)

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Rennie [to approve the funding] for towel and laundry vouchers [\$1,200], Saint Vincent de Paul for rental assistance [\$5,000]; and Live Oak Nutrition Center [\$10,000], and cut CASSY's funding to \$5,000 from \$10,000; and [return the remaining unallocated funds] to the general fund.
Seconded by Vice Mayor Ristow.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-2 by roll call vote. Council Member Badame and Council Member Hudes voted no.

(Video time: 03:14:45)

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Motion by Council Member Hudes to take the existing motion under advisement and to continue this item to the next council meeting following the Finance Commission's review of the community grant program. **AMENDMENT:**

to the first [Council] meeting in September. **Seconded by Member Badame.**

VOTE: Motion failed 2-3 by roll call vote. Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Ristow, and Council Member Rennie voted no.

COUNCIL MATTERS

- Council Member Rennie stated the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA) Risk Oversight Committee met twice; he received an update on the El Camino Hospital redevelopment; and met with an applicant for the Finance Commission.
- Council Member Badame stated she participated in the 75th Anniversary of Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) and met with residents concerning pending developments.
- Vice Mayor Ristow stated she attended the Association of Bay Area of Government (ABAG) General Assembly meeting; toured West Valley College; attended the El Camino Hospital rebuild community open house; toured the Highway 17 overcrossing; attended Symphony in the Park; Good Samaritan Community Advisory Committee; met with community on cut-through traffic, e-bike issues, active transportation, proposed developments, North 40; met with candidates running for Town Council and other Councils; attended Music in the Park, Gold Thursdays, Jazz on the Plazz, and World Cup watch parties.
- Council Member Hudes stated he participated in a Wildfire Advisory meeting; attended the El Camino Open House; met with a developer regarding a proposal for the Mirassou school site; discussed with residents and developers regarding SB 330 sites, the West Valley Muslim Association (WVMA) conditional use permit (CUP).
- Mayor Moore stated he attended Symphony in the Park; a ride-a-long with the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Police Department; toured a CalFire Alma Helitack base; attended Jazz on the Plazz, Music in the Park; met with PG&E representatives; met with the President of San Jose Water; attended the CJPIA annual meeting; and attended Los Gatos-Saratoga Recreation Summer Senior Picnic.

MANAGER MATTERS

Chris Constantin, Town Manager

- Announced the Los Gatos High School District put out a press release that it will open the track and field to the community when it is not in use by students or permittees.
- Discussed the results of the High School District's survey regarding binge drinking and a public information campaign to help educate the public.
- Commented on wildfire risk in Los Gatos.

ATTORNEY MATTERS AND CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney

- Stated there were no items to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Jenna De Long, Deputy Town Clerk