



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 11/18/2025

ITEM NO: 2

**DRAFT
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Matthew Hudes, Vice Mayor Rob Moore, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Rob Rennie, Council Member Maria Ristow.

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hudes invited the members of the public to join the Council with the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2025, Joint Town Council and Planning Commission Special Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2025, Town Council Meeting.
3. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to Brightview Tree Care Services, Inc. Agreement for Services to Reduce Tree Maintenance Services and Compensation Through June 30, 2028.
4. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Notice of Completion for the Shannon Pedestrian and Bikeway Improvement Project (CIP No. 18-813-0218; Federal Project No. CML-5067(024)) and Authorize Staff to Record the Notice of Completion.
5. Adopt an Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos to *Repeal* and Replace Town Code Chapter 29, Article IX, "Floodplain Management," In its Entirety, and Adopt the Updated Flood Hazard Maps. Ordinance Title: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Amending the Town Code to Repeal Town Code Chapter 29, Article IX, "Floodplain Management," and Replace it with a New Chapter 29, Article IX, "Floodplain Management," in its Entirety, Including Adoption of Updated Flood Hazard Maps. **ORDINANCE 2378**
6. Approve Modifications to the Town's General Fund Reserve Policy as Recommended by the Finance Commission.
7. Item Removed.
8. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement for Services with OpenGov, Inc., Revising the Scope of Work at No Additional Cost.

9. Accept Grant Funding from the Town's Citizens Option for Public Safety/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (COPS/SLESF) and Authorize Revenue and Expenditure Adjustments in the Amount of \$11,850 to Reflect a Decrease in FY 2025-26 COPS SLESF Grant Program funding Revenue Received from the City of Monte Sereno.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Member of the Public

- Commented on concerns related to item two.

Lee Fagot

- Commented on concerns related to item five.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Ristow to approve items one through nine on the consent calendar. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Moore**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Hudes abstaining from item one.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Susan Bassi

- Commented on various concerns.

Joe Enz, Friends of the Los Gatos Creek

- Commented on concerns with various individuals.

Member of the Public

- Commented on various concerns.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Adopt a Resolution To Confirm the Town's Policy in Support of Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Introduce an Ordinance, by Title Only, Repealing Chapter 6, "Building Regulations," and Chapter 9, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the Town of Los Gatos Municipal Code, and Replacing Them with a New Chapter 6, "Building Codes and Regulations," that Includes the New 2025 California Building, Fire, and Reach Codes as Amended. Amendments Include Updated Fire Safety Requirements in Wildland Urban Interface Areas for New, Renovated, or Repaired Structures, as well as Reach Codes Affecting Air Conditioning Replacement and Electrical Readiness in Renovations/Alterations. Alternatively, introduce an Ordinance without the Reach Code provisions. Town Code Amendment Application A-25-005. Project Location: Town Wide. Applicant: Town of Los

Gatos. Ordinance Titles: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Repealing Chapter 6, "Building Regulations," and Chapter 9, "Fire Prevention and Protection," and Replacing Them with a New Chapter 6, "Building Codes and Regulations," that Includes the New 2025 California Building, Fire, and Reach Codes, as Amended; or An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Repealing Chapter 6, "Building Regulations," and Chapter 9, "Fire Prevention and Protection," and Replacing Them with a New Chapter 6, "Building Codes and Regulations," that Includes the New 2025 California Building, and Fire Codes as Amended. Amendments Include Updated Fire Safety Requirements in Wildland Urban Interface Areas for New, Renovated, or Repaired Structures. **RESOLUTION 2025-058**

Robert Gray, Chief Building Official, presented the staff report.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Nova Jayaraj

- Commented on the item and stated support for implementing the Air Conditioning (AC) to heat pump building code update.

Prisha Gupta

- Commented on the item and stated support for integrating the new building code regulations.

Dashiell Leeds

- Commented on the item and stated support for the adoption of the building codes, including the reach codes provisions.

Ryan C

- Commented on concerns with the requirement for electric readiness.

Member of the Public

- Commented on concerns with strict and costly policies.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

Tony Eulo, representative from Silicon Valley Clean Energy, answered Council questions.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Ristow** to adopt a resolution in attachment one confirming Town policy on greenhouse gas emissions reduction; and introduce an ordinance in attachment two, by title only, repealing Chapter 6, Building Regulations, and Chapter 9, Fire Prevention and Protection, of the Town Code, and

replacing them with a new Chapter 6, Building Codes and Regulations, that includes the new 2025 California Building, Fire, and Reach Codes as amended. Amendments include updated fire safety requirements in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas for new, renovated, or repaired structures, as well as Reach Codes addressing Air Conditioning replacement (AC to Heat Pump) and Electrical Readiness. **Seconded by Vice Mayor Moore.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

11. Consider a Recommendation by the Planning Commission to Approve Architecture and Site and Zone Change Applications to Demolish the Existing Single-Family Residence, Construct a New Single-Family Residence, Site Improvements Requiring a Grading Permit, and Introduce an Ordinance Effecting a Zone Change from O (Office) to R-1:8 (Single-Family Residential, Minimum Lot Size of 8,000 Square Feet). Located at 14331 Capri Drive. APN 406-32-004. Architecture and Site Application S-24-043 and Zone Change Application Z-23-005. Categorically Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303: New Construction, and Section 15061(b)(3): Common Sense Exemption. Property Owner: Ravi Kiran Vallamdas. Applicant: Gordon K. Wong. Project Planner: Ryan Safty.
Ordinance Title: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Amending the Zoning from O (Office) to R-1:8 (Single-Family Residential, Minimum Lot Size of 8,000 Square Feet) for Property Located at 14331 Capri Drive. **RESOLUTION 2025-059**

Ryan Safty, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

Mayor Hudes and Council Member Ristow stated they visited the site and did not speak to anyone.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Kevin Yu, the architect from GKW Architects, gave a brief presentation on the project.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to introduce the ordinance effecting the Zone Change in attachment two; adopt the resolution making the required findings and considerations to approve the Architecture and Site application in attachment three; and approve Zone Change application Z-23-005 to introduce the Zone Change Ordinance in attachment two, approve Architecture and Site application S-24-043 inclusive of the recommended Conditions of Approval included as Exhibit A of attachment three, and the development plans included as Exhibit 11 of attachment

four, and the revised architectural plans included in attachment nine. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Moore**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hudes called a recess at 8:39 p.m.

Mayor Hudes reconvened the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

12. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute and Renegotiate a 10-Year Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Axon ISLE 10+ Program Including Body-Worn Cameras, Vehicle Fleet Cameras, Tasers, Axon Fusus Integrated Software, Axon Drone First Responder Technology, Axon Standards, and Axon VR Training Simulator for a total amount not to exceed \$2,791,568; and authorize revenue and expenditure budget adjustments in the amount of \$26,820 to reflect increased donation revenue received from the Police Foundation and the corresponding expenditures associated with the Axon agreement.

Clinton Tada, Support Services Captain, presented the staff report.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

Adam Smith and Andy Grapp, representatives from Axon, answered Council questions.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to authorize the Town Manager to execute and negotiate a 10-year agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Axon Integrated Safety and Law Enforcement (ISLE) 10+ program, encompassing body-worn cameras, fleet cameras, Tasers, real-time crime center integration, drone technology, Axon Standards, and Axon VR training for a total amount not to exceed \$2,791,568; and authorize revenue and expenditure budget adjustments in the amount of \$26,820 to reflect increased donation revenue received from the Police Foundation and the corresponding expenditures associated with the Axon agreement. **Seconded** by **Council Member Ristow**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Informational Report on E-Bike Safety, Education, Enforcement, and Legislation.

Jamie Field, Chief of Police, presented the staff report.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Member of the Public

- Commented on safety concerns.

Lee Fagot

- Commented on E-Bike safety and regulations.

Yamamoto

- Commented on E-Bike safety and laws.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

No action was taken.

COUNCIL/TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Council Matters

- Council Member Rennie stated he attended the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Risk Oversight Committee meeting, the Valley Water Advisory Commission meeting; met with Tony Eolo from Silicon Valley Clean Energy; toured the West Valley Community College campus; met with a resident regarding Pickleball at La Rinconada park; and attended the groundbreaking at the Los Gatos Lodge site.
- Vice Mayor Moore stated he spoke to the Los Gatos Leadership class, the Stratford Los Gatos Student Council election participants; participated a panel for West Valley Community Services on health and homelessness; spoke to residence of the Terraces of Los Gatos; attended the Los Gatos Union School District Civil Leaders strategic planning session, the Pickleball Parks and Sustainability Commission special meeting, the Planning Commission meeting regarding the North 40; attended the groundbreaking at the Los Gatos Lodge site, and spent Halloween on Tait Ave.
- Council Member Badame stated she participated in a resident Wildfire Advisory Group meeting and the Council Policy Committee meeting.
- Council Member Ristow stated she met with residents regarding pickleball issue; attended the Pickleball Parks and Sustainability Commission special meeting; met with Silicon Valley Clean Energy staff regarding Reach Codes; attended the Council Policy Committee meeting, met with residents regarding traffic calming and Firewise community; met with a member of the Historic Preservation Committee, the Good Ol' Gals, the Los Union School District Assistant Superintendent to discuss e-bike safety for k-8 graders; attended the Summer Hills groundbreaking at the Los Gatos Lodge site.

- Mayor Hudes stated he attended the West Managers and Mayor meeting; participated in the ribbon cutting for Butter Paddle, the Community Health and Senior Services Commission meeting; tour of West Valley Community College; participated in the Council Policy Committee, the Los Gatos Union School District strategic planning session, the ribbon cutting at the new incident command post at the Pacific Clinic property and Los Gatos Thrives meetings.

Town Manager Matters

Chris Constantin, Town Manager

- Spoke about West Valley Community College, and attended a regional Wildfire planning session hosted by Congressman Sam Liccardo.

Closed Session Report

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney

- Stated that the Town Council met in closed session to discuss two items: one item was anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9, and the other item was employee evaluations for the Town Manager and Town Attorney pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, and there is no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keara Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk