



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/15/2025

ITEM NO: 2

**DRAFT
Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

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

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Hudes presented a proclamation declaring April 2025 as Los Gatos Poetry Month. Poet Laureate William Ward Butler read a poem.

Representatives from West Valley Community Services gave a presentation on its impact report.

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Closed Session Town Council Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Town Council Meeting.
3. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Certificate of Acceptance and Notice of Completion for the 2024 Annual Street Repair and Resurfacing Project (CIP No. 811-9901), Completed by O'Grady Paving, and Authorize the Town Clerk to File for Recordation.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Gus Who

- Commented on concerns related to item two.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Sergio Jimenez, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)

- Introduced himself as the new Government Affairs representative for PG&E and point of contact for elected officials and staff members.

Kellie Garton

- Commented on concerns with Senate Bill 9 (SB9) and public safety.

Lynley

- Commented on a variety of concerns related to public conduct and local leadership, and requested the Council consider a submitted proclamation.

Chris Wiley

- Commented on concerns with safety at crosswalks, spoke about the “daylighting” law, and volunteered to paint curbs.

Gus Who

- Commented on concerns with censorship, newspaper articles, Lynne Ave traffic safety, and the World Cup.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff on Options and Budget Considerations for the Town’s Annual Special Events for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Monica Renn, Economic Vitality Manager, presented the staff report.

Council asked preliminary questions.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Jennifer Lin, Chamber of Commerce

- Requested the Council consider increasing its investment in the Chamber’s Taste of Los Gatos Event as an alternative option for creating a separate Town event.

Teri Hope, Chamber of Commerce

- Commented on the Taste of Los Gatos Event and requested the Council provide funding to make it a larger scale event.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to eliminate Screen on the Green and direct no additional changes to the annual Town events. Seconded by Council Member

Ristow. AMENDMENT: Encourage the Town and Chamber to explore an international food and cultural festival and bring [options] back with the budget.

Council Member Ristow did not accept the amendment and rescinded her second. The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Moore to eliminate Screen on the Green and direct staff to work with the Chamber of Commerce to identify ways to support the Taste of Los Gatos in advance of [the Town] budget session, and work with non-profit partners to identify ways to reduce the costs of putting on events in Los Gatos. **Seconded by Mayor Hudes.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Receive a Report on the Montebello Bollard Project (CIP No. 813-0235) and Provide Direction to Staff.

Saurabh Nijhawan, Senior Civil Engineer, presented the staff report.

Council asked preliminary questions.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Lee Fagot

- Inquired if the developer of the Post Office could help offset the cost of bollards.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council asked questions and discussed the item.

MOTION: Motion by Council Member Badame to accept the report and to not make any decision as far as safety enhancements or expenditure of \$50,000 at this time. **Seconded by Council Member Rennie.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL/TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Council Matters

- Council Member Badame stated she participated in a meeting of resident wildfire advisory group meeting, a Council Policy Committee meeting, and a Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) Board meeting.

- Council Member Ristow stated she helped put on a Community Open House at the Terraces of Los Gatos; met with Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA) policy members; attended a presentation by Jewish Family Services, a Council Policy Committee meeting as an attendee; met with a representative for the Twin Oaks proposal; attended an event for Women's History Month by Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, the West Valley Community Services (WVCS) Chefs of Compassion Fundraiser Event; hosted a reception for Assemblymember Gail Pelerin; and attended a celebration for Former County Supervisor Joe Simitian.
- Vice Mayor Moore stated he attended the WVCS Chefs of Compassion Event, the Union School District Health and Wellness Fair; met with Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District Superintendent Health Rocha; attended a Plant Based Advocates Potluck, a Los Gatos Anti-Racism Coalition Book Club; Silicon Valley at Home (SV@Home) Affordable Housing Elected Officials Roundtable; and complied ways for young people to find internships.
- Council Member Rennie stated he attended an event for Women's History Month by Supervisor Margaret Abe-Koga, and a Silicon Valley Clean Energy Authority (SVCEA) Risk Oversight Committee meeting.
- Mayor Hudes stated he attended many meetings, and the second-grade science expo at Stratford School.

Town Manager Matters

- Announced ten residents graduated from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program.
- Announced the Third Annual "Are You Prepared" Meet and Greet which will occur on May 1 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Calvary Church of Los Gatos.
- Announced that on March 28, the Town of Los Gatos filed a Declaratory Relief Action to seek judicial clarification of the Town's and property owner's legal rights and obligation under the Government Code and stated more information is on the Town's website regarding the filing.
- Announced applications are being accepted for short-term vacancies on the General Plan Committee, Personnel Board, and Planning Commission, more information can be found on the website.

Closed Session Report

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, stated the Town Council met in closed session to discuss and two matters of real property negotiations pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8 and one employee performance evaluation pursuant to Government Code section 54957, and there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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SUBJECT: Draft Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of April 1, 2025

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Jenna De Long, Deputy Town Clerk