



TOWN OF LOS GATOS COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting Tuesday, September 2, 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 Gabriel Oliveria to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

PRESENTATIONS

John Tang, representative from San Jose Water Company, gave a presentation on Water Infrastructure and Rates.

Craig Gleason from the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District gave a presentation on the District and provided updates on recent projects.

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

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2025, Town Council Meeting.
2. Appoint the Voting Delegate and Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference the League of California Cities Annual Conference Scheduled for October 8 – 10, 2025, in Long Beach.
3. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Agreement for Services with New Image Landscaping, Co. to include the Median Island Landscape Maintenance in Front of the North 40 Phase I.
4. Authorize Town Manager or Designee to Enter into a Three Year Legal Services Agreement with Jarvis Fay LLP for a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$120,000.
5. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Contract for Legal Services with the Law Firm of Goldfarb & Lipman to Increase the Contract Amount by \$3,000, for a Total Contract Amount Not to Exceed \$308,000.
6. Authorize the Town Manager or Designee to Enter into a Litigation Legal Services Agreement for FY 2025-26 with Goldfarb and Lipman in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000 and Authorize an Expenditure Budget Adjustment of \$200,000 from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance.

7. Adopt an Interim Resolution to Redefine the Role of Youth Commissioners from Voting Members to Non-Voting Liaisons in All Commission Enabling Resolutions, Effective Until Formal Updates Are Adopted. **RESOLUTION 2025-048**

Council asked questions.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

Member of the Public

- Commented on concerns related to items one and five.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

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

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ed Lucey

- Commented on concerns regarding tree removal requirements and requested an amendment to the Tree Ordinance.

Gus Who

- Commented on various concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," Article V, "Police Alarms," of the Town Code to Require Alarm Permits for Residences and Render Residential False Alarms Subject to Penalties. Ordinance Title: An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos Amending Article V, "Police Alarms," of Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," of the Town Code.

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, presented the staff report.

Council discussed the item.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Ristow** to introduce an ordinance amending Chapter 14, "Licenses and Miscellaneous Business Regulations," Article V, "Police Alarms," of the Town Code to require alarm permits for residences and render residential false alarms subject to penalties and include the wording "judicial or administrative hearing" at the end of section 14.50.095. Seconded by **Council Member Badame**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Ristow** to make the effective date for the new false alarm ordinance be January 1, 2026. Seconded by **Vice Mayor Moore**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize Town Manager to Take All Necessary Steps and Execute Appropriate Documents to Participate in the Opioid Settlement Agreement with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family and Agree to the State Subdivision Agreements

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, presented the staff report.

Mayor Hudes opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

Mayor Hudes reopened public comment.

Carin Yamamoto

- Commented on concerns regarding youth opioid use.

Mayor Hudes closed public comment.

MOTION: Motion by **Council Member Badame** to authorize the Town Manager to execute, in substantially the form attached, the State Subdivision Agreement required for participation in the opioid settlement with Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family, and to take any other necessary steps and sign any other required agreements. Seconded by **Vice Mayor Moore**.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL/TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

Council Matters

- Council Member Badame stated she participated in Congressman Sam Liccardo's Wildfire Safety Press Conference, the Council Policy Committee meeting, and spoke with constituents regarding a potential development.
- Council Member Ristow stated she participated in Congressman Sam Liccardo's Wildfire Safety Press Conference and is working with the Vice Mayor to help increase safety for e-bike riders and reduce the use of illegal e-motorcycles.
- Vice Mayor Moore stated he participated in Congressman Sam Liccardo's Wildfire Safety Press Conference; attended the Campbell State of the City; spoke with Los Gatos Scout Troop 2; participated in the Rotary Great Race; and made a request to add a future discussion on a proposal focused on education, registration, legislation, and enforcement of e-bikes and illegal e-motorcycles.
- Council Member Rennie stated he met with the North 40 Phase II developer; attended the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Risk Oversight Committee meeting, and the Valley Water Advisory meeting.
- Mayor Hudes stated he participated in Congressman Sam Liccardo's Wildfire Safety Press Conference; attended a Federal Funding briefing; participated in the Wildfire Resilience meeting; met with the Los Gatos Thrives Board of Directors; attended the last Music in the Park for 2025; participated in the Council Policy meeting, West Valley Manager and Mayor meeting, the Silicon Valley back-to-school night; and taught the Ham Cram Exam at El Camino Hospital.

Town Manager Matters

- Spoke about Congressman Sam Liccardo's Wildfire Safety Press Conference.
- Announced that on September 8 and 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Caltrans will close lane two of Hwy 17, from Redwood Estates to Summit Road, for roadside vegetation control.

Closed Session Report

- Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney, stated that the Town Council met in closed session to discuss a workers' compensation claim submitted by Mr. Ezgar. The meeting was held pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(1), and there is no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

/s/ Keara Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk