Minutes of the Town Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL
Present: Mayor Rob Moore, Vice Mayor Ristow, Council Member Mary Badame, Council Member Rennie, Council Member Matthew Hudes
Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Eight K-Kids from Van Meter Middle School led the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience was invited to participate.

PRESENTATIONS
Mayor Moore presented Tylor Taylor and Amy Fasnacht the owner of Azuca with certificates of recognition.

A representative from West Valley Recycles gave a presentation.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)
1. Approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2026 Town Council Special Meeting.
2. Approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2026 Town Council Meeting.
3. Receive the August 2026 Expenditure and Revenue Reports.
4. Receive the Monthly Financial and Investment Report for August 2026.
5. Approve and Ratify the Accounts Payable Check Registers and Payroll Report.
6. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a First Amendment with Foster and Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., to Amend the Scope of Services.
7. Authorize the Town Manager or Designee to Enter into a Three-Year Agreement with ClearGov for Budget and Planning Suite and Personnel Budgeting Software in an Amount Not to Exceed $175,366.
8. Authorize the Town Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Lease Agreement with the Friends of the Los Gatos Library.
9. Authorize the Town Manager to execute an Amendment to the Annual Agreement for Services with the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce, for a One-Time Increase in Funding From $88,000 to a Not to Exceed Amount of $108,000 for FY 2026-27, to Further Support Visitor Attraction and Engagement Services Provided by the Los Gatos Chamber of Commerce.

10. Receive the Finance Commission's Recommendation and Authorize the Town Manager to Execute an Agreement with Badawi & Associates to Provide Auditing Services for the Town of Los Gatos.
11. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an AB 130 Tolling Agreement for a Townhome Project Located at 15495 Los Gatos Boulevard. **RESOLUTION 2026-058**

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individual spoke on the consent items:

1. Member of the Public (Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10,11)
2. Lee Fagot (Item 9)
3. KBT

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

(Video time: 00:46:42)
MOTION: **Motion** by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to approve items one through eleven on consent. **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS
Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke during verbal communications:

1. Raania Monsen
2. Nancy Walker
3. Kerry Lindholm
4. Rick Newell
5. Shanda Witkin
6. Gordon Yamate
7. Dorene Kastelman
8. James Kastelman
9. Louisa Horwath
10. Caroline Nauss
11. Guy Shaham
12. Kjirste Morrell
13. Nova Jayaraj
14. Sophia Lozano
15. Alice Foster
16. Anna Victor

17. Patricia James
18. Austin
19. Shawn Blakeman
20. Member of the Public
21. Joe Enz
22. Josh
23. Nazzi Shishido
24. Lee Quintana
25. Cara Silver
26. Tim M
27. KBT
28. Leanne
29. Hansel A. Aguilar, Ph.D.
30. Showing Up For Racial Justice
31. Ellen T
32. Catwomen de Los Gatos

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Authorize the Town Manager to Execute a Two-Year Professional Services Agreement with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for CIP Program Management; Authorize Re-assignment of the Kennedy Road Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project to Tier 1; and Authorize a Budget Adjustment from the Available Unassigned GFAR Fund Balance.

Nicolle Burnham, Parks and Public Works Director, presented the staff report.

The Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

1. Member of the Public

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

(Video time: 02:19:57)

MOTION: **Motion** by **Vice Mayor Ristow** to authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Services with Transtech Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed $1,018,000; authorize the Town Manager to re-assign the Kennedy Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project from Tier 2 to Tier 1; and authorize a

budget adjustment in the amount of $150,000 to fund the Kennedy Road Sidewalk and Bike Lanes Project Feasibility Analysis. **Seconded** by **Council Member Rennie.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously**

Mayor Moore called a recess at 9:25 p.m.
Mayor Moore reconvened the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

2. Consider a Recommendation by the Planning Commission to Introduce an Ordinance Amending Chapter 29 (Zoning Regulations) of the Town Code Regarding Objective Design Standards for Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Dwelling Units and Second-Story Additions. The Proposed Amendments to the Town Code are Not Subject to CEQA Review Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3) Because it can be Seen with Certainty that they will not Significantly Affect the Physical Environment in that they Make Minor Changes to the Regulations and Design Review Process Applicable to New Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Dwelling Units and Second-Story Additions. Town Code Amendment Application A-26-003. Project Location: Town Wide. Applicant: Town of Los Gatos. Project Planner: Ryan Safty.

Ryan Safty, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

The Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

1. Austin
2. Ivy Chang
3. Lee Quintana

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

(Video time: 03:28:22)

MOTION: **Motion** by **Council Member Hudes** to accept the recommendations by the Planning Commission to introduce an Ordinance amending Chapter 29 (Zoning Regulations) of the Town Code regarding objective design standards for single-family and two-family residential dwelling units and second-story additions, and make the required findings for CEQA and the General Plan as written on page 300 [of the agenda packet]. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Consider a Recommendation of Approval by the Planning Commission to Adopt a Resolution Amending the North Forty Specific Plan to Allow for a Senior Living Facility to be Authorized as a Permitted Use in the Northern District on Properties Zoned North Forty Specific Plan and North Forty Specific Plan: Housing Element Overlay Zone. Project Location: North Forty Specific Plan Area. North Forty Specific Plan Amendment Application A-26-002. Not Subject to CEQA Review Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) Because it Can Be Seen with Certainty That There Is No Possibility That the Amendment to the Specific Plan Would Have a Significant Effect on the Environment. All Projects to which the Specific Plan Applies Will Undergo Separate CEQA Review and Approval. Additionally, the Town Council Certified an Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the North Forty Specific Plan on January 20, 2015; Therefore, No Additional Environmental Review is Necessary for the Proposed Amendment. Property Owner: Tama Holdings LLC. Applicant: Jared Gamelin. Project Planner: Jocelyn Shoopman.

Jocelyn Shoopman, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

The Council asked questions.

Mayor Moore opened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

No one spoke.

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item.

Mayor Moore reopened public comment.

The following individuals spoke on this item:

1. Michaelle Williams and Jeffery Current (representatives of the applicant)

Mayor Moore closed public comment.

Council discussed the item further.

(Video time: 03:49:04)

MOTION: **Motion** by **Council Member Hudes** to continue this item, for staff to come back with more definition about senior living facilities and how many units or ratios would be appropriate for us to consider. **Seconded** by **Council Member Rennie.**

VOTE: **Motion passed 4-1. Vice Mayor Ristow voted no.**

(Video time: 03:58:37)
MOTION: **Motion** by **Mayor Moore** to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

COUNCIL MATTERS

a. Discussion Potential Future Council Consideration of Requests Associated with a Multi-Cultural Winter Celebration.

Chris Constantin, Town Manager, provided information.

Council discussed the item.

Monica Renn, Economic Vitality Manager, provided additional information.

Council discussed the item further.

(Video time: 04:21:03)
MOTION: **Motion** by **Mayor Moore** to have staff return to the Town Council at a future time undefined with options for executing a future multicultural event in Los Gatos. **Seconded** by **Vice Mayor Ristow.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Moore requested that the Town Council agendize an interim urgency ordinance that would pause any approvals for using property on Los Gatos for an immigration detention or processing facility, which would give staff time to draft permanent zoning rules for future Council consideration temporary.

(Video time: 04:25:14)
MOTION: **Motion** by **Mayor Moore** for staff to return to Council with the toolkit and the draft ordinance contained in the toolkit for the Council to consider taking action on at our November 2 meeting. **Seconded** by **Council Member Hudes.**

VOTE: **Motion passed 4-0-1. Council Member Badame abstained.**

- Council Member Badame stated she met with the Twin Oaks neighborhood and met with town residents.
- Vice Mayor Ristow stated she attended several meetings.

- Mayor Moore stated he met with the Van Meter K-Kids and attended the Cities Association Legislative Action Committee meeting.
- Council Member Hudes stated he spoke with Congressman Sam Liccardo.
- Council Member had nothing to report.

MANAGER MATTERS

Chris Constantin, Town Manager

- Stated he had nothing to report.

ATTORNEY MATTERS AND CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Gabrielle Whelan, Town Attorney

- Stated that the Town Council met in closed session to discuss existing litigation, in the case of Blanco versus the Town of Los Gatos, and there was nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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/s/ Keara Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk