

SALINAS CITY COUNCIL
UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2014

The City Council meeting convened at 4:00 p.m.

Present:

Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Jose Castañeda
Councilmember Kimbley Craig
Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa
Councilmember Jyl Lutes
Councilmember Steve McShane
Mayor Joe Gunter

Also Present:

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr. City Manager
Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney
Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

PRESENTATION

First Mayor's House Update

Mary Randall, Former Board Member and Education Coordinator provided an overview of the First Mayor's House. She outlined challenges faced by the museum, overview of the mission and activities hosted by the House. Mrs. Randall stated the public can participate in the House via student visits, *Open House First Saturdays*, scheduled group visits and other community events. The House has developed a third grade curriculum and learning through local history institutes. The House also offers multiple hands on activities for youth showcasing historical facts of both the City of Salinas and the Harvey Baker Family. The House will also begin planning an institute for 5th grade teacher and continue to work with the Railroad Institute to build the area as a tourist destination.

Councilmember McShane asked how the City can continue collaborating with the Harvey Baker House. In response, Mrs. Randall stated that the best way the City can assist is by getting the word out to the community about the House and further stated that the First Mayor's House board has been working closely with the Monterey County Historical Society to develop the curriculum for local schools.

Councilmember Castaneda asked for additional information regarding the historical facts that are presented through the institute. Mrs. Randall stated that the educators are provided with the entire history of the House and the City.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the First Mayor's House boards commitment and dedication in efforts to bring tourism to Salinas via its history, culture and education.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Castaneda appointed Joshua Kuzmics to the Police Community Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Castaneda asked for clarification regarding the recommendations by the Mayor to cancel future Police Community Advisory Committee meetings until future review. Councilmember Castaneda requested a future meeting of the City Council take place in the Alisal Area.

Councilmember McShane thanked the Mayor, Council, and staff that attended the Monterey County Board of Supervisors meeting to express their concerns regarding the purchase of the Capital One building.

Councilmember McShane requested a joint meeting with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and a future meeting in the Alisal.

Councilmember De La Rosa stated she has been receiving multiple complaints regarding mobile vendors and recommended revisiting the mobile vendor policy. Councilmember De la Rosa requested a workshop for the Council and staff focusing on the prevention of workplace bullying. Second by Lutes

Councilmember Craig announced the various events she attended during the Council recess which include the Californai Rodeo Association scholarship event, MCCVB meeting, PAL Boots and Bucks fundraiser, IMPWOER dinner, and the Rancho Cielo dinner. She added that she held a community meeting in District 5 to address the shooting in North Salinas.

Mayor Gunter announced an upcoming event sponsored by the city hosting the Mayor of Korea taking place on October 25, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Craig and second by Councilmember Lutes, the City Council adopted the Consent Agenda with the exception of ID#13-412 – Minutes, which were tabled and Consent ID#13-400 – 2nd reading, Proposed Ordinance to Ban Single –Use Carry Out Bags, and Consent ID#13-406 – PEG Services Bid Award, which were voted on separately. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Castañeda, Craig, De La Rosa, Lutes, McShane, and Mayor Gutner. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

ID#13-400, 2nd reading, Proposed Ordinance to Ban Single-Use Carryout Plastic Bags

The following audience members commented on the proposed ordinance:

Joe Viera
Matt Spiegl
Laura Casa
James Starkey Wolf
Sara Devilla
Lynn Hamilton
Estela Gutierrez
Hans Jones

Councilmember Lutes commented that it takes the City, County, and the community working together to protect the environment.

Councilmember Craig clarified that when the single-use bag ordinance was presented to Council, only two cities that had adopted the ordinance. She added that her main concern was cost for the bags to the consumers and is leased with the compromise.

COUNCIL ACTION

Upon motion by Councilmember McShane and second by Councilmember Lutes, the City Council adopted ORDINANCE 2550 prohibiting the use of single-use carryout plastic bags in the City of Salinas and approved a Class 7 and Class 8 Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Craig, De La Rosa, Lutes, McShane, and Mayor Gunter. NOES: Councilmember Castañeda. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

ID#13-404, Memorandum of Agreement with CHISPA for the Acosta Plaza Basketball Project

Councilmember Barrera requested that the City remain a partner in the Community on future projects. He further thanked CCA, Poder Popular, and COPA for bringing residents together for a good cause.

The following audience members commented on the Agreement:

Al Espindola

Eric

Viviana Hernandez

Azucena Barrios

Jessica Garcia

Lizbeth Bravo

Councilmember De La Rosa stated she is pleased to see the partnerships evolve between the City and CHIPA, COPA, CCA, and the community working together and taking ownership of project benefiting the community.

Councilmember Castaneda requested staff look at a level of standards for all City parks.

Mayor Gunter commended the Acosta Plaza Youth for taking the lead in getting the community involved.

ID#13-406, PEG Services Bid Award

Councilmember Craig stated that the original matrix was not included in the report presented to Council in July and asked for clarification regarding the approximate \$50,000 difference in the amount requested to provide PEG service. Mr. Pressey clarified as part of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process, there was a cost proposal prepared that was not included in the earlier report. Mr. Pressey added that Bid Notices were mailed to nine firms of which only two responded. The MCOE proposal came in at \$177,000, which was inaccurate and should have reflected an amount not to exceed \$120,000. The Armstrong Production proposal came in at \$107,000.

Mr. Hamish Tyler stated that the calculation was based on information that was incorrect as their budget for the services is capped at \$120,000. He added that there is a new mandate in education that is involved digital media. Mr. Tyler stated that if approved, the PEG Services Agreement can create an opportunity in digital media fostering new and unique programming that the City and community can look forward to.

Councilmember Castaneda asked for clarification regarding City practices relating verifying errors, omissions or potential mistakes on submitted bids with the vendors. Mr. Pressey stated that it is not common practice; however, it can be done if there is an evident error. Mr. Pressey added that in this case, the previous contract that was submitted capped at \$120,000 which is why it prompted the inquiry. Councilmember Castaneda asked if the City is required to accept the lowest bid. Mr. Pressey stated that because this is a professional services bid, the City is not required to accept the lowest bidder and further added that qualifications are a significant component of the submittals. Mr. Pressey clarified that the service agreement is a professional services contract, and under the City's financial policies, it is not required to go out to bid. The existing contract included a provision allowing for a five year extension of the contract, however, upon Council's request, staff went out to bid for the services.

The following audience member's commented on the Agreement:

Chuck Parker, MCOE

Tom Mooneyham, MCOE

Jesus Valdez, Millennium Charter High School Instructor

Kent Techmyer, Millennium Charter High School

Jack Petersen, Radio Broadcaster

Marylyn Cardinale, Millennium Charter High School

Hamish Tyler, MCOE

Councilmember Craig clarified that she is comfortable with the correction on the contract terms and that the proposed service agreement is a three year contract. She added that she hopes to see the City utilize the additional educational pieces that are outlined in the contract to highlight the City.

Councilmember Castaneda commented that he hopes to see more latino productions; he stated there is nothing against MCOE, it is more of an internal policy matter and stated he has strong reservations with the proposal. He stated the contracts should not be multiyear contracts especially when dealing with outside vendors; strongly against

Councilmembers expressed support of the agreement and commented that the agreement will provide an opportunity to grow the Salinas Channel.

COUNCIL ACTION

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera and second by Councilmember Lutes, the City Council adopted RESOLUTION awarding a contract for PEG Services to the Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) and authorizing the Finance Director to expend PEG Funds as necessary to support PEG activities. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Craig, De La Rosa, Lutes, McShane, and Mayor Gunter. NOES: Councilmember Castaneda. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

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ID#13-412 Minutes

Tabled minutes of July 8, 2014; July 22, 2014; August 6, 2014; and August 19, 2014.

ID#13-411 Financial Claims

Approved financial claims report.

ID#13-400 2nd reading, Proposed Ordinance to Ban Single-Use Carryout Plastic Bags

This item was voted on separately.

ID#13-369 Passenger Loading Zone along 25 Lincoln Avenue

Adopted RESOLUTION approving one passenger loading zone along Salinas Gateway Senior Apartments located at 25 Lincoln Avenue.

ID#13-370 Change No Parking – 7AM to 5PM to 2-Hour Parking Zone along 123 W. Market St.

Adopted RESOLUTION approving the change of 186 feet of the existing NO PARKING 7 AM to 5 pm zone designation along 123 West Market Street to 2-HOUR PARKING zone.

ID#13-378 Street Maintenance Equipment Purchase

Adopted RESOLUTION approving the direct purchase of a 10-yard dump truck for street maintenance for \$134,106.66.

ID#13-388 2014 California International Airshow Permit

Adopted RESOLUTION approving issuance of an Airport Use Permit to the Monterey County Airshow Association Incorporated, to conduct the 34th annual California International Airshow at the Salinas Municipal Airport; and transfer \$20,000 from the Airport Enterprise Fund to the General Fund to reimburse the City for police and fire services for the Airshow.

ID#13-395 Sherwood Hall and Community Center Flooring Repairs

Adopted RESOLUTION accepting the Sherwood Hall and Community Center Flooring Repairs (CIP No. 9765) for maintenance and responsibility.

ID#13-404 Memorandum of Agreement with CHISPA for the Acosta Plaza Basketball Project

Adopted RESOLUTION approving a memorandum of agreement with CHISPA for the Acosta Plaza Basketball Project.

ID#13-406 PEG Services Bid Award

This item was voted on separately.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.