



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Unofficial

City Council

Mayor Dennis Donohue

Councilmembers:

Jose Luis Barajas, District 1 - Tony Barrera, District 2
Margaret D'Arrigo, District 3 - Gloria De La Rosa, District 4
Andrew Sandoval, District 5 - Aurelio Salazar, District 6

Rene Mendez, City Manager

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381

Monday, January 27, 2025

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

4:00 P.M. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Jose Barajas
Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Margaret D'Arrigo
Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa
Councilmember Aurelio Salazar
Councilmember Jose Andrew Sandoval
Mayor Dennis Donohue

COMMENDATIONS

Salinas Fire Chief Samuel Klemek recognized Ryan Macoubrie as the 2024 Salinas Firefighter of the Year.

2024 Salinas Firefighter of the Year Award

4:10 P.M. STUDY SESSION

[ID#24-726](#)

General Plan Update and Economic Development Element

Received report from Jonathan Moore, Senior Planner regarding the General Plan Update and Economic Development Element study session. Since launching the General Plan Update in 2021, Community Development staff have presented quarterly progress reports to City Council and in 2024 conducted Study Sessions with City Council to review the draft policy on the key topics, including land use and circulation, health, and safety. This Study Session focused on economic development, shares engagement with stakeholders, and summarizes the draft policies of the proposed draft Economic Development Element. Staff continues to work on the preparation of a Public Review Draft General Plan for release in the spring of 2025 and is also working on the related Climate Action Plan and an Environmental Impact Report. It is anticipated that the Council will consider adoption of the updated General Plan on December 2025. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following members of the public in attendance and on Zoom commented on the report:

Malcolm Mejia

Jose Guerra

Michael Lipe

Luis Xago Juarez, Building Healthy Communities

David Maisonneuve

No action required. Received report from staff.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment.

Mayor Donohue left the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Councilmember Salazar served as Mayor Pro Tempore in his absence.

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No disclosures reported.

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#25-009](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, the minutes of January 14, 2025 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

[ID#25-007](#)

Financial Claims

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, the financial claims report was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

[ID#24-703](#)

Acceptance of the Cesar Chavez Park DG Path Project

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting the Cesar Chavez Park DG Path Project ("Project", CIP No. 9361) for maintenance and responsibility was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23193

[ID#25-005](#)

Williams Road Safe Street Corridor Project Grant Acceptance from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting and receiving grant funds from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program for the Williams Road Safe Street Corridor Project; and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute grant agreements and all documents necessary to effectuate the grant with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in an amount not to exceed \$16,000,000 with supplemental City funding of \$4,000,000; and authorizing the FY 24-25 Appropriation increasing the estimated revenue from the Federal Highway Administration by \$16,000,000 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23194

[ID#25-008](#)

Amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Managers Association

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Salinas and the Police Managers Association was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23195

[ID#24-725](#)

2024 Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution to establish speed limits as recommended by the 2024 Engineering and Traffic Survey for Speed Limits was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23196

[ID#24-728](#)

Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Services with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for Williams Rd for Williams Road Safe Street Corridor Project

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for extra work for the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase of the Williams Road Safe Street Corridor Project and increase the total compensation by \$39,500, for a revised not to exceed amount of \$418,365 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23197

[ID#24-730](#)

Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Professional Service with SWA Group for the Alisal Vibrancy Plan: Streetscape Master Plan

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 with SWA Group for additional scope of work to complete the Alisal Vibrancy Plan: Streetscape Master Plan and increase the total compensation by \$42,000, for a revised not to exceed amount of \$441,900 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar and Councilmember Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23198

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.