



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

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

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

NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The City Council welcomed and introduced new employees for the month of December.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session at 4:05 p.m. pursuant to:

ID#25-003

- a. Labor Negotiations** - California Government Code Section §54957.6 with its designated labor representatives Rene Mendez, City Manager; Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney; Katherine Hogan, Assistant City Attorney; Selina Andrews, Finance Director; Marina Horta-Gallegos, Human Resources Director; Sylvia Enriquez, Human Resources Manager; and Che Johnson, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, regarding labor relations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), SEIU Supervisors, Salinas Municipal Employees Association/SEIU, Association of Management Personnel, Police Officers Association, Police Management Association, International Association of Firefighters, Fire Supervisors Association, Confidential Non-Management Employees, Confidential Management Employees, and Department Directors.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN THE ROTUNDA AT 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.1, there were no reportable actions on closed session matters.

PROCLAMATION

The City Council proclaimed:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

COMMENDATIONS

This item was continued to January 27, 2025.

2024 Salinas Firefighter of the Year Award

WELCOMING CITY COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Donohue provided comments regarding the City of Salinas as a Welcoming City.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment from members of the public in attendance and on Zoom.

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 - LEVINE ACT

No disclosures reported.

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#24-733](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the minutes of December 3, 2024 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

[ID#24-731](#)

Financial Claims

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the financial claims report was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

[ID#24-696](#)

Memorandum of Understanding between the Salinas Fire Department and Public Safety Cadets

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Public Safety Cadets was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23187

[ID#24-698](#)

Fourth Amendment to Agreement with Accountancy Corporation, DBA Maze & Associates for Accounting Services

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Fourth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Accountancy Corporation, dba. Maze and Associates for accounting services to increase the compensation by \$400,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$800,000 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23188

[ID#24-699](#)

Amendment No. 1 to Agreement between the City of Salinas, TAMC, and Ecology Action for completion of the Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety Project, CIP 9345

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment No. 1, and any amendments thereto, to an Agreement between the City of Salinas, the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), and Ecology Action (EA) for completion of the Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety Project in conformance with the new term of the Caltrans Clean California Local Grant Program m (CCLGP) Restricted Grant Agreement, extending the term to December 31, 2025 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23189

[ID#24-704](#)

Surplus and Donation of Ballistic Personal Protective Equipment

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the surplus and donation of ballistic personal protective equipment to South Bay Regional Training Consortium was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23190

[ID#24-707](#)

Information Technology Surplus Equipment for Auction and Disposal

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution declaring specified information technology equipment as surplus and authorizing the auction or disposal of this equipment was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23191

[ID#24-724](#)

Modification to the Classification - Salary Schedule

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution to amend the Classification-Salary Schedule for temporary employee salaries to comply with the state minimum wage pursuant to Senate Bill 3 (SB3) and the amended 2025 Minimum Wage Order (MW- 2025) and to reflect a list of current and active temporary classifications was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Enactment No: RES 23192

CONSIDERATION

[ID#24-723](#)

City Council Committees/Regional Board Appointments

Received report from the City Clerk regarding appointments of the Mayor and City Council members to committees/regional boards for 2025 and consider the process for appointment of the Mayor and Council members to committees/regional boards for 2025. Report file with the City Clerk as the official record.

MOTION

Councilmember Sandoval moved to approve the City Council Committees/Regional Board appointments for 2025. Motion was second by Councilmember Barrera.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Councilmember Barajas moved to only approve the City Council Standing Committees and Regional Board appointments for 2025 and requested staff prepare a report to the City Council at a future meeting date for the City Adhoc Committees and what is strategic and relevant for ongoing committee participation with the exception of the Aminial Shelter JPA which is to be included in the Regional Board appointment. Motion was second by Councilmember De La Rosa.

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, approving the City Council Standing Committees and Regional Board appointments for 2025; requested that staff prepare a report to the City Council for a future meeting date regarding the City Adhoc Committees specifically what is strategic and relevant for the City's ongoing committee participation with the

exception of the Animal Shelter JPA which is to be included in the Regional Board appointments. Motion was second by Councilmember De La Rosa. was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.