



# City of Salinas

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Library and Community Services Commission

**Commission Members:**

**Albert Fong, Mayor's Appointee**  
**Lizbeth Camacho, District 1 - Victor Tafoya, District 2**  
**Joey Martinez, District 3 - VACANT, District 4**  
**Nancy Gutierrez, District 5 - Linda Castillo, District 6**

**Rene Mendez, City Manager**  
**Kristan Lundquist, Library and Community Services Director**  
**City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381**

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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:00 PM

City Council Rotunda

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.*

**Present:** 4 - Commissioner Victor Tafoya  
Commissioner Nancy Gutierrez  
Commissioner Lizbeth Camacho  
Commissioner Albert Fong

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Joey Martinez

#### INTRODUCTION

*Director Lundquist introduced new Deputy Librarian Tim Kuelker, and Technical Services Manager Francis Hebert introduced recently promoted Library Technician Lizbeth Meza-Cerritos and new Librarian I William Strong.*

#### COMMENDATION

Salinas Youth Poet Laureate, Mya S. Pop  
Salinas Vice Youth Poet Laureate, Giselle Alvarado

*Community Education Manager Ernesto Lizaola and FOSPL President Ninfa McGowan introduced and presented awards to Mya S. Pop, Salinas Youth Poet Laureate and Giselle Alvarado, Salinas Vice Youth Poet Laureate. Ms. Pop recited her poem, "Confidence." Ms. Alvarado recited two poems, "Threads of Truth" and "A deceptive Allure." Ms. Pop and Ms. Alvarado will serve in their respective roles for two years.*

#### PUBLIC COMMENT TIME RESTRICTIONS

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

*No public comments.*

#### CONSENT

[ID#24-306](#)      **Minutes**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Fong, seconded by Commissioner Tafoya, the minutes of May 8, 2024 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Fong

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Martinez

[ID#24-516](#)      **Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

*Commissioner Camacho nominated Commissioner Tafoya for Chair and Commissioner Fong for Vice Chair. Both Commissioner Tafoya and Commissioner Fong accepted their respective nominations.*

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Commissioner Fong, the election of Commissioner Tafoya to Commission Chair and Commissioner Fong to Commission Vice Chair were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Fong

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Martinez

**CONSIDERATIONS**

[ID#24-517](#)      **An Ordinance Amending Chapter 28-14 of the Salinas Municipal Code Related to General Regulations Governing the Use of Parks, Recreation Areas or Facilities**

*Director Lundquist presented the report. Commissioners voiced concerns about enforcement of added rules and regulations, costs impacts of towing for residents, and the implementation of city-wide policies to address neighborhood concerns. Commissioners requested that staff consider feedback on this and other rules and regulations in Chapter 28-14.*

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Camacho, seconded by Commissioner Fong, the recommendation that the Salinas City Council adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 28-14 of the Salinas Municipal Code related to General Regulations Governing the Use of Parks, Recreation Areas or Facilities was tabled to next month with the Commission being tasked to deliver any recommendations for additional amendments, revisions, or other suggestions to staff within one week of the 9/11/2024 meeting was approved. The motion carried with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Fong

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Martinez

[ID#24-518](#)      **Rules for Use of Artificial Turf Fields**

*Director Lundquist presented the report. Commissioners asked for clarification on layout of artificial turf and grass field.*

*Commissioner Camacho recommended to add photos or icons to signage.*

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Fong, seconded by Commissioner Camacho, the implementation of rules for use of artificial turf fields within the City of Salinas Park System was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Tafoya, Commissioner Gutierrez, Commissioner Camacho and Commissioner Fong

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Martinez

## COMMISSIONER REPORTS

*Commissioner Fong requested that the Commission to encourage Council members to fill vacancies in District 4 and 6 seat to mitigate ongoing issues with achieving quorum.*

*Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia acknowledged the anniversary of 9/11/2001 and expressed appreciation for local first responders and resources for mental health in local schools. Commissioner Gutierrez-Garcia acknowledged efforts from Parks staff to clean up Santa Rita Park.*

*Commissioner Camacho recognized the team that facilitated the community clean up in District 2 and asked for clarification of recent changes to the City's communication model and asked if the program can be expanded for additional residents. Commissioner Camacho acknowledged the success of the Burke Street Clean Up and Movie in the Park.*

*Director Lundquist commented that Council members identify target areas for flyer distribution, and capacity remains an issue.*

*Parks and Recreation Superintendent Ana Ambriz added that Republic Services, the City's partner in the community clean, up also provides an annual bulky cleanup for all City residents.*

*Commissioner Tafoya reported the deadline for the Neighborhood Beautification Grant as 9/12/2024. Commissioner Tafoya asked that staff announce commission vacancies on social media. Commissioner Tafoya also asked that staff revisit a plan to expand Library hours. Commissioner Tafoya acknowledged the anniversary of 9/11/2001.*

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*Director Lundquist reported that José Arreola has been promoted to Assistant to the City Manager and thanked him for his service and commitment to the City of Salinas in his role as Community Safety Administrator. Director Lundquist announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Hebbroon Family Center building on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11:00 A.M.*

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.*

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**Devon McCauley, Administrative Secretary**

**AGENDA MATERIAL / ADDENDUM**

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

**CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 - LEVINE ACT**