



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, June 17, 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

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session at 4:03 p.m. pursuant to:

[ID#25-244](#)

a. Real Property Negotiations-California Government Code section 54956.8, conference with Real Property Negotiators, René Mendez, City Manager; Lisa Murphy, Assistant City Manager; Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney; and Lisa Brinton, Community Development Director regarding discussions with the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority General Manager on the price and terms of payment for 131 Sun Street (APN 003-051-087-000) and 139 Sun Street (APN 003-051-086-000) in the city of Salinas.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED IN THE ROTUNDA AT 4:30 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:

Juneteenth

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ID#25-240

Sanitary Sewer Rate Increase

Received report from City Engineer Adriana Robles regarding the sanitary sewer rate increase. She reported that on April 22, 2025, the City Council approved a resolution accepting the Sewer Rate Study, approving the Sewer Rate Schedule, and directing staff to distribute Proposition 218 Public Hearing Notices for proposed sanitary sewer rate increases with the public hearing to be held on June 17, 2025. Following the City Council's action and distribution of the Proposition 218 Hearing Notices, during staff's review of the materials inaccuracies in some of the rates and rate categories were identified. In order to ensure the accuracy of the rates and rate categories and to clarify the process by which the City will receive protests to and objections to the proposed rate increase, a revised Sewer Rate Study, sewer rate schedule, and public hearing notices will be prepared and distributed. It is anticipated that the revised documents will be presented to the City Council on July 1, 2025, with a public hearing to be appropriately scheduled thereafter, depending on the direction and action of the City Council. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

Jose Guerra, Monte Bella

Kim Reyor, Sherwood Lake Mobile Home Park

Peter Szalai

Yolanda Hayes

No action is required. Received report.

ID#25-201

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and Alisal Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Designation

Received report from Community Development Analyst Monica Ponce and Francisco Brambila regarding the City's administration of three federal HUD entitlement programs; 1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 2) HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and 3) Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) which serve low and moderate-income households and neighborhoods in Salinas. For the City to remain eligible to receive CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding, the City must prepare and submit a FY 2025- 2029 Con Plan and a FY 2025-2026 AAP to HUD for approval. The City is also in the process of updating the ANRSA designation concurrently with the FY 2025-2029 Con Plan and FY 2025- 2026 AAP. The ANRSA designation will provide a valuable tool by allowing greater flexibility of HUD funding to be utilized in a specific targeted geographic area. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

David Maisonneuve

Eloise Shimm

Jose Guerra, Monte Bella

Yolanda Hayes

Mary Ann Worden

Adam Pinterits

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember D'Arrigo, Resolution approving the City of Salinas' United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan), FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP), Alisal Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (ANRSA) designation and authorize submittal to HUD; and delegating authority to the City Manager to incorporate any necessary modifications based upon community feedback and final HUD allocation for the AAP prior to submissions to HUD; and authorizing the Mayor, or designee, for and on behalf of the City, to execute any related agreements, contracts, certifications, or amendments related to the funding allocations set forth in FY 2025-2026 AAP 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 23267

[ID#25-224](#)

Bid Protest for the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project

Received report from City Attorney Christopher Callihan regarding the Bid Protest submitted by Granite Construction Company contesting McKim Corporation's self-designation as a Local Business Enterprise for the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

Jose Guerra

Mary Ann Worden

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution accepting the Bid Protest submitted by Granite Construction Company contesting McKim Corporation's self-designation as a Local Business Enterprise for the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project 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 23268

[ID#25-245](#)

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program and Annual Appropriations Limit

Received report from Finance Director Selina Andrews regarding the e Proposed FY 2025-26 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program were developed to continue efforts to address the highest community and organizational priorities. Guided by City Council's strategic priorities, this Proposed Budget prioritizes and reallocates the City's General Funds and other fund resources for some of our most challenging issues –

including community safety, planning and permitting services, code enforcement, infrastructure, and economic and housing development. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

Peter Szalai

Jose Guerra

Mary Ann Worden

Ignacio Fragoso

Yolanda Hayes

David Maisonneve

Eric Petersen

Katheryn Ramirez

Rachel Saunders, Big Sur Land Trust

Adam Pinterits

Jonathan De Anda, General Manager for the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex

Joel Hernandez, Center for Community Advocacy

Upon motion by Councilmember Salazar, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Operating Budget for the City of Salinas and Successor Agency to the former Salinas Redevelopment Agency; the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Improvement Program for the City of Salinas; and a Resolution establishing the appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2025-26 at \$345,864,920 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 23269; RES 23270

CONSIDERATION

[ID#25-186](#)

Extension of Salinas Youth Council Pilot Program

Received report from Community Relations Manager Sophia Rome regarding the approved On October 22, 2024, the Council approved the establishment of a Youth Council Pilot Program through July 31, 2025, following a recommendation made to the City Manager by the City's 2024 Youth Interns. The City has established partnerships with the Salinas Union High School District (SUHSD) and the County of Monterey "Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere" (STRYVE) program to enhance the Youth Council program framework that provides youth leadership development and civic engagement opportunities with alternating two-year terms. With the application period closing in June 2025, the recommendation is to extend the pilot program through July 31, 2027, to allow for a full Youth Council term, which will inform the final recommendations to the City Council before the end of the pilot program period. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

Jose Guerra

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Barajas, Resolution extending the City of Salinas Youth Council pilot program through July 31, 2027 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 23271

[ID#25-226](#)

Tow Service Franchise Agreements for FY 2025-26

Received report from Police Sergeant Duran regarding the rotational tow program which provides towing services for the abatement and removal of vehicles. Tow companies provide services pursuant to a Tow Service Franchise Agreement which is approved each fiscal year. The Police Department is requesting approval to enter into the FY 2025-26 Tow Service Franchise Agreements with the same terms and conditions as Agreements approved during last FY. The tow companies have also requested the City Council consider establishing an exemption from the over-sized vehicle restrictions set forth in Article XVIII of Chapter 20 of the Salinas Municipal Code section. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following member of the public in attendance commented on the report:

Jose Guerra

Peter Szalai

Yolanda Hayes

Joe Alvarado

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to enter into the Salinas Police Department's FY 2025-26 Tow Service Franchise Agreements, setting the FY 2025-26 franchise fee, and maintaining the \$1,500 credit for disposal of recreational vehicles; and directed staff to evaluate the feasibility for an exemption from the over-sized parking regulations for the tow franchisees 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 23272

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#25-128](#)

Agreement with Wallace Group for the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Wallace Group for the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study (Project No. 9008) for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,964.00; and approving a transfer of \$65,000.00 to CIP 9008 for additional work needed to complete the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study process. 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 23273

[ID#25-152](#)**Acceptance of the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility Sediment Removal Project, CIP No. 9368**

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility Sediment Removal Project, CIP No. 9368, for maintenance and responsibility 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 23274

[ID#25-190](#)**Professional Services Agreement with PlaceWorks, Inc. for Zoning Code Update**

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Professional Services with PlaceWorks, Inc. to prepare comprehensive Zoning Code updates for the City of Salinas in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 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 23275

[ID#25-205](#)**Cesar Chavez Park Soccer Field, CIP No. 9005**

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving the reallocation of funding from CIP No. 9361 to CIP No. 9005 in the amount of \$43,100; and approve the contract change order (CCO #4) in the amount of \$72,898.50; and accept the Cesar Chavez Park Soccer Field; CIP No. 9005 for maintenance and responsibility 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 23276

[ID#25-207](#)**Award of the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project, CIP No. 9981**

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving the plans and specifications for the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project, CIP No. 9981; awarding a contract to Granite Construction Company in the amount of \$4,838,830.20 for the 2025 Pavement Improvements Project, CIP No. 9981; approving a 20% contingency in the amount of \$967,766 for a total not to exceed \$5,806,596.20; and delegating authority to the City Manager to execute any and all contract change orders related to this project 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 23277

[ID#25-209](#)

Agreements with Downtown Streets Inc. to Provide Cleanup of Alisal Commercial Corridors (FY 2025-26)

Councilmember De La Rosa announced her conflict of interest with the agreement with Downtown Streets Inc as he husband Leo De La Rosa was employed with Downtown Streets Inc and left the Rotunda.

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a service agreement with Downtown Streets, Inc. for regular cleanup of Alisal commercial corridors in an amount not to exceed \$240,726 from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026; and execute a License Agreement with Downtown Streets, Inc. for a fee of \$1.00 from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for use of a portion of the rear property at 282 East Alisal Street to provide a staging and equipment storage area in support of Downtown Streets, Inc.'s Alisal commercial corridor regular cleanup services and consider expanding services to other areas of the city in the future was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

Absent: 1 - Councilmember De La Rosa

Enactment No: RES 23278

[ID#25-210](#)

Appointments to the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution for the appointment of Brenda Granillo as the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulated water company representative, and Tom Adcock as alternate, to serve on the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) Board of Directors JPA 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 23279

[ID#25-211](#)

Agreements For Hope Services to Provide Cleanup of Alisal Commercial Corridors (FY 2025-26)

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with Hope Services for FY 2025-26 to provide regular cleanup of the Alisal commercial corridors in an amount not to exceed \$51,870 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026; and enter into a License Agreement for FY 2025-26 with Hope Services for a fee of \$1.00 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

for use of a portion of the property at 655 Elvee Drive for staging and equipment storage in support of Hope Services' Alisal commercial corridor regular cleanup services 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 23280

[ID#25-219](#)

Administrative Remedies Procedure for Challenges to Rate Setting Procedures (Proposition 218 and Assembly Bill 2257)

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution establishing a procedure for property owner objections to rate setting procedures in compliance with Proposition 218 and Assembly Bill 2257 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 23281

[ID#25-220](#)

CIP Budget Reallocation for Lake Street Lift Station Pump 1 - Replacement/Upgrades

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving the reallocation of \$375,730 from CIP 9010 (CCTV Inspections) to CIP 9222 (E Lake St Pump Station upgrades) 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 23282

[ID#25-221](#)

Change Order Contingency for the Design-Build of Hebbbron Family Center

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving a \$250,000 contingency for the Hebbbron Family Center Design-Build contract thereby increasing the total contract not to exceed amount to \$10,729,600; and authorizing the Public Works Director to execute any and all contract change orders related to this project 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 23283

[ID#25-227](#)

Acceptance of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the \$75,000 Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant administered by the City of San Jose, delegating

authority to the City Manager to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the grant, and the establishment of the ICAC Grant expense appropriation and corresponding revenue budget up to \$75,000 to support grant activities 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 23284

[ID#25-238](#)

Technology Equipment and Upgrade Services for the Police Mobile Command Vehicle

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the Purchasing Agent to complete the procurement of technology equipment and associated upgrade/retrofit services for the Police Department's Mobile Command Vehicle, for an amount not to exceed \$189,490.28 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 23285

[ID#25-239](#)

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with AMS.NET, Johnson Electronics, and MJ Communications for Security Cameras and Access Controls

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager, to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with AMS.NET Inc., Johnson Electronics Inc., and MJ Communications Inc. for the design, build, installation and maintenance of security cameras and access control systems at certain City owned facilities to extend the term for an additional two (2) years, amend the scope of services, and increase the total compensation by \$500,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,500,000 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 23286

[ID#25-243](#)

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Monterey for Mobile Crisis Services

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Monterey for the Mobile Crisis Services Program in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 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 23287

[ID#25-246](#)**Agreement with Future Citizens Foundation dba The First Tee of Monterey County related to the Twin Creeks Golf Course**

Upon motion by Councilmember De La Rosa, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement between the City of Salinas and the Future Citizens Foundation (dba The First Tee of Monterey County) related to the Twin Creeks Municipal Golf Course Sublease to extend the term for one (1) year through June 30, 2026 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 23288

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Sandoval appointed Joseph Alvarado to the Measure E Oversight Committee. He invited the community to attend and support the Juneteenth Celebration event.

Councilmember Barrera reported she attended the Monterey-Salinas Transit meeting and working on their groundbreaking ceremony for their SURF project.

Barrajas appointed Shanice Virrueta to the Police Community Advisory Committee and Paula Matelli to the Traffic and Transportation Commission. He reported that he attended the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency and requested a letter of support to appoint Mr. Fragoso to serve as the public member on the SVBGSA Board for a two-year term. He additionally reported that he attended the Big Sur Land Trust tour of Ensen Community Park with Center for Community Advocacy and discussed the long term maintenance of the park. He announced he will be attending a Central Coast Community Energy Board of Directors meeting and encouraged the community to attend and support the Portuguese Festival.

Councilmember Salazar expressed respect and support for human life and the immigrant farmworker community in light of the increased immigration issues throughout the State of California and across the nation.

Councilmember De La Rosa reported that she attended the Board of Supervisors where they recognized CRLA among other community organizations and members for their role in banning the short hoe. She reported she attended various community events including the Carshow at Compass Church, Relay for Life event, North Salinas High School car show, and the Tip a Cop event.

Councilmember D'Arrigo reported that she attended the AMBAG meeting and a SNIP mobile unit event. She added that she appreciated the Joint City Council/Planning Commission meeting and expressed the need to elevate the commissions role. She reported that she attended the My Life Story event and commended the Salinas High School softball team for their championship.

Mayor Donohue reported that he also attended the tour of Ensen Park. He appointed Councilmember D'Arrigo to the Animal Shelter JPA replacing him as the representative. He reported that he had the opportunity to give a graduation speech at Central Coast Community College.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned with a moment of silence in honor of Al Espindola at 10:56 p.m.