



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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, October 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

CLOSED SESSION

Received public comment from Eloise Shimm regarding the closed session matters.

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

[ID#25-408](#)

- a. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** - California Government Code section 54957(b)(1), City Attorney.
- b. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation** - California Government Code section 54957(b)(1), City Manager.

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

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

No disclosures reported.

NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

PROCLAMATION

The City Council proclaimed the month of October as:

Cyber Security Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment.

PRESENTATION

[ID#25-454](#)

Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) Annual Update

Received presentation from Sophia Schwirzke, Community Relations Manager for Central Coast Community Energy highlighting a number of projects 3CE is investing in to include resource adequacy, increasing renewal energy, and community engagement programs with a goal of making a difference in community investment. Programs include Plan Your Fleet, Electrify Bus Program, Charge Your Fleet, Electrify Your Fleet and Reach Codes Programs and other energy rebate and incentive programs that support all sectors of the community. The City of Salinas has received a total of approximately \$2.5 million in investment through grants and other funding. Legislative update includes EV and Home Energy Tax Credit, federal taxes and tax credits, Resource Adequacy Slice of Day and Pathway Initiatives SB540/AB825. 3CE is the largest community choice aggregate in the region working with multiple energy utility providers.

No action. Received presentation from Central Coast Community Energy (3CE).

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

[ID#25-359](#)

Vacation of New Street Right of Way

Received report from City Engineer Adriana Robles regarding the vacation of New Street right-of-way. She reported that the City of Salinas and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to redevelop the Salinas Train Station into a transit facility to accommodate new commuter passenger rail services outside the region in support of the Monterey County Rail Extension Project. Vacating the northerly 124-feet of New Street right of way will allow TAMC to move forward with the layover facility. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.

The following members of the public commented on the report:

*Jose Guerra
Amit Pandya
Eric Petersen*

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution vacating the northerly 124-feet of New Street right of way 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 23343

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#25-452](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, the minutes of September 23, 2025 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#25-453](#)

Minutes

Tabled the minutes of June 10, 2025.

[ID#25-368](#)

Master Service Agreements for On-Call National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Compliance Implementation Support

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute Master Service Agreements with 2NDNATURE Software, Inc; Dudek; and Surf to Snow Environmental Resource Management LLC to provide on-call National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance implementation support services from October 14, 2025 to October 14, 2030 in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, \$2,000,000 annually, subject to appropriation of funds 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 23344

[ID#25-406](#)

An Ordinance Amending Articles III and IIIA of Chapter 12 (Finance) of the Salinas Municipal Code Regarding Purchasing

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Ordinance updating Article III and Article IIIA of Chapter 12 of the Salinas Municipal Code related to purchasing policies and procedures was adopted. 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: ORD 2689

[ID#25-409](#)

Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Accountancy Corporation, DBA

Maze & Associates, for Accounting Services

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Fifth Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Accountancy Corporation, dba. Maze and Associates for accounting services to increase the compensation by \$600,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,400,000 and extend the term for two (2) additional years from November 1, 2025 to October 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 23345

[ID#25-416](#)**Agreement with One Workplace for Permit Center First Floor Workspace Improvements**

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with One Workplace L. Ferrari, LLC to purchase and install workspace improvements on the first floor of the Permit Center for an amount not to exceed \$377,794 and a term from October 14, 2025, through June 30, 2026; and an expenditure appropriation increase of \$129,787 to the Permit Services Operating Fund from the Permit Services Fund balance 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 23346

[ID#25-418](#)**Acceptance of the City Hall Build Back Project, CIP No. 8170**

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution accepting the City Hall Build Back Project, CIP No. 8170, 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 23347

[ID#25-433](#)**Direct Purchase of AB 481 Equipment**

Upon motion by Councilmember D'Arrigo, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution authorizing the City Manager and the Purchasing Agent to complete the direct purchase of AB 481 equipment from San Diego Police Equipment Company and Curtis Blue Line for a total cost not to exceed \$34,767.08 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 23348

[ID#25-434](#)

2025-2026 Prioritization of Restriping Projects

MOTION

Motion made by Councilmember Sandoval to approve a resolution approving the 2025-2026 Prioritization of Restriping Projects and a request to establish a formal street marking priority policy using criteria traffic volume, traffic safety, striping conditions, and equity; and consider a two year plan rather than a one year plan. Motion was second by Councilmember Barrera.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION

Substitute motion made by Councilmember Barajas to approve a resolution approving the 2025-2026 Prioritization of Restriping Projects and to direct staff to develop a criteria based restriping policy before the item is considered in 2026. Motion was second by Councilmember De La Rosa.

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution approving the 2025-2026 Prioritization of Restriping Projects and to direct staff to develop a criteria based restriping policy before the item is considered in 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 23349

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.