



# 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*

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Tuesday, February 24, 2026

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

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#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

*Councilmembers D'Arrigo and Salazar arrived after Roll Call at 4:30 p.m.*

**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

**Closed session was canceled. City Council recessed for a break.**

[ID#26-064](#)

**a. Labor Negotiations** - California Government Code Section §54957.6 with its designated labor representatives Rene Mendez, City Manager; Lisa G. Murphy, Assistant 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 4:30 P.M.**

#### PROCLAMATION

*The City Council proclaimed:*

National Engineers Week, February 22-28, 2026

## **CITY OF CHAMPIONS**

*Councilmember De La Rosa recognized the following community member as City of Champion.*

Muriel Emery, District 4

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Received public comment.*

## **PRESENTATION**

[ID#25-527](#)

### **Salinas Youth Council Updates and Comments**

*Received a presentation from the Salinas Youth Council regarding youth priority issues and specific items of interest.*

**No action required. The City of Salinas Youth Council will provide an administrative update to the City Council.**

[ID#26-063](#)

### **Hartnell College Foundation - Salinas Valley Promise**

*Received presentation from Dr. Jackie Cruz, Hartnell College Foundation regarding the Salinas Valley Promise. Presentation filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

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

*No disclosures reported.*

## **CONSIDERATION**

[ID#26-038](#)

### **2026 Legislative Platform**

*Received report from Lisa Murphy and John Arriaga, JEA & Associates highlighting the Legislative Platform which establishes the principles guiding the City's policy and legislative advocacy efforts at the regional, state, and federal level. The Platform focuses on the key areas that enable the City of Salinas to deliver projects and programs to meet the needs of the community. Adopted annually, the City's Platform serves as a reference to guide the development of positions on legislative proposals and provides guidance for the City Council and staff throughout the year. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

*The following members of the public commented on the report:*

*Eric Petersen*

*Jose Guerra*

*Marisol Moreno*

### **MOTION**

*Councilmember Barrera made a motion to adopt the Platform, thereby authorizing the*

*City's participation in state and federal advocacy efforts that are aligned with municipal interests; and through the adopted Platform, the City will evaluate and take formal positions on specific bills, budget proposals, and regulatory matters. Motion was amended to include comments from Councilmembers with respect to the additions and deletions requested. Motion was second by Councilmember Barajas.*

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION**

*Councilmember Sandoval made a substitute motion to table the item until staff can present a draft document that includes Councilmembers' additions and deletions. Motion failed due to lack of second.*

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Barajas, Minute Order authorizing the City's participation in state and federal advocacy efforts that are aligned with municipal interests; and through the adopted Platform, the City will evaluate and take formal positions on specific bills, budget proposals, and regulatory matters. Motion was amended to include comments from Councilmembers with respect to the additions and deletions requested 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 Mayor Donohue

**Noes:** 1 - Councilmember Sandoval

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

[ID#26-034](#)

**Update On Predevelopment Activities for 34, 36, 38, 40, 37-39, and 45 Soledad Street in Chinatown**

*Received report from Planning Manager Grant Leonard and TEF Architecture and Interior Design Inc. highlighting the site plans and architectural renderings for mixed use affordable housing developments to be located on City-owned property at 34, 36, 38, and 40, 37-39, and 45 Soledad Street. Report filed with the City Clerk's Office as the official record.*

*The following members of the public commented on the report:*

*Jose Guerra*

*Eric Petersen*

*Larry Hirahara*

*Eloise Shim*

**Receive update on predevelopment activities for 34, 36, 38, 40, 37-39, and 45 Soledad Street in Chinatown. No action required.**

[ID#26-054](#)

**Rental Registration and Rent Stabilization 2025 Final Program Data and 2026 Implementation Activities**

*Received report from Assistant Community Development Director Orlando Reyes regarding an administrative report highlighting the final 2025 Program data, including excess fee revenue reimbursement methodology, process, and timing. The report also outlined the next steps for 2026 Program administration, including expanding community outreach with community partners, property owners and managers, and tenants to increase participation and system improvements to streamline registration with the community's feedback. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

**No action. Received administrative report on Rental Registration and Rent**

**Stabilization Program (Program) 2025 final Program data and 2026 Program implementation strategy.**

[ID#26-050](#)

**2025 Permit Center Annual Report**

*Received report from Community Development Director Lisa Brinton and Chief Building Official Angeline Anzini regarding 2025 Annual Report covers the past calendar year. The report outlined the 2025 Permit Center Annual Report Dashboard, 2025 Permit Center key actions taken, 2025 Finance Committee presentation and the 2026 Draft Values in Action Plan. Additionally, staff presented performance measure data, summarized the actions taken to address the barriers presented regarding the Future Growth Area and permit processing, and introduced a Draft Values in Action Plan. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

*The following members of the public commented on the report:*

*Peter Szalai*

*Jose Guerra*

**No action. Receive the 2025 Permit Center Annual Report.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

[ID#26-001](#)

**Minutes**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the minutes of January 13, 2026 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

[ID#26-065](#)

**Minutes**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the minutes of February 3, 2026 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

[ID#26-019](#)

**2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution accepting the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-021

[ID#26-030](#)      **Amendment No. 3 to the On-Call Streetlight Agreement with St. Francis Electric, LLC.**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,190,337 of HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Funds to the Housing Authority of Monterey County to provide supportive services through rental assistance for qualifying HOME-ARP populations at the Fairview Homekey permanent supportive housing site located at 1030 Fairview Avenue was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-022

[ID#26-032](#)      **Appropriation of \$1,190,337 of HOME-American Rescue Plan Funds to the Housing Authority of Monterey County**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$1,190,337 of HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Funds to the Housing Authority of Monterey County to provide supportive services through rental assistance for qualifying HOME-ARP populations at the Fairview Homekey permanent supportive housing site located at 1030 Fairview Avenue was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-023

[ID#26-049](#)      **All-Way STOP at California Street and East San Luis Street**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP at California Street and East San Luis Street was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-024

[ID#26-051](#)      **All-Way STOP Request for North Madeira Avenue and Roosevelt Street**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution establishing an All-Way STOP at North Madeira Avenue and Roosevelt Street was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-025

[ID#25-507](#)

**City-Wide Parking Enforcement Agreement**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a services agreement with LAZ Parking California, LLC for City-Wide Parking Enforcement Services in an amount not to exceed \$1,949,175 through January 1, 2029 with and an option to extend the term for two (2) additional one-year periods was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-026

[ID#25-539](#)

**Zoning Code Amendment 2025-001; Rescind Section 37-50.250 (Accessory Dwelling Units) of Chapter 37 of the Salinas Municipal Code (Zoning Code), remove and modify applicable Zoning Code Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) definitions and development regulations and apply applicable State ADU law for the processing of ADU applications**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Ordinance finding Zoning Code Amendment 2025-001 categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305; and adopt an Ordinance to comply amending Chapter 37 of the Salinas Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to rescind Section 37-50.250 (Accessory Dwelling Units), remove and modify Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) definitions of Section 37-10.250 ("A" definitions), modify the ADU development regulations of Sections 37-30.020, 37-30-060, 37-30-110, 37-30.160, 37-30.390, and 37-30.430, and apply applicable State ADU Law to process ADU applications was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: ORD 2693

[ID#26-022](#)

**Ordinance amending Articles XIV and XIII of Chapter 16 of the Salinas Municipal Code**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Ordinance amending Article XIV of Chapter 16 of the Salinas Municipal Code to update regulations prohibiting camping on public property; adopt an Ordinance Amending Article XIII of Chapter 16 of the Salinas Municipal Code related to the storage of personal property on public property was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa and Mayor Donohue

**Noes:** 1 - Councilmember Sandoval

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Salazar

Enactment No: RES 2026-013; ORD 2694; 2695

**COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.*