



# 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, March 24, 2026

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

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#### 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

#### GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Received public comment.*

#### PRESENTATION

[ID#25-527](#)

##### Salinas Youth Council Updates and Comments

No action. Received report from the City of Salinas Youth Council highlighting matters of interest and commented on specific agenda items.

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

*No disclosures reported.*

#### CONSIDERATION

[ID#26-112](#)

##### District 5 Recreation Center Feasibility Study and Initial Site Plan Design

*Received report from Library and Community Services Director Kristan Lundquist and Jason xxx, ABA Studios summarizing District 5 Recreation Center Feasibility Study and initial site plan. On May 10, 2022, the City Council approved an \$8.1 million reserve to build a Recreation Center in City Council District 5. On March 11, 2025, the City Council appropriated those funds to CIP 9342 to initiate a feasibility study for the proposed*

*project at Northgate Neighborhood Park. Staff, in collaboration with ABA Studios, have completed the District 5 Recreation Center Feasibility Study and initial Site Plan Design. The study included extensive community engagement, site analysis, conceptual planning, and cost estimates for the recreation center and associated park improvements. Staff requested that the City Council consider the acceptance of the District 5 Recreation Center Feasibility Study and initial Site Plan Design for Northgate Neighborhood Park, allowing the project to proceed into environmental review and subsequent design development phases. Report filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

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

*Jose Guerra*

*David Maisonneuve*

*Rosa Espinoza*

*Eric Petersen*

*Jesus Verduzco*

*Joey Alvarado*

*Maria Chavez*

*Marina Zarate*

*Sophia Alvarado*

*Adriana Garcia*

*Yolanda Hayes*

*Surely Owing*

*Kevin Moore*

*Peter Szalai*

*Rosanne Rosser*

*Luis Xago Juarez, Building Healthy Communities*

*Jasmine*

*Jacob Sandoval*

*Iveth Hernandez*

*Cary Swensen*

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution accepting the District 5 Recreation Center Feasibility Study and initial Site Plan Design for CIP 9342 at Northgate Neighborhood Park 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 2026-034

### [ID#26-121](#)

### **Measure G Extension and Ballot Measure Polling Results**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, direction requesting staff to prepare a resolution calling an election to ask the voters of the City of Salinas to approve an extension of an existing one-cent general transactions and use tax (Measure G) and authorizing the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election with the established general election to be held on November 3, 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

[ID#26-120](#) **Fiscal Year 2025-26 Mid-Year Budget Review & Supplemental Appropriation Requests**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution receiving the FY 2025-26 Mid-Year budget performance review and authorizing budget adjustments as recommended in the budget performance review 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

Enactment No: RES 2026-035

## CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#26-108](#) **Minutes**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, the minutes of March 17, 2026 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#26-114](#) **Minutes**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, the minutes of February 24, 2026 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#26-016](#) **Treasurer's Report - Quarter Ended December 31, 2025**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, the Treasurer's Report for FY 2025-26 second quarter ended December 31, 2025 was received and accepted. 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#26-075](#) **Public Works Quality Assurance Program (QAP)**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution approving the City of Salinas Public Works Quality Assurance Program (QAP) and authorizing the Public Works Director, or designee, to update the QAP as required to maintain compliance with state and federal regulations 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 2026-036

[ID#26-076](#)

**Annual Public Art Plan Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Public Art Plan including the appropriation of \$60,000 from the Municipal Art Fund with subsequent appropriation of \$206,000 during the budget development process to support the projects identified in the 2026-2027 Public Art Plan 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 2026-037

[ID#26-106](#)

**Hitchcock Road Animal Services Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Amendment No. 1**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment (Amendment No. 1) to the Hitchcock Road Animal Services (HRAS)' Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JPA Agreement) to clarify the JPA's insurance coverage obligations and satisfy potential carrier requirements 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 2026-038

[ID#26-111](#)

**Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for the Prohousing Incentive Program Round 4**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution authorizing the submission of a Prohousing Incentive Program (PIP) Round 4 application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the amount of \$1,250,000; and if awarded the City Manager to accept PIP Round 4 funds for the rehabilitation of the El Rey Motel, Mortgage Down Payment Assistance Program or any other activities eligible under the PIP Round 4 program guidelines and undertake all actions and execute all documents necessary to implement such activities consistent with HCD requirements 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 2026-039

[ID#26-118](#)**Monterey One Water Agreement for Pretreatment and Water Quality Monitoring Services and Operation and Maintenance**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution delegating authority to the City Manager to execute an agreement with Monterey One Water for pretreatment and water quality monitoring services operation and maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$380,000 annually from April 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 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 2026-040

[ID#26-123](#)**Salinas Valley Tourism & Visitors Bureau Lease and Operating Agreements**

Upon motion by Mayor Donohue, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Lease Agreement between the City of Salinas and the Salinas Valley Tourism & Visitors Bureau for the City-owned property located at 1A Station place; and an Operating Agreement between the City of Salinas and the Salinas Valley Tourism & Visitors Bureau for the operations of the California Welcome Center; and directed the City Manager to include an audit of the Tourism Improvement District (TID) within the course of a two year period 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

Enactment No: RES 2026-041

[ID#25-622](#)**Monterey St. Parking Garage Management Agreement with LAZ Parking California, LLC**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barajas, seconded by Mayor Donohue, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a services agreement with LAZ Parking California, LLC for the management of the Monterey Street Parking Garage in an annual amount not to exceed \$390,472, for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,171,416, through January 1, 2029, with an option to extend the term for two (2) additional one-year periods 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 2026-042

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

*Received report from City Manager Mendez highlighting the City's Supervisory Leadership Academy with approximately 110 employees participating in the sessions.*

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.*