



# 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 11, 2025**

**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

### NEW EMPLOYEE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*The City Council welcomed and introduced new employees for the month of February.*

### PROCLAMATION

*The City Council proclaimed:*

American Red Cross Month, March 2025

### CITY OF CHAMPIONS / COMMENDATIONS

*The City Council commended:*

Paula Gail Johnson, Former Airport Commissioner

### 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.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**[ID#25-056](#)**Minutes**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the minutes of February 25, 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#25-058](#)**Financial Claims**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the financial claims report 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#25-006](#)**CalRecycle Rubberized Pavement Grant Acceptance**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution authorizing the acceptance of CalRecycle funds in the amount of \$250,000; the adoption of the 2024-25 Appropriation and Funding Sources in the Capital Improvement Program; increase the estimated revenue from State Government appropriation by \$250,000; and increase funding for CIP 9981 Pavement Maintenance 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 23206

[ID#25-046](#)**City Council District 5 Recreation Center**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution appropriating \$8.1 Million Dollars from the District 5 Recreation Center Reserve fund to CIP 9342 - District 5 Recreation Center 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 23207

[ID#25-044](#)**Las Casitas Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan**

**Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, Resolution approving the Las Casitas Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming Plan supported by residents for implementation 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 23208

## CONSIDERATION

### ID#25-052

#### **Sanitary Sewer Rate Study**

*Received report from City Engineer Adriana Robles regarding the sanitary sewer rate study prepared by Wallace Group to develop a sanitary sewer rate study ("Study") for the wastewater enterprise program. A draft Study is currently under review by City staff. The purpose of the Study is to develop a ten-year financial plan to help ensure that the wastewater enterprise fund will meet financial obligations for ongoing operations and maintenance, debt service, and capital improvements while maintaining prudent financial reserves. The financial plan provides an opportunity to assess the potential implications of future operating and maintenance costs, capital improvement program needs, current and future debt obligations, changing customer demands, and future development. Salinas' wastewater program is a self-supporting enterprise of the City that includes the sanitary sewer system, staff, equipment, and supplies. The utility service is expected to generate the revenues, through rate payer fees, to cover the ongoing costs of operations, maintenance, administration, regulatory compliance, debt service, capital improvements and maintenance of prudent financial reserves. Two scenarios have been developed that would address the financial obligations of the wastewater enterprise program. Official report with additional detail was filed with the City Clerk.*

*Received public comment from the following member of the public in attendance and on Zoom:*

*Jose Guerra*

*David Maisonneuve*

*Luis Xago Juarez*

*Eric Petersen*

*Mary Ann Worden*

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember D'Arrigo, the City Council accept the findings of the Sanitary Sewer Rate Study; and funding Option 2 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

### ID#25-045

#### **Adoption of the Stormwater Master Plan (SWMP) Update**

*Received report from NPDES Program Manager Heidi Niggemeyer, and Valerie Huff, Wallace Group Consultant regarding the adoption of the 2024 Stormwater Master Plan Update. The Salinas Stormwater Master Plan Update presents the findings from the development of a hydrology and hydraulics model to create a Stormwater Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This program assists the City in prioritizing both existing and future stormwater system needs through repair, rehabilitation, replacement, or new stormwater facilities. Report and final plan filed with the City Clerk as the official record.*

*Received public comment from the following member of the public in attendance and on*

*Zoom:*

*Jose Guerra*

**Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Barajas, Resolution adopting the Salinas Stormwater Master Plan Update and related Appendices 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: RES 23209

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**