



City of Salinas

200 Lincoln Ave., 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, March 25, 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

CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 - LEVINE ACT

No disclosures reported.

CLOSED SESSION

[ID#25-093](#)

a. Existing Litigation - California Government Code Section 54956.9(a),
conference with legal counsel regarding, Suthided Livingston vs. City of Salinas,
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Number(s): ADJ 17096835

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.*

CITY OF CHAMPIONS

The City Council commended:

Relay for Life Salinas Valley
Everett Alvarez High School Boys Soccer Team

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment from members of the public in attendance and on Zoom.

CONSENT AGENDA**ID#25-076****Minutes**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, the minutes of March 11, 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#25-082**Financial Claims**

Councilmember Salazar recused himself due to a conflict of interest on one of the claims issued.

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember De La Rosa, the financial claims report 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

Recused: 1 - Councilmember Salazar

ID#25-020**Acceptance of the Infrastructure Improvements for the Alisal Greening and Beautification Project, CIP No. 9345**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting the infrastructure improvements for the Alisal Greening and Beautification Project, CIP 9345 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 23210

ID#25-042**Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development 2024 Continuum of Care Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the 2024 HCD Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) CoC Program; and, if awarded, the Mayor or designee to accept 2024-2027 ESG grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,031,517 and authorize the Mayor or designee to execute, and amend if needed, the attached City and HCD 3-year ESG Program Resolutions; the Mayor or designee to execute a standard agreement and any amendments thereto for the 2024-2027 funding years of the State ESG program, CoC Allocation NOFA; the Mayor or designee to

execute all applicable HCD grant documents, Subrecipient Funding Agreements, and necessary amendments to fund programs approved by the CoC #506 Leadership Council during the term of the Standard Agreement with HCD; and the adoption of the following FY 2024-25 Appropriation and Funding Sources: establish the appropriation budget for the 2024 HCD ESG Program in the amount of \$1,031,517 over the three funding years (2024-2027); and increase the estimated revenue from the State Grants Program 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 23211

[ID#25-060](#)

Transfer of Funds for Professional Services Agreement related to the Salinas Business Park, LLC, DTSC Voluntary Cleanup Agreement

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving the transfer of \$87,000 from the Airport Enterprise Fund Balance (6100) to CIP No. 9050, Core Area Development 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 23212

[ID#25-069](#)

Annual Public Art Update

Received and accepted the annual public art update.

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barajas, Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember D'Arrigo, Councilmember De La Rosa, Councilmember Salazar, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Donohue

[ID#25-071](#)

Historic Resources Board Certificate of Appreciation Program

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving the Historic Resources Board Certificate of Appreciation Program 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 23213

[ID#25-073](#)

Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with Willdan Engineering

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with Willdan Engineering for Code Enforcement Services to increase the not to exceed compensation amount to \$295,000 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 23214

[ID#24-732](#)

**2024 Pavement Improvements on Various Streets Project, CIP No. 9981
Acceptance**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting the 2024 Pavement Improvements on Various Streets Project, CIP 9981 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 23215

[ID#25-091](#)

**Modification to the Classification - Salary Schedule and Workforce
Adjustment**

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution to amend the Classification-Salary Schedule for regular classifications to re-activate and include the classification of Plan Checker I and temporary employee classifications to include Retired Annuitant - Fire Inspector I 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 23216

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[ID#25-037](#)

2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Received report from Community Development Analyst's Luis Rodriguez and Monica Flores regarding the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report. Section 65400 of the California Government Code requires local jurisdictions to submit an Housing Element Annual Progress Report addressing the status and progress made toward implementing its goals and policies. This report covers the first year of the new City of Salinas 2023-2031 HE and focuses on calendar year 2024 with highlights & accomplishments related to housing production and program implementation. The report must be submitted to HCD and LCI no later than April 1st of each year.

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

Mike Hamley

Member of the public

Member of the public

Mike Lipe

Member of the public

Judy Myers

Lisa Myers
Patricia Rodriguez
Member of the public
Angelo
Member of the public
Member of the public
Wes White
Randy Mase
Nidia Soto – translation provided by J.A.V. Services
Audrey Wardwell
Eleanor Elliott
Juanita Aguilar – translation provided by J.A.V. Services
Any Salmina
Eloise Shim
Cary Swensen
Estela

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Barajas, Resolution accepting the 2024 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorizing its submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research as required by Government Code Section 65400(b) 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 23217

[ID#25-055](#)

2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Visión Salinas 2040 Update

Received report from Planning Manager Grant Leonard regarding the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Vision Salinas 2040 Update. The General Plan Annual Progress Report covers Salinas General Plan (2002) implementation activities during the calendar year 2024. Accomplishment highlights include supporting significant construction projects through over 2,900 permits and 17,800 inspections; entitling a new Hebbbron Family Center and improvements to Closter Park; upstaffing of the Fire Department with new recruits; adopting a permanent Mills Act Ordinance to support historic preservation; and the continuation of construction of Ensen Community Park by the Big Sur Land Trust. The General Plan Update continued in 2024 with the preparation of administrative drafts of General Plan chapters and targeted community engagement. Staff is continuing to work toward a Public Review Draft General Plan. Under California Government Code Section 65400, staff is required to prepare a General Plan Annual Progress Report (GP APR) for review by the City Council and submittal to LCI and HCD by April 1st of each year.

No public comment received.

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution accepting the 2024 General Plan Annual Progress Report (GP APR) and authorizing its submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) 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 23218

CONSIDERATION

[ID#25-084](#)

2024 AB 481 Annual Report, Renewal of Ordinance No. 2657, and Purchase of AB 481 Equipment

Received report from Police Chief Carlos Acosta regarding the AB 481 Annual Report, Renewal of Ordinance No. 2657, and Purchase of AB 481 Equipment. Assembly Bill 481 requires a law enforcement agency to obtain approval from the applicable governing body, by adopting a military equipment use policy by ordinance, prior to taking certain actions related to the funding, acquisition, or use of "military equipment" as defined by the Bill. City Council adopted a military equipment use policy by Ordinance on August 23, 2022, and this requires annual renewal. As required by AB 481, the Salinas Police Department (SPD) presented the 2024 AB 481 Annual Report and requesting the renewal of Ordinance No. 2657 to allow SPD to continue utilizing this necessary equipment. The department is also requesting approval to purchase AB 481 equipment identified in this report. The department's Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team have a need for .308 ammunition

from San Diego Police Equipment Company, and specialty SWISS P ammunition from Norma

Precision and the need for replenishment of 40MM Sponge Rounds from LC Action Police Supply and wishes to purchase the Pepper Ball system, consisting of Pepper Balls, launching equipment, and training balls, from Curtis Blue Line. The total cost for all equipment is not to exceed \$66,056.91.

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

Maria Perez

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Salazar, Resolution to renew Ordinance No. 2657 pertaining to military equipment funding, acquisition, and use, and authorize the direct purchase of AB 481 equipment for a total cost not to exceed \$66,056.91 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 23219

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Sandoval invited the public to attend event throughout the City like Comedy Night at XL Public and Cars, Conchas, and Cafecito Car Show.

Councilmember Barrera invited the public to the Closter Park Groundbreaking event on April 7.

Councilmember Barajas reported on attending the Central Coast Community Energy Policy Meeting.

Councilmember De La Rosa reported on attending the Solid Waste and Community Human Services Board Meetings.

Councilmember D'Arrigo requested information on the status of the City's infrastructure, Code Enforcement, and pending projects. Councilmember D'Arrigo reported on attending the SCCIA Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in honor of King City Police Sergeant Bryan Kennedy at 9:02 p.m.

Alexis Mejia, Assistant City Clerk