

DRAFT MINUTES
SALINAS CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE - TELECONFERENCE
Monday, September 14, 2020
1:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Christie Cromeenes, Councilmember Tony Barrera, and Councilmember Scott Davis.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ray Corpuz Jr., City Attorney Chris Callihan, Finance Director Matt Pressey, Police Chief Adele Fresé, Assistant Police Chief Roberto Filice, Fire Chief Michele Vaughn, Public Works Director David Jacobs, Community Development Director Megan Hunter, Library and Community Services Director Kristin Lundquist, Management Analyst Tonya Erickson, NPDES Permit Manger Heidi Niggemeyer, Fleet Supervisor Ron Patterson, Transportation Manager James Serrano, Traffic Engineer Andrew Easterling, and Senior Accountant Abe Pedroza.

Councilmember Scott Davis called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE / COMMENT

Steve Ish submitted a public comment regarding parking citations, specifically the amounts issued versus the amounts collected. A community group of 17 residents submitted a public comment regarding the quarterly review of the budget, specifically requesting that a portion of the Police Department's budget be allocated to the Community Development Department and Library and Community Services.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of Committee Member Cromeenes, second by Committee Member Davis.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Salinas Plan – Fleet Consolidation Status Update (OE02)

Fleet Supervisor Ron Patterson presented a status update on the consolidation process of the City's fleet, including police, fire, and public works vehicles. Staff contends that the primary issue hindering the program remains the hiring and retaining of qualified mechanics, with competition coming from the private sector. Mr. Patterson noted that his team is currently able to service police vehicles through the use of overtime, which is not a sustainable long-term solution. The City has selected Fleetio as its Fleet Management Information Systems software for its user-friendly platform, but again emphasizes that consolidation hinges on staffing qualified technicians. Councilmember Tony Barrera supported staff's hiring recommendations while councilmember Scott Davis requested an update at a future finance committee meeting.

B. Salinas Plan – RMS System Upgrade Status (PS03)

Assistant Police Chief Roberto Filice presented a status update on the police records management system upgrade, which had previously stalled due to issues with the original vendor. After performing its due diligence, staff has chosen Mark43, noting its simplicity that requires little training, in addition to positive reviews by other agencies. Advantages include an on-budget system with no additional costs and a cloud-based product not requiring additional servers/hardware. Staff plans on concluding research in the coming weeks, with a formal selection, executed agreement, and implementation before January 2021. Committee members expressed their gratitude and support.

C. Storm Water CBP3

NPDES Permit Manager Heidi Niggemeyer gave a detailed presentation regarding the “utilization of a CBP3 (Community Based Public Private Partnership) to implement green stormwater infrastructure throughout the City, providing environmental, community, and socioeconomic benefits to the City, while striving to meet NPDES Permit requirements and providing relief to the City’s General Fund.” The report covered the challenges of the program, listing examples from other agencies, in addition to a timeline for the project, the funding sources, financing options, repayment terms, scope of work, responsibilities, and performance measures in enacting a stormwater utility fee, which would be property-related as opposed to a special tax. Consultants from Corvias detailed a proforma cash flow over the next five years, suggesting much work would occur prior to the passage of the fee, in an effort to accelerate the pilot program. While committee members recognized the program for its immense importance, concerns arose over an additional fee that would further burden homeowners.

D. Police Services Headquarters Cost of Naming after Mayor Joe Gunter

Public Works Director David Jacobs delivered three options for signage at the new Police Services Headquarters aimed at honoring the late Mayor Joe Gunter, a former Salinas Police department detective. Options 1A and 1B would change the monument sign that is located in front of the building along Alisal Street, adding the name “Joe Gunter” at different sizes to the verbiage that currently reads “Police Service of Salinas” at a cost of approximately \$4,500. Option 2 is to add a plaque commemorating Mayor Gunter at the front entrance of the building at an estimated cost of \$2,600. Councilmember Tony Barrera preferred option 2, noting that the community had previously provided comment in naming the building. Councilmember Scott Davis favored gathering input of the entire Council, while suggesting that donations would cover the cost, a gesture Mayor Gunter would have preferred. The City is currently accepting public comment on this matter.

E. Traffic Calming Update

Transportation Manager James Serrano issued an update on the City’s traffic calming policy and efforts. After providing a brief history of the program, including projects completed, costs, and additional details, Mr. Serrano noted that the program has been defunded in FY 20-21 due to budget constraints. As petitions for traffic calming projects throughout various neighborhoods are still being received, staff recommends keeping the “outreach process intact” and improve on it as to establish “geographic equity for distribution of traffic calming projects” in all districts. Councilmember Scott Davis suggested implementing a pilot program, whereas each district would be allocated 3-4 sets of speed cushions and could rotate them to different locations at their discretion.

F. Committee Member Reports

Councilmember Tony Barrera requested information regarding the amount of fees/taxes that Salinas homeowners pay to the City. Councilmember Scott Davis requested that the food truck ordinance item appear on next meeting’s agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Christie Cromeenes reminded the committee and staff that next month should include a quarterly update on the budget.

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Abe Pedroza, Senior Accountant