



City of Salinas

200 Lincoln Ave., Salinas,
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Meeting Minutes - Unofficial

City Council

Mayor Kimbley Craig

Councilmembers:

Carla Viviana González, District 1 - Tony Barrera, District 2

Steve McShane, District 3 - Orlando Osornio, District 4

Christie Cromeenes, District 5 - Anthony Rocha, District 6

Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Christie Cromeenes
Councilmember Carla Viviana Gonzalez
Councilmember Orlando Osornio
Councilmember Anthony Rocha
Mayor Kimbley Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Steve McShane

COMMENDATIONS

The City Council commended:

Tavares Family Car Club Mega Show

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

HOME Investment Partnership Program - American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan,
continued to October 4, 2022

CONSIDERATION

[ID#22-447](#)

An Ordinance Amending Article XVI of Chapter 20

Received report from City Engineer Adriana Robles regarding vendor ordinance

amendments to address concerns brought forward to City Council during the vendor program update on April 12, 2022. The proposed Vendor Ordinance Amendments provide vendors a comprehensive program tailored for vendor business needs while ensuring community health and safety. Amendments include: 1) expanding the hours of operation for roaming food trucks from four (4) to six (6) hours; 2) restricting nonmotorized pushcarts and ice cream truck vendors from operating within a two hundred-foot distance from schools; and 3) establishing the frequency of occupation for designated food truck locations and the revocation process.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Luis Xago Juarez

Jose Urquiz, El Volcan (Spanish translation provided by FAST Services)

Introduced Ordinance amending Article XVI of Chapter 20 of the Salinas Municipal Code updating the regulations governing food trucks, ice cream trucks, nonmotorized pushcarts and street vendors (Vendor Ordinance) and recommended additional modifications for final approval on September 6, 2022.

[ID#22-449](#)

An Ordinance Adding Sections to Chapter 27 of the Salinas Municipal Code Pertaining to Military Equipment

Received report from Sergeant James Godwin regarding Assembly Bill 481 codified in Government Code sections 7070 through 7075 which requires law enforcement agencies to obtain approval from the applicable governing body prior to the funding, acquisition, or use of "Military Equipment". The Salinas Police Department seeks Salinas City Council adoption of a Military Equipment policy. Military Equipment tools have been utilized by SPD and other law enforcement agencies to enhance community and officer safety. The Ordinance was introduced on April 26, 2022.

The following audience member commented on the report:

Grant

Luis Xago Juarez

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Cromeenes, Ordinance adding sections to Chapter 27 of the Salinas Municipal Code pertaining to Military Equipment Funding, Acquisition, and Use as required by Assembly Bill 481 was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio and Mayor Craig

Noes: 1 - Councilmember Rocha

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: ORD 2657

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

[ID#22-457](#)

Salinas' American Rescue Plan Update

Received report regarding the City's various Council-adopted projects included in the Salinas recovery under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

[ID#22-459](#)

Commercial Cannabis Taxation Recommendation Report

Received report from Community Development Director Megan Hunter and SCI

Consulting Group Kyle Tankard. They reported that on February 15, 2022, City Council directed staff to hire a consultant to complete a report on recommended taxation rates after hearing testimony of multiple cannabis business owners concerned about long-term financial viability of the industry in the City. The City contracted with SCI Consulting Group which completed the report and found that Salinas' local cannabis industry "remains viable, relatively stable with the likelihood of a reasonable, limited growth over time". The report also concluded that the City's "current rates, rate structure, number and types of businesses are generally appropriate and well within California norms". While tax revenues are leveling out, the report noted that there is potential for more growth as more permitted businesses become operational. As it relates to current taxation rates, SCI Group recommended the following:

- Maintain the existing gross receipts tax rate of 5% on retail businesses.
- Reduce the existing tax to a rate between 2.5% and 3% on manufacturing businesses.
- Reduce the existing tax to a rate between \$7 to \$10 per square foot of canopy on cultivation businesses

The following audience members commented on the report:

Brad Palmer, Cannacruz
Jen Montenegro, Lowell Farms
Mark, Lowell Farms
Daniel Valez, Cannacruz
Gant Palmer, Cannacruz

Received report regarding the Commercial Cannabis Taxation Recommendation Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#22-366](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, the minutes of June 14, 2021 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember McShane

[ID#22-436](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, the minutes of minutes of June 21, 2022 and August 9, 2022 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig
- Absent:** 1 - Councilmember McShane

[ID#22-471](#)

Financial Claims

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, the financial claims report was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

[ID#22-375](#)

Agreement with Salinas Valley Tourism and Visitors Bureau to continue operation of California Welcome Center

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreement with the Salinas Valley Tourism and Visitors Bureau to continue operation of California Welcome Center in Salinas was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22452

[ID#22-406](#)

2022 Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution approving the Hazard Mitigation Plan to ensure grant eligibility of the City of Salinas was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22453

[ID#22-410](#)

Direct Purchase of Fire Vehicles

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution amending the purchases in previously approved Resolution No. 22329 to include a price increase of up to 25% to each of the vehicles included and the direct purchase of one Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), associated equipment, outside installation services and signage, for a total cost not to exceed \$ 320,044.98 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22454

[ID#22-418](#)

Direct Purchase of One Hunter Alignment System

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the direct purchase of one Hunter Alignment Rack System from Mohawk Lifts LLC at a cost of \$88,250.25 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22455

[ID#22-420](#) **“Green City” Master Plan**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 between the City of Salinas and Craftwater Engineering, Inc for the "Green City" Master Plan was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22456

[ID#22-435](#) **Bardin Road Safe Routes to School Improvement Project, CIP 9218 and the California Conservation Corps.**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing an agreement with the California Conservation Corps for the planting and landscaping of the Bardin Road Safe Routes to School Improvement Project No. 9218, ATPL-5045(031) and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the agreement was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22457

[ID#22-441](#) **California Violence Intervention Prevention (CalVIP) Program Cohort 4 Grant Acceptance**

Upon motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Cromeenes, Resolution approving an Agreement with the Board of State and Community Corrections accepting the California Violence Intervention and Prevention grant award in the amount of \$3,130,453 for the period retroactive to July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025, and establishment of the Cal VIP Cohort 4 appropriation totaling \$3,130,453 and corresponding revenue budget as described in our grant budget with a 100% match requirement of \$3,145,624 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22458

[ID#22-442](#) **Federal Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Award Grant Acceptance**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept the Urban Area Security Initiative grant award and execute all required agreements and related documents necessary to receive the funds was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22459

Crom [ID#22-444](#) **New Traffic Signal at East Alisal Street and Murphy Street, Project No. 9094**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution approving Contract Change Order No. 2 to Bear Electrical Solutions, Inc. for the New Traffic Signal at East Alisal Street and Murphy Street, Project No. 9094 in the amount of \$12,238.99 and authorize the Public Works Director to execute all necessary documents related to Change Order No. 2, and authorize the Public Works Director to issue Contract Change Orders for the New Traffic Signal at East Alisal Street and Murphy Street, Project No. 9094 up to an additional 10% (\$73,633.50) of the awarded contract price was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22460

[ID#22-446](#) **Surplus Vehicles and Equipment for Disposition**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution declaring vehicles and equipment surplus and authorizing their disposal through auction or recycling was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22461

[ID#22-448](#) **Service Agreement for purchase of playground equipment and playground repairs**

Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems for the purchase of playground equipment and labor to repair playground structures at designated locations was continued indefinitely.

[ID#22-450](#) **Direct Purchase of Equipment for Police SWAT and VSTF Teams**

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the direct purchase of two Daniel Defense MK 18 rifles, two breaching shotguns, and one Heckler & Koch MP5K-N gun for a total cost not to exceed \$7,882.25 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22462

[ID#22-451](#)

Professional Services Agreement with Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. for Preparation of an Agriculture Economic and Land Use Study.

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. for preparation of an Agriculture Economic and Land Use Study, for an amount not to exceed \$184,860 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22463

[ID#22-452](#)

Direct Purchase of Playground Surfacing Material

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the direct purchase of engineered wood fiber surfacing material from Jet Mulch Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$340,000.00 for 24 playgrounds located throughout the City's park system was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22464

[ID#22-454](#)

Clean California State Beautification Program Cooperative and Maintenance Agreements for the Salinas-Alisal Vibrancy Neighborhood Beautification Project

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Cooperative Agreement and any amendments thereto with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) authorizing the City's contribution of \$100,000 for the Clean California State Beautification Salinas-Alisal Vibrancy Neighborhood Beautification Project along highway 101; and authorizing the Mayor to execute a Maintenance Agreement and any amendments thereto with the Caltrans for the maintenance of the Project was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22465

[ID#22-458](#)

Salinas Police Managers Association Memorandum of Understanding and Mortification to Classification-Salary Schedule

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Salinas and the Salinas Police Managers Association (SPMA) for a term through December 31, 2024, and also authorizing a modification to the Classification - Salary Schedule was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Cromeenes, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio and Mayor Craig

Noes: 1 - Councilmember Rocha

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22466

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

All closed session matters were canceled.

[ID#22-474](#)

- a. Pending Litigation - California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), conference with legal counsel regarding, Santa Rita Union High School District, et al. v. City of Salinas et al., Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV000242
- b. Pending Litigation - California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), conference with legal counsel regarding, Alisal Union School District, et al. v. City of Salinas, et al., Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV003402

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor/Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Secretary