

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Tack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Tack
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner Kendra Howell

ABSENT: Commissioner Yolanda Hayes (staff received notification of Commissioner Kaye's absence on 11/9/17)
Commissioner Nunez (staff did not receive notification of Commissioner Nunez's absence)

STAFF PRESENT: James Serrano, Transportation Manager
Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer
Jim Sandoval, City Engineer
Jose Saucedo, Assistant Engineer
Crissy White, Administrative (Recording) Secretary

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF): None
3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
None
4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 12, 2017

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1 (10/12/17 Minutes), COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER HOWELL ABSTAINED DUE TO NOT BEING IN ATTENDANCE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. RIKER STREET and WOODSIDE DRIVE RED CURB "NO PARKING" ZONE

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend that City Council approve of a Red Curb "No Parking" Zone at the intersection of Riker Street and Woodside Drive

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #2 (RIKER STREET and WOODSIDE DRIVE), COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS at SKYWAY BOULEVARD and AIRPORT BOULEVARD

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending to City Council approval for adoption of the first phase of traffic improvements at the Skyway Boulevard and Airport Boulevard Project

Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Hill asked who requested the improvements, Andrew advised the Salinas Airport request improvements due to the number of accidents. Commissioner Hill asked about the two side roads alongside Airport Boulevard that were open at one time and now seem to be closed off with gates, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Howell asked what the timeline for this project would be, if approved, Andrew advised approximately Spring 2018.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about the traffic peak periods, Andrew Easterling provided information.

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEM #1 (Skyway Boulevard and Airport Boulevard), COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to comment there are very high speeds on Airport Boulevard, a two-way left turn lane might be a good idea.

2. INTEGRATED PARKING MANAGEMENT and OPERATIONS STRATEGY

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending the Integrated Parking Strategy to City Council

James Serrano presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Hill asked about the increase of parking violation bails and the oversight committee, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Howell asked about the 20,000 citation statistic, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Flescher asked about the parking fines minimum and maximum and about extending enforcement to evenings and weekends, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about current enforcement, James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Tack asked if there will be the possibility of paying citations electronically, James Serrano advised people can currently pay online. Commissioner Tack asked about the overall cost of the parking management program, Matt Farrell (consultant) provided information. Commissioner Tack asked about future compliance and how this will effect revenues, James provided information.

Commissioner Hill asked about the funding shortfall and how it effects the operation of the downtown parking garage, James and Matt Farrell provided information. Commissioner Hill asked which item will start first – the parking management plan or the change of Main Street to two-way traffic, James Serrano provided information.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to report there are vehicles parked in the bus zone at the Steinbeck Center. Mr. Petersen commented a few years ago the Traffic and Transportation Commission passed a motion requesting parking in the parking garage be made free, but this item never made it to the City Council. Mr. Petersen commented the “employee parking shuffle” is also problem, perhaps employees should be provided with incentives to park in the parking garage. Mr. Petersen believes the idea of building over parking lots flawed. Mr. Petersen believe we need more bike racks downtown.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to comment a bathroom had been approved to be installed in the parking garage, but none has been installed. Mrs. Worden spoke about a previous plan for a center “divider” to be installed in the downtown streets. Mrs. Worden spoke about a red zone being installed in front of fire hydrants, this has not been done in her neighborhood. She has been asking for many years for the curbs in her neighborhood to be painted red and she is very upset this has not been done. Mrs. Worden reported the street signs for Caribbean and Pacific are broken.

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #2 (Integrated Parking Management and Operations Strategy), COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL APPROVED, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

3. COMMISSION MEETING TIME

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider changing meeting time of Traffic and Transportation Commission from 7:00PM to 6:00PM

James Serrano presented a brief report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Mary Ann Worden approached the Commission to comment it has been difficult in the past for Commissioners to arrive in time for a 6:00 meeting.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to state the second Thursday of the month seems to be a popular evening for meetings, there are a few other meetings happening on the same day.

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION ITEM #3 (Commission Meeting Time), COMMISSIONER FLESCHER SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER – TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

COMMISSION ACTION: Review and provide feedback on the traffic impact analysis for the Salinas Public Safety Center development project

Andrew Easterling presented his report, on file in the Public Works Department.

Eric Petersen approached the Commission to comment traffic signals are obsolete technology and more effective technology (such as roundabouts) should be considered.

(no comments received from Commissioners)

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Viarengo commented when he checked on the Riker Street red curb painting, going down Woodside and Redwood, there is a huge dip on Woodside heading towards Riker.
- B. Commissioner Viarengo asked if the bus stop that's been moved on Alisal, in front of the jail, is an active bus stop yet. James advises MST will not serve the bus stop until construction is completed.

- C. Commissioner Howell, wanted to report the traffic calming measure on Riker is moving forward.

Commissioner Howell reported she attended the Monterey Bay State of the Region. There were great keynote speakers and "strong towns" ideas. It was very fascinating.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: 12/14/17

Commissioner Howell will not be present at the December meeting, all other Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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