

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE NORTH MAIN STREET AND CHEROKEE DRIVE INTERSECTION; AND APPROVING A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH SALINAS SHOPPING CENTER ASSOCIATES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SAID TRAFFIC SIGNAL

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas is responsible for public improvements on City streets, including traffic signals; and

WHEREAS, traffic studies indicate that a new traffic signal at the intersection of North Main Street and Cherokee Drive will improve traffic operations and reduce delay at intersections along the North Main Corridor; and

WHEREAS, said traffic signal will include pedestrian facilities that improve pedestrian safety at said intersection; and

WHEREAS, there is no funding allocated for said signal and in order to accelerate its construction, the Harden Ranch Shopping Center and affiliates desires to build said signal in accordance with City requirements at their cost; and

WHEREAS, at their October 2017 meeting, the Traffic and Transportation Commission deliberated on the proposal for said signal and passed a recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has determined that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15031.Existing Facilities) because the project proposes improvements to existing streets, sidewalks, gutters and other pedestrian facilities and restoration or replacement of existing drainage features and facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Salinas City Council approves the installation of a new signal at the North Main Street and Cherokee Drive intersection based on traffic studies that show operational improvements at intersections on the North Main corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, Public Works Director, the City Attorney and their designees to enter into an agreement with the Salinas Shopping Center Associates Limited Partnership and the Harden Ranch Plaza Associates, LLC pursuant to which they will provide funding to cover the costs for the design and construction of said traffic signal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the Finance Director to appropriate the \$500,000 funds for the project pursuant to the funding agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of December, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk