

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Tack called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Larry Tack
Commissioner Kendra Howell
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Elias Nunez

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Hill (staff received notification of Commissioner Hill's absence on 3/5/18)
Commissioner Yolanda Hayes (staff did not receive notification of Commissioner Hayes' absence)

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

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF):

Staff received written communications from the public regarding the Rossi Circle parking item (Consideration Agenda), copies were provided to Commissioners.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:

A resident approached the Commission to comment he had complained about violations of the Brown Act at the last Commission meeting. At the end of the last Commission meeting there was no opportunity given for public comment regarding "2018-2019 Prioritization of Traffic Calming Projects". He wanted to comment Cherokee Drive needs to be considered for traffic calming. They have problems with high traffic volumes, parking, etc. One thing that might help would be putting a centerline down the 1500 block.

He also commented that asking for his name is a violation of the first amendment.

4. BUSINESS

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

1. QALERT CITIZEN RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive report from Sophia Rome, Executive Assistant, regarding QAlert Citizen Relationship Management System.

Commissioners received this report, asked general questions, and made comments.

2. RED LIGHT CAMERAS

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive report from Police Chief Adele Frese and Mark Carroll of Redflex (Glendale, AZ) regarding Red Light Cameras.

Commissioners received this report, asked general questions, and made comments.

B. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 8, 2018

COMMISSIONER HOWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA (2/8/18 Meeting Minutes), COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

C. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ROSSI CIRCLE "NO PARKING ZONE" UPDATE

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending to City Council establishment of "No Parking" Zones(s) along Rossi Circle

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

Commissioner Howell asked for clarification regarding the location of the No Parking Zone, Andrew provided information.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about the limits of the No Parking Zone, Andrew provided information.

Commissioner Tack asked about other options available, Andrew provided information.

A resident approached the commission to express he hasn't noticed any parking problems in this area, he would like to see staff spending more time on traffic calming and enforcing disabled ramps in the area.

COMMISSIONER NUNEZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEM 1 (Rossi Circle No Parking Zone), COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

2. SALINAS TRAVEL CENTER TRAFFIC and CIRCULATION

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending to City Council approval of the Salinas Travel Center development, based on the project's ability to maintain acceptable traffic service levels and mitigate transportation significant impacts

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

Commissioner Nunez made comments regarding traffic impacts.

Commissioner Tack asked about traffic improvements developers would be required to make, James provided information.

Commissioner Viarengo asked about the timeline for this project. He stated this project is needed for the City, a location for large truck traffic.

Commissioner Nunez asked about revenues that will be generated for the City, James provided information.

A resident approached the Commission to comment he is familiar with these type of developments. He questions if signals are needed on Roy Diaz Street. He expressed this development would not need sales tax credits.

Commissioner Howell thanked staff for their time and effort spent on studying this development.

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEM 2 (Salinas Travel Center Traffic and Circulation), COMMISSIONER HOWELL SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Flescher asked if there is a priority list used for sidewalk repair. James provided information regarding the City's sidewalk repair programs.

Commissioner Flescher asked if staff is studying the replacement of trees to determine what best works for our area, James provided information regarding the City's Urban Forestry division.

Commissioner Flesher commented regarding vehicles congregating at the Safeway parking lot on Constitution.

- B. Commissioner Tack shared a story regarding meeting a worker ("Gabriel") from the City's parking enforcement program.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: May 10, 2018

Commissioner Howell cannot be present at the May 10th Commission meeting; all other Commissioners present plan to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Larry Tack, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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