

DRAFT MINUTES
SALINAS CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
Monday, October 7, 2019
3:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Joe Gunter and Councilmember Tony Barrera.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ray Corpuz Jr., Assistant City Manager Jim Pia, Fire Chief Pablo Barreto, Public Works Director David Jacobs, Library and Community Services Director Kristan Lundquist, and Senior Accountant Abe Pedroza.

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

1. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE / COMMENT

Members of the public Al Espindola and Gloria Moore were present.

Ms. Moore asked for clarification on the requirements pertaining to modification of driveways.

Mr. Espindola asked if negotiations with Public Safety unions were complete and if staff will address the sunset clause of Measure G.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Committee Member Barrera, second by Committee Member Gunter.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Salinas Plan – Library and Community Services and Public Works Reorganization

Library and Community Service Director Kristan Lundquist introduced the topic as part of the Salinas Plan, which includes 32 recommendations from the National Resource Network (NRN) intended to help the City address its structural budget deficit and housing crisis. One of the recommendations from the operational efficiencies category was to move both Facility and Park Maintenance from Public Works to Library and Community Services.

Meanwhile, Public Works, through a recently conducted organizational study, and Library and Community Services, through the adoption of their master plan, both recommended moving Park Maintenance from Public Works to Library and Community Services. City staff determined that Facility Maintenance should remain with Public Works. As a result, Council has reactivated the Parks and Community Services Superintendent and the Park Crew Supervisor positions. Human Resources will be working on these recruitments as well as meeting with SEIU to alleviate any issues Park Maintenance staff may have with the transition. The goal is to implement this reorganization as part of the mid-year budget review in February of 2020, with an anticipated savings of approximately \$62,000.

B. Status of TRIP Bond Funded Street Projects

Public Works Director David Jacobs presented on the status of 20 CIP projects that are currently being funded by Measure X Bond Financing. Specifics included the project name, brief status, budget amounts, encumbrances, remaining budget, percentage of completion, and more. As of September 30, 2019, the City has spent approximately \$7.5M, or 19%, of the Total Road Improvement Program bond funding. Both Mayor Joe Gunter and Councilmember Tony Barrera requested specifics on select projects, notably the much-anticipated Laurel Drive sidewalk. Mr. Jacobs noted that completed projects will bear a sign indicating the funding source.

C. Committee Member Reports

None.

4. NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:



Abe Pedroza, Senior Accountant