

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE
SALINAS PLANNING COMMISSION**

October 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:41 p.m. in the City Council Chamber Rotunda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

WELCOME AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

PRESENT: Chairperson Griffin, Commissioners, Anzo, Meeks, and Ottone

ABSENT: Commissioners Hernandez, Nohr and Rocamora

STAFF: Community Development Director, Megan Hunter; Planning Manager, Courtney Grossman; Lisa Brinton, Planning Manager; Associate Planner, Jonathan Moore; Associate Planner, Bobby Latino; and Administrative Aide, Maira Flores

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairperson Griffin opened for public comment at 3:42 p.m.

No public comment received.

Chairperson Griffin closed for public comment at 3:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: October 16, 2019

Upon motion by Commissioner Meeks, second by Commissioner Anzo, the minutes of October 16, 2019 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Griffin, Commissioners, Anzo, Meeks, and Ottone

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Hernandez, Nohr and Rocamora

CONSIDERATIONS

Lisa Brinton, Planning Manager, presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the Alisal Vibrancy Plan. This presentation is on file at the Community Development Department.

Commissioner Meeks inquired about the release date for review of the Traffic Study Plan. Lisa Brinton indicated that grant funding would have to be applied for and awarded before the study could occur. Ms. Brinton also informed that Monterey Salinas Transit had submitted the first of two grant applications to study bus rapid transit along East Alisal Street, which will include traffic and other analysis of the corridor. The study as well as any recommendations resulting from the study, will be presented to both the Traffic and Planning Commissions.

Commissioner Ottone requested additional information on how the Alisal Vibrancy Plan will inform the General Plan. Lisa Brinton, Planning Manager, responded that the Alisal Vibrancy Plan, as a document, will remain separate; however, many of the policies recommended in the Alisal Vibrancy Plan would be refined and folded into the appropriate elements of the General Plan, especially Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure.

Chairperson Griffin opened for public comment at 4:19 p.m.

Monica Gurmilan, Land Use Organizer from Building Healthy Communities, provided public comment in support of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Veronica Leon, Alisal Vibrancy Steering Committee Member, provided public comment in support of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Matt Huerta, Former Planning Commissioner, provided public comment in support of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Alfred Diaz-Infante, President CEO of CHISPA, provided public comment in support of the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Chairperson Griffin closed for public comment at 4:27 p.m.

Commissioner Anzo commended the effort and participation from all involved in the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Chairperson Griffin also commended those who were present and participated in the Alisal Vibrancy Plan.

Commissioner Anzo motioned to approve the resolution recommending that the City Council accept the Alisal Vibrancy Plan. Commissioner Ottone seconded this motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Griffin, Commissioners, Anzo, and Ottone

NOES: Commissioner Meeks

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Hernandez, Nohr and Rocamora

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Due to a potential conflict of interest, Commissioner Ottone recused himself from voting on Variance 2019-001; a request to vary fence height at 1072 Industrial Street. Due to a lack of quorum, this item was continued to the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for November 6, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

Courtney Grossman, Planning Manager, informed that discussion for a design review board will be added to a future Planning Commission agenda.

Mr. Grossman also informed the Planning Commission that south county cities have requested training for Planning Commissioners, potentially on a Saturday in January 2020. The Planning Commission expressed interest in the training.

Megan Hunter, Community Development Director, requested that Planning Commissioners adequately notice the Planning Commission Administrative Aide if they are unable to attend a scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

FOLLOW UP REPORTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the General Plan Amendment 2017-001 and Rezone 2017-002 for 295 Sun Way as well as the General Plan Amendment 2017-002 and Rezone 2017-001 for 10 Simas Street are expected to be presented in the November 6, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Documents on these projects have been published in the City of Salinas website under the section titled Documents for Public Review & Comment. Public Works also expects to present a Mitigated Negative Declaration for East Laurel Drive on this date.

The West Area Specific Plan is expected to be presented to the Planning Commission on November 20, 2019. Due to the importance of the West Area Specific Plan, Ms. Hunter inquired if another Study Session of the West Area Specific Plan was necessary. Planning Commissioners present supported the recommendation for an additional Study Session of the West Area Specific Plan on November 6, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

BRAD GRIFFIN
Chairperson

COURTNEY GROSSMAN
Executive Secretary