

MEETING MINUTES

SALINAS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The Salinas Traffic and Transportation Commission met on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Rotunda, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Salinas.

1. ROLL CALL: Chairperson Hill called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner Brandon Hill
Commissioner John Viarengo
Commissioner Chris Flescher
Commissioner Sophia Rome
Commissioner Elias Nunez
Commissioner Jeff Davis (arrived at 6:24pm)

ABSENT: Commissioner Guadalupe Guzman-Rubio (staff received notification of Commissioner Guzman-Rubio's absence on 9/12/19)

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

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS (RECEIVED BY STAFF):
Staff received a fax related to Consent Item #19-475, which has been provided to Commissioners.
3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS / COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:
NONE
4. BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-485: Approval of Minutes
Approve minutes of August 8, 2019 Commission meeting
2. ITEM ID# 19-475: "No Parking" Red Zones at the intersection of Archer Street and West Street

COMMISSION ACTION: Recommend City Council adopt a Resolution approving the installation of a total of 55 feet of "No Parking" Red Zones to provide sufficient sight lines

Jesse Hernandez approached the Commission to request Item #19-475 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

Mr. Hernandez has lived in this area for several years. The biggest issue they have in this area is keeping up on the removal of abandoned vehicles. Parking congestion is being caused by parking overflow from the nearby apartment complexes. Mr. Hernandez believes installing red zones at this location will only push more vehicles down further into the neighborhood. He believes the red zones are needed more at Park and West Streets, where there are a higher number of accidents.

Commissioner Nunez mentioned a letter received from Kimberly Moore who also opposes the red parking zone installation. Commissioner Nunez asked if permit parking could be considered for this area.

James Serrano provided information regarding parking demands throughout the City. The issue at this intersection is more of a sight line distance safety measure.

Commissioner Flescher asked about collision reports at this intersection compared to other intersections on West Street.

Commissioner Rome asked if there were any other communications received from residents opposing the red zones; and if nearby Hartnell College could have an affect on the parking problem. James Serrano provided information.

Commissioner Hill discussed parking demands in this residential area and the use of garages.

Commissioner Nunez mentioned we have had a similar issue before the Commission in the past, where the Commission had to weigh a safety issue against parking demands.

COMMISSIONER ROME MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #19-475 , COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO ABSTAINED, COMMISSIONERS FLESCHER AND HILL WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

**(Commissioner Jeff Davis arrived after the motion was taken for Item #19-475)*

3. ITEM ID# 19-480: Little River Drive and Manchester Drive Neighborhood Traffic Calming After Study

COMMISSION ACTION: Receive informational report on the Neighborhood Traffic Calming After Study for Little River Drive and Manchester Drive

COMMISSIONER VIARENGO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #19-485 and #19-480, COMMISSIONER NUNEZ SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL IN FAVOR, NONE OPPOSED, MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSIDERATION AGENDA:

1. ITEM ID# 19-489: General Plan Amendment and Rezone: Rodeo Property Traffic Impact Analysis

COMMISSION ACTION: Consider recommending approval of a General Plan Amendment and Rezone change at Sun Street, adjacent to US Highway 101, based on the Rodeo Property Traffic Impact Analysis

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

Commissioner Nunez asked if this development is finalized. He commented he doesn't think this area can accommodate any additional traffic.

Commissioner Davis asked about the total daily trips that would be added and mitigation that would be required.

Commissioner Hill asked about the residential traffic already in the area; the history of how this location was transferred from City property to a private development; and if there is an idea of what types of businesses would be developed in the area. Andrew Easterling and James Serrano provided information.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSIDERATION AGENDA, COMMISSIONER VIARENGO SECONDED THE MOTION, COMMISSIONER NUNEZ VOTED NO, COMMISSIONERS HILL, FLESCHER, AND ROME WERE IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS:

- A. Commissioner Flescher asked about construction happening on Sherwood Drive, James Serrano advised he will look into work being done by PG & E.

Commissioner Flescher reported two locations that seem to be having traffic signal issues: at Davis and Rossi the signal stays green for Rossi quite a long time at night when drivers are trying to go north on Davis; on Boronda and Dartmouth the signal stays green for Dartmouth for an excessive time while cars are waiting at Boronda.

B. Commissioner Viarengo reported there is a traffic signal on Homestead and Alisal, headed towards Blanco, blocked by a tree branch.

C. Commissioner Davis apologized for being late to tonight's meeting.

6. ATTENDANCE AT NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT: October 10, 2019

All Commissioners present plan to attend.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Commissioner Brandon Hill, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Crissy White, Administrative Secretary

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