



City of Salinas

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Meeting Minutes - Unofficial

City Council

Mayor Kimbley Craig

Councilmembers:

Carla Viviana González, District 1 - Tony Barrera, District 2

Steve McShane, District 3 - Orlando Osornio, District 4

Andrew Sandoval, District 5 - Anthony Rocha, District 6

Jim Pia, Interim City Manager

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

City Clerk's Office: (831) 758-7381

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Gonzalez and McShane arrived after Roll Call at 4:05 p.m.

Present: 7 - Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Carla Viviana Gonzalez
Councilmember Steve McShane
Councilmember Orlando Osornio
Councilmember Anthony Rocha
Councilmember Jose Andrew Sandoval
Mayor Kimbley Craig

PROCLAMATION

The City Council proclaimed:

National Community Development Week, April 1-5, 2024

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment from members in attendance and on Zoom.

PRESENTATION

[ID#24-091](#)

Monterey-Salinas Transit Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Study

Received presentation from Monterey-Salinas Transit representative Michelle Overmeyer regarding the MST Transit-Oriented Development Planning Study.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[ID#24-159](#)

Appointment of City Manager and approval of an Employment Agreement

Received report from Human Resources Director Marina Horta-Gallegos regarding the appointment of the City Manager and approval of an Employment Agreement.

The following members of the public commented on the report:

Unidentified audience member

Unidentified audience member

Jose Guerrero

Robin

Upon motion made by Councilmember McShane, seconded by Councilmember Rocha, Resolution appointing Rene L. Mendez as City Manager and approving an Employment Agreement was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22919

[ID#24-160](#)

Employment Resolution for Interim City Manager

Mayor Craig recused herself from participating in this item and left the Rotunda at 5:32 p.m.

Received report from Human Resources Director Marina Horta-Gallegos regarding the Interim City Manager appointment until the end of May 2024. She reported that in light of the new City Manager arrival date, and within the City Council's ongoing work to complete the City's Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget Process, the City Council and Interim City Manager seek to clarify a transition period. She added that the City and Interim City Manager Pia seek to assure a successful transition for the new City Manager, as well as accommodating the completion work of the budget process, and the recruitment process necessary for a replacement Assistant City Manager. It is anticipated that this transitional period will take no more than 90 workdays.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Rocha, a Resolution regarding the employment terms with Interim City Manager Jim Pia was approved. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha and Councilmember Sandoval

Recused: 1 - Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22920

[ID#24-083](#)

2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report

Mayor Craig rejoined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Received report from Senior Community Development Analyst Luis Ocho regarding California Government Code section 65400 which requires local jurisdictions to submit a HE APR addressing the status of the City of Salinas 2015-2023 Housing Element and progress made toward implementing its goals and policies. The report covers calendar year 2023 and highlights accomplishments related to housing production and program implementation. The report must be submitted to HCD and OPR no later than the 1st of April each year.

*The following audience members commented on the report:
Luis Xago Juarez*

Upon motion made by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember McShane, a Resolution accepting the City of Salinas 2023 Housing Element Annual Progress Report and authorizing its submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research as required by Government Code Section 65400(b) was approved. The motion carried the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22922

[ID#24-110](#)

2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report and Visión Salinas 2040 Update

Received report from Planning Manager Grant Leonard regarding the General Plan Annual Progress Report which covers Salinas General Plan (2002) implementation activities during the calendar year 2023. The General Plan Update engagement consisted of six (6) workshops, eight (8) Steering Committee meetings, transportation, and Climate Action Plan surveys, eleven (11) pop-up activities and direct farmworker engagement with the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA). Accomplishment highlights include updating the Housing Element, completing \$4.5 million in sidewalk repairs and the Bardin Safe Routes to School project, and completing additional engagement/design work for the Hebbbron Family Center and Closter Park improvements. The General Plan APR must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the April 1st deadline. Failure to submit the APR on time could make the City ineligible for certain State grant programs.

Upon motion made by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, a resolution approving the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report (GP APR) and authorizing its submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22922

CONSIDERATION

[ID#24-140](#)

Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Salinas and Big Sur Land Trust for the Carr Lake Park Project

Received report from Library and Community Services Director Kristan Lundquist regarding efforts between the City of Salinas and Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT) towards the development of a park and open space area within Carr Lake. Following BSLT's acquisition of land within Carr Lake, the concept was put into fruition. During the past two years, the Interim City Manager, City Attorney and Library & Community Services Director have been collaborating with the BSLT to develop an agreement to memorialize the planning, ownership, and long-term management of the Carr Lake Park Project. Agreement was presented to the City Council for consideration.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Jeannette Tuitele-Lewis, President of BSLT
Dr. Lewellen, Vice Chair of BSLT
Jean Wadworth
Chris Devers, CEO of Rancho Cielo
Unidentified audience member
Rosa Ivette Lopez
Esperanza Ruiz Santiago
Genesis Mojica, Youth CCA Organizer
Cecilia
Kimberly
Jesus Tajeda
Jesse Hurto
Jocelyn Polito
Ashley Robles
Janet
Jesus Estrada, CCA Organizer
Joel Hernandez
Veronica Leon
Luis Xago Juarez
Unidentified audience member
Justine Ramirez

Upon motion by Councilmember Osornio, seconded by Councilmember McShane, Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Big Sur Land Trust for the Carr Lake Park Project was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22923

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#24-127](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, the minutes of March 12, 2024 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

[ID#24-158](#)

Financial Claims

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, the financial claims report was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

[ID#24-109](#)

General Plan Amendment (GPA 2023-001), Rezone (RZ 2023-001), Conditional Use Permit (CUP 2022-059), Resubdivision (RS 2022-006), and Minor Modification to Conditional Use Permit 1977-031 (MM 2022-019); to construct a 36-unit 100% affordable senior housing project located at 98 Kip Drive

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Ordinance rezoning a 0.85-acre portion of the 2.3-acre Subject Property located at 98 Kip Drive from Public/Semipublic (PS) to Residential High Density (R-H-2.1) (RZ 2023-001) was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22915; ORD 2677

[ID#24-112](#)

Coalition of Homeless Services Providers Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 Grant Application

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution approving the submission of a grant application for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program Round 4 to the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) in the amount of \$540,000 dollars and authorizing the Interim City Manager or designee to execute all required Agreements and other necessary documents to allow acceptance of an award and the implementation of the proposed project was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22924

[ID#24-129](#)

Playground Repairs

Upon motion by Councilmember McShane, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the Interim City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Miracle Playsystems and Ross Recreation for the purchase of playground equipment and labor to repair playground structures throughout the park system in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 each was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22925

[ID#24-131](#)

California Library Literacy Services ESL Literacy Grant Award

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution n accepting the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) grant awards for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 in the amount of \$131,697 in support

of ESL Adult Literacy, and authorize execution of all grant acceptance documents with the California State Library was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22926

[ID#24-135](#)

Salinas Business Park, LLC, Ground Lease Agreement for 1341 Mercer Way

Upon motion by Councilmember Osornio, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of the Ground Lease between the City and Salinas Business Park, LLC, for the property located at 1341 Mercer Way identified as APN 003-862-001-000, at the Salinas Municipal Airport was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22927

[ID#24-137](#)

Purchase of Network Systems Software

Upon motion by Councilmember Sandoval, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of network systems software from Cadence Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$38,000 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Absent: 1 - Councilmember McShane

Enactment No: RES 22928

[ID#24-150](#)

Agreement with iHeartMedia for Police Recruitment Advertising

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera, seconded by Councilmember McShane, Resolution authorizing an Agreement with iHeartMedia Entertainment Inc. for police recruitment advertising and marketing services for an amount not to exceed \$54,800 was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: RES 22929

[ID#23-745](#)

Surveillance Technology Ordinance

Upon motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Sandoval, Ordinance adding Article IV to Chapter 27 of the Salinas Municipal Code related to the use of surveillance technology was approved. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Councilmember Barrera, Councilmember Gonzalez, Councilmember McShane, Councilmember Osornio, Councilmember Rocha, Councilmember Sandoval and Mayor Craig

Enactment No: ORD 2678

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Barrera requested a community meeting be hosted at Breadbox regarding tenant rights.

Councilmember Gonzalez attended the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency meeting. Councilmember Gonzalez also invited the public to attend the Earth Day event on April 20, 2024 at Central Park.

Councilmember McShane invited the public to attend the Easter Egg Drop on March 30, 2024 at 10am at Rabobank Stadium. Councilmember McShane requested a presentation from CCC at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Rocha attended the National League of Cities Summit. Councilmember Rocha attended an adhoc outreach committee meeting with M1W.

Councilmember Sandoval requested a community event be hosted in District 5 and an amendment to committee bylaws to be more standardized.

Mayor Craig announced she drew the Fireworks Lottery of participants for this year. Mayor Craig invited the public to attend the City's 150 year anniversary event on April 6, 2024.

CLOSED SESSION[ID#24-142](#)

- a. **Existing Litigation** - California Government Code Section 54956.9, conference with legal counsel regarding, George Lauricella vs. City of Salinas, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Number(s): ADJ6785249; ADJ16272651.
- b. **Existing Litigation** - California Government Code Section 54956.9, conference with legal counsel regarding, Cappy Pottorff vs. City of Salinas, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case Number(s): ADJ16482422; ADJ15564386.
- c. **Existing Litigation** - California Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), conference with legal counsel regarding, Louis Montano, et al. v. City of Salinas, et al. Monterey Superior Court Case No. 21CV003635.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.1, there were no reportable actions on closed session matters.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

Mayor/Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Secretary