



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

Christie Cromeenes, District 5 - Anthony Rocha, District 6

Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager

Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney

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

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

4:00 PM

SALINAS ROTUNDA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting conducted consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Christie Cromeenes
Councilmember Carla Viviana Gonzalez
Councilmember Steve McShane
Councilmember Orlando Osornio
Councilmember Anthony Rocha
Mayor Kimbley Craig

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session at 4:02 p.m. pursuant to:

[ID#22-086](#)

- a. Performance Evaluation and Labor** - California Government Code §54957 and §54957.6, public employee performance evaluation and labor relations with unrepresented employee (City Manager).
- b. Performance Evaluation and Labor** - California Government Code §54957 and §54957.6, public employee performance evaluation and labor relations with unrepresented employee (City Attorney).

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

The City Council reconvened in the Rotunda at 4:12 p.m. Pursuant to California Government Code section 54957.1, there were no reportable actions on closed session matters.

PROCLAMATION

The City Council proclaimed:

Black History Month, February 2022

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Received public comment.

CONSIDERATION

ID#22-090

Employment Agreements for Council Appointees

Received report from Subcommittee members Mayor Craig and Councilmember Rocha who provided an overview of the employment evaluation process for Council appointees. Additionally, they noted that the evaluation process and compensation agreements align with the priorities set out in The Salinas Plan and the city's fiscal sustainability.

Upon motion by Councilmember Osornio, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, Resolutions authorizing the Mayor to sign the Employment Agreements with Salinas City Manager Steven S. Carrigan and Salinas City Attorney Christopher A. Callihan were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22299; RES 22300

ID#22-071

Acceptance of \$6.8 million Grant for Closter Park Improvements

Received report from Community Safety Administrator Jose Arreola regarding the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) Closter Park Improvements grant award of \$6.8 million. The grant performance period for this project goes through to June 30, 2025 and all park improvements that are part of the grant must be completed by December 31, 2024. Key improvements identified by the community included in the initial concept design, new bathroom and concession facilities, Amphitheater style seating for outdoor performances, a 10' wide fitness loop around the park with fitness stations, renovated baseball fields, colorized basketball court playing surface and a multi-use event space.

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

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember McShane, Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program funds of \$6,845,563 and the establishment of the Closter Park Improvement Project appropriation totaling \$6,845,563 and corresponding revenue budget for the improvements to Closter Park was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22301

[ID#22-061](#)**Senate Bill 1383 Organics Recycling Mandated Municipal Code Update**

Received report from Senior Engineer Brian Frus who provided an update on SB 1383 and required ordinance amendment. He added that Senate Bill 1383 is designed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, divert organic material from landfills and to help recover edible food for human consumption. The Municipal Code update allows for the city to codify the needed changes to comply with CalRecycle requirements and SB 1383, including enforcement mechanisms. The State of California finalized language and regulation associated with SB 1383 in 2020. Regulations and compliance for residents and businesses also required to create a process to recover edible food for human consumption, and to track the creation, disposal and recovery of organic material and/or edible food.

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Rocha, Ordinance implementing the necessary updates to Chapter 14 of the Municipal Code to comply with Senate Bill 1383 and the California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) mandate was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS[ID#22-078](#)**Health & Safety Day Projects**

Received report from Community Relations Manager Sophia Rome, regarding the Health & Safety Days Projects. She reported that on October 12, 2021, the Council provided direction to the Litter and Debris Subcommittee (Councilmembers Gonzalez, McShane, and Osornio) to evaluate issues and community concern surrounding encampment clean-ups. Staff developed a preliminary framework for Health and Safety Day activities working with the Subcommittee, which was presented at the November 16, 2021, City Council meeting. HSD Project activities are designed to align with strategic goals outlined in the Lead Me Home Plan Update (5 Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness) adopted by the Council on February 1, 2022.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Robert Roach, Creekbridge resident

Yolanda Hayes, Creekbridge resident

Wes White, Salinas Monterey County Homeless Union

No action is required. This report presents information to the City Council regarding Health & Safety Day (HSD) Projects.

[ID#22-081](#)**Commercial Cannabis Industry in Salinas**

Received report from Planning Manager Courtney Grossman regarding the Commercial Cannabis Industry in Salinas. He reported that per Salinas Municipal Code (SMC) Sec. 5-07.49, city staff must prepare reports to the City Council providing findings regarding the operations of commercial cannabis businesses within the City. The reports must include information regarding employment, community benefits, tax revenue, crime, building/zoning compliance, and any other information requested by the Council. Annual reports are presented in February of each year unless the Council designates an alternative schedule. The legal commercial cannabis industry ("the industry") matured

considerably within the City of Salinas in 2019 and 2020. The City's cannabis business tax generated over \$1.8 million annually for the City's general fund in 2020 and 2021. Several permitted commercial cannabis businesses have demonstrated sustainable profitability and regulatory compliance, but revisions to cannabis tax rates and modifications to the sensitive use distance requirements could improve existing CCP holder profitability and promote new businesses.

The following audience members commented on the report:

Bob Roach

Unidentified audience member

Mark

Patrick Orozco

Eddie Atilano

Terrance King

Joseph Chicas

Wes White

No action; information only.

CONSENT AGENDA

[ID#22-073](#)

Minutes

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, the minutes of February 1, 2022 were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[ID#22-088](#)

Financial Claims

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

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

[ID#22-057](#)

Zoning Code Amendment 2022-001; Rescind Ordinance 2646 and Amend Chapter 37 of the Salinas Municipal Code (Zoning Code) modifying Extended Stay Regulations for Hotels/Motels

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Ordinance finding Zoning Code Amendment 2022-001 exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15304 and 15061(b)(3), rescinding Ordinance 2646, and Zoning Code Amendment 2022-001 modifying Extended Stay Regulations for Hotels/Motels was adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: ORD 2655

[ID#22-058](#)

Acquisition of Real Property - 901 Circle Drive

Upon motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember McShane, Resolution to acquire the 3.16-acre parcel of land located at 901 Circle Drive was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22302

[ID#22-063](#)

Agreement with Parking Management Bureau

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Parking Management Bureau (PMB) for processing services related to parking citations and resident preferential parking permits was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22303

[ID#22-064](#)

Agreement with Paragon Tactical

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Paragon Tactical for a 60-month Warranty & Maintenance Plus Program for the Police Service Range was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22304

[ID#22-065](#)

Agreement with Spay Neuter Imperative Project California

Upon motion by Councilmember McShane, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing an Agreement with Spay Neuter Imperative Project (SNIP) California for services related to mobile spay/neuter clinics was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22305

[ID#22-066](#)

2021 Justice Assistance Grant Acceptance and MOU

Upon motion by Councilmember Cromeenes, seconded by Councilmember Barrera, Resolution authorizing the acceptance of the 2021 Justice Assistance

Grant and execution of an MOU with the County of Monterey related to grant funding was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22306

ID#22-068

Agreement for Services with Jayson F. Cardinalli, dba Clean Brothers

The following audience member commented on this report:

Wes White, Salinas Monterey County Homeless Union

Upon motion by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Osornio, Resolution authorizing an agreement for Services with Jayson F. Cardinalli, an individual doing business as Clean Brothers was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22307

ID#22-070

Proposition 68 Per Capita Grant Funds Acceptance - Cesar Chavez Park

Upon motion by Councilmember Osornio, seconded by Councilmember Gonzalez, Resolution authorizing the acceptance of Proposition 68 Per Capita Program funds of \$177,952 and the establishment of the Prop 68 Per Capita fund with appropriations totaling \$177,952 and corresponding revenue budget Cesar Chavez trail improvements and expansion was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Enactment No: RES 22308

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember McShane reported that he received a presentation from Commander Brian Johnson regarding Why'd you Stop Me. He requested a presentation from staff on Why'd You Stop Me and procedural justice. Request was second by Councilmember Osornio. Councilmember McShane requested a meeting with Union Pacific to address the encampments along the railway. He reported he met with Supervisor Askew regarding the County's commitment to the development of Downtown.

Councilmember Rocha requested a report from staff regarding the inclusionary housing ordinance. Request was second by Councilmember Gonzalez. He added that he participated in the Amor Salinas campaign photo shoot with Councilmember Osornio and city staff.

Councilmember Cromeenes reported that she attended the first stakeholders meeting for Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority regarding the Madison Lane transfer station and will keep everyone informed on the process for closing the current Sun Street location.

Councilmember Osornio reported he also attended the Amor Salinas campaign shoot with his family and commended staff for their work on the Amor Salinas campaign. Additionally, he requested the City Council consider a memorial at Closter Park in honor of the two victims who lost their lives to gun violence at Closter Park. Request was second by Councilmember Rocha.

Councilmember Barrera requested a tree of life or memorial at Closter Park and requested adjourning the meeting in honor of Jesus Villa and Karina Chavez. He reported that he met with the Executive Director of Monterey-Salinas Transit and requested presentation from MST regarding their future plans for a metro station. Request was second by Councilmember McShane.

Councilmember Gonzalez reported that she met with the Cannabis Subcommittee and looks forward to future meetings. Additionally, she invited the public to attend the budget community meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022 via Zoom. In closing, she directed city staff to research and implement youth leadership programs. Request was second by Councilmember Osornio and McShane.

Mayor Craig reaffirmed the City's Regional Board and Committee Appointments as filed with the City Clerk effective February 15, 2022 and appointed Councilmembers Rocha and Gonzalez as liaisons to the Regional Soccer Complex Board.

CLOSED SESSION

The City Council recessed to closed session at 9:05 p.m. pursuant to:

[ID#22-050](#)

- a. **Existing Litigation** - Government Code Section 54956.9(a), conference with legal counsel regarding, *Justin Salinas v. City of Salinas*, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No.: ADJ13494693; ADJ13494718; and ADJ13301504.
- b. **Existing Litigation** - Government Code Section 54956.9(a), conference with legal counsel regarding, *Jeff Munoz v. City of Salinas*, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No.: ADJ13596319.
- c. **Existing Litigation** - Government Code Section 54956.9(a), conference with legal counsel regarding, *Julian Vasquez v. City of Salinas*, Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No.: ADJ10638896 and ADJ7414620.
- d. **Labor Negotiations** - California Government Code section 54957.6, with its designated labor representatives Christopher A. Callihan, City Attorney; Steven S. Carrigan, City Manager; Jim Pia, Assistant City Manager; Katherine Hogan, Assistant City Attorney; Mark Roberts, Finance Director; Marina Horta-Gallegos, Human Resources Director; Sylvia Enriquez, Senior Human Resources Analyst; Donna Williamson, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, regarding labor relations with Service Employees International Union (SEIU), SEIU Supervisors, Salinas Municipal Employees Association/SEIU, Association of Management Personnel, Police Officers Association, Police Management Association, International Association of Firefighters, Fire Supervisors Association, Confidential Management Employees, Confidential Non-Management Employees and Department Directors.

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned in honor of Jesus Villa and Karina Chavez.

APPROVED:

Mayor/Chair

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Secretary