

**SALINAS CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 24, 2012**

The City Council meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

Present:

Councilmember Tony Barrera
Councilmember Jyl Lutes
Councilmember Steve McShane
Councilmember Sergio Sanchez
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria De La Rosa

Absent:

Councilmember Kimbley Craig
Mayor Dennis Donohue

Also Present:

Ray E. Corpuz, Jr., City Manager
Vanessa Vallarta, City Attorney
Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk

PRESENTATION

1. Monterey County Vintners Association

This presentation was continued to a future date.

COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Barrera requested staff work with the County and State representatives in addressing the living condition of the mobilehome park on Williams Road. Additionally, he requested parking enforcement on East Alisal Street between North Madeira to South Filice during the evening hours as local merchants have expressed concerns regarding vehicles parked overnight.

Councilmember Sanchez requested a presentation from the Salinas Fire Department and CHAMACOS addressing alternative chemical use in fire retardants, and the neurological effects it has on children.

Councilmember McShane requested a presentation from Building Healthy Communities surrounding the proposed *Ciclovia* project in Salinas. Councilmember McShane has been appointed as an alternate to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary through the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments.

CONSENT RESOLUTION

Upon motion by Councilmember McShane and second by Councilmember Sanchez, the City Council approved the Consent Resolution. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Lutes, McShane, Sanchez and Mayor Pro Tem De La Rosa. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Craig and Mayor Donohue. ABSTAIN: None.

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1. Minutes of July 10, 2012 were tabled.
2. Approved financial claims report.
3. **League of California Cities Voting Delegates** – Approved Mayor Donohue’s recommendation for appointment of Councilmember Kimbley Craig as the voting delegate and Councilmembers Jyl Lutes and Gloria De La Rosa as the alternate voting delegates for the Annual League of California Cities’ business meeting on policy resolutions. (City Clerk)
4. **Bataan Park Memorial Sign** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20246** authorizing the installation of an updated Memorial Sign at Bataan Park and accepting said memorial as a gift to the City of Salinas from the Leadership Salinas Program. (PW)
5. **Closter Park Memorial Plaque** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20247** authorizing the placement of a boulder and plaque at Closter Park at “The Tree of Life” in memory of victims who have lost their lives to gang violence. (LCSD)
6. **FY 2012-2013 Levy Assessment Transmittal to Monterey County Tax Collector** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20248** transmitting the annual levies including holding Monterey County harmless with respect to the collection of the City’s assessments and property related fees and charges. (Finance)
7. **Dick’s Sporting Goods Economic Development Incentive Agreement** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20249** authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Dick’s Sporting Goods. (CED)
8. **Predictive Policing Software** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20250** approving a direct purchase of a three year contract with PredPol, Inc. to provide software that allows crime data to be used for crime prediction in the City of Salinas for a total amount of \$75,000. (PD)
9. **Haciendas II Loan Agreement** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20251** authorizing the City Manager to enter into a loan agreement with the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey to defer payment of approximately \$410,000 in development fees for the Haciendas II affordable housing development. (CED)
10. **Monterey County Wine Corridor** – Adopted **RESOLUTION 20252** in support of the creation of a Monterey County Wine Corridor. (CED)

CONSIDERATION

1. **Request to rescind an “Order to Demolish” two (2) residential units, located at 649 East Alisal Street in the CR-FG5 (Commercial Retail – East Alisal Street/East Market Street Focused Growth Overlay) District.**

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO AUGUST 7, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Oldtown Salinas Parking and Business Improvement Area Levy of Assessment – FY 2012/13

Donald Reynolds, Project Manager, provided the second reading of the annual report for the Oldtown Salinas Parking and Business Improvement Area Levy of Assessment for FY 2012-2013, and confirmed with the City Clerk that protest represented less than fifty percent (50%) of the assessments proposed to be levied. Mr. Reynolds recommended the City Council adopt a resolution denying the protests and confirming the Oldtown Salinas Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment District Report for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

COUNCIL ACTION

Upon motion by Councilmember Barrera and second by Councilmember Sanchez, the City Council adopted **RESOLUTION 20253** which denies the protest, and confirm the Oldtown Salinas Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment District Report for FY 2011-2012, that sets forth the budget for FY 2012/2013 and describes the proposed use of funds for the upcoming year, which shall constitute the levy of an assessment for that fiscal year. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Lutes, McShane, Sanchez and Mayor Pro Tem De La Rosa. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Craig and Mayor Donohue. ABSTAIN: None.

2. Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility rate increase effective August 1, 2012.

Frank Aguayo, Senior Civil Engineer provided his report on the proposed industrial wastewater rate increase. The increases are base on an equitable method of allocation of cost and will ensure a sustainable operating budget without a significant rate change in the future. Rates have not been adjusted by the City since 2001.

Gary Petersen, Public Works Director stated the project will increase job growth, development and produce processing, and is committed to completing the project. Currently the City is in a position to increase the rates to cover existing cost for improvements to aging equipment. The City will evaluate rates on an annual basis.

Councilmember Lutes asked if the City can sell water to the peninsula cities as a means of offsetting some of the cost to the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. Mr. Petersen stated staff has started the dialogue with the region regarding the possibility of installing converging lines to peninsula cities.

Councilmember McShane asked if the Grower Shipper Association and the Farm Bureau was informed about the rate increase. In response, Mr. Petersen stated the dialogue was with the affected users only.

Bill Harris, audience member expressed concern regarding the rate increase.

Unidentified audience member, commented that the City should assist with the rehabilitation of the Salinas River to avoid flooding.

Jin Dulii, Fresh Express representative, stated that as the highest user, the increase to Fresh Express is approximately \$300,000 annually and is in support of the increase.

Councilmember McShane commented that it is important to be proactive and include the Grower Shipper Association in the future, and stated for clarification, that the rate increase has no impact on Salinas' residents.

Councilmember Sanchez moved to adopt the rate increase. He further stated the increase is a fee for service to treat the users' wastewater and expressed appreciation to staff for their efforts reaching out to the businesses.

COUNCIL ACTION

Upon motion by Councilmember Sanchez and second by Councilmember Lutes, the City Council adopted **RESOLUTION 20254** establishing the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility rate increase of 10% on August 1, 2012 using the current five-part structure and then converting to the three-part structure and implementing the entire rate increase effective January 1, 2013. AYES: Councilmembers: Barrera, Lutes, McShane, Sanchez and Mayor Pro Tem De La Rosa. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Craig and Mayor Donohue. ABSTAIN: None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.