



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 27, 2026 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which normally meet at 12:00 p.m., did not meet this day).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:04 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, Deputy City Clerk Austin J. Taylor.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1, 3 - 6)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to approve the balance of the consent calendar, excluding consent item no. 2, as recommended by staff.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

1. Subject: Amending Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 17.20.005(C) Relating to Slip Waiting Lists [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 17.20.005(C) of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Slip Assignment Policy.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 2026-6205.

3. Subject: Contract for Facilities Condition Assessment and Building Electrification Assessment and Transition Plan [Resolution; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, a Professional Services Agreement with Kitchell Corporation in an amount not-to-exceed \$441,768 comprised of \$265,505 for a comprehensive Facilities Condition Assessment and \$176,263 for a Building Electrification Assessment and Transition Plan for General Fund facilities; and further authorize the Public Works Director to approve change orders up to ten percent of the Agreement amount, for a total not-to-exceed authorization of \$485,945; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Increase Appropriations for the Facilities Conditions Assessment.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-002; Agreement No. 28838 (January 27, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

4. Subject: December 2025 Investment Report

Recommendation: That Council accept the December 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (January 27, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

5. Subject: Personal Services Agreement for Classes, Clinics, Camps and Tournaments for Youth Ice Skating Camps [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a personal services agreement with IIP SFM, a Limited Liability Company, for the provision of Fiscal Year 2027 Ice Skating Youth Camps at Ice in Paradise in Goleta, with compensation equal to 90% of the total basic fees collected and the total compensation estimated at \$103,500 based on the projected number of participants.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28839 (January 27, 2026, report from the Parks & Recreation Director).

6. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Civica Law Group, APC [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Attorney to execute an amended legal services agreement with Civica Law Group, APC to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$35,000 to \$232,000 for special counsel services related to the defense of a civil lawsuit related to a vexatious litigant that has sued the City and 12 employees, six times over the course of four years.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28840 (January 27, 2026, report from the City Attorney).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Alana Charles; Ben Romo; Amanda Greene.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

2. Subject: Tenant Protection - Temporary Rent Increase Moratorium Ordinance and Ordinance Adding Requirements for Just Cause "Ellis Act" Evictions [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing a Temporary Rent Increase Moratorium During the Preparation, Consideration, and Potential Adoption of a Permanent Rent Stabilization Program; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by the Addition of Section 26.50.100 Relating to Additional Requirements for Just Cause Evictions for the Purpose of Permanently Removing a Unit from the Rental Market.

Documents:

- Proposed Ordinances.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Members of the Public: Ben Romo; Betty Jeppesen; Ana; Miles Hagin.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon to approve the recommendation as made by staff; Ordinance Nos. 2026-6206 and 2026-6207.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan; Mayor Rowse).

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Hotel Santa Barbara Ribbon Cutting; 2. Ghirardelli Chocolate and Ice Cream Shop Ribbon Cutting; 3. Library Advisory Board; 4. League of Cities/Coastal Cities; 5. CEC hosted oil public hearing; 6. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations; 7. SBCC Radiology Facility Ribbon Cutting; 8. Airport Commission; 9. Central Coast Water Authority meeting; 10. BEACON; 11. Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Awards; 12. Vigil on Cabrillo Boulevard; 13. CEC Hub Fix-It Day.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council; 2. Historic Landmark Commission meeting; 3. Eastside Community meeting; 4. Water Commission meeting; 5. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations; 6. Public Works mitigation sites tour; and 7. expressed appreciation for organizers of Recent marches and Demonstrations.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 2:58 p.m. in solidarity with the people of Minneapolis and in memory of Renee Good and Alex Pretti.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 10, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER