



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING MARCH 3, 2026 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:03 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 (2:05 p.m.), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:06 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS

#### 1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (120.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to express the City's appreciation to employees who are eligible to receive service award pins for their years of service through March 31, 2026.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all city employees that were recognized on this day.

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 6)**

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Sneddon to approve the consent calendar.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

### **2. Subject: Minutes**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of January 29 and February 10, 2026; and the regular meetings of February 3 and February 10, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

### **3. Subject: Affordability Covenant Amendment for Village Apartments Property Located At 518-524 West Canon Perdido Street [Ordinance Adoption]**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Second Amendment Affordability Control Covenant Imposed on Real Property with Turner Lighthouse L.P. for Property Located at 518-524 West Canon Perdido Street.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6213; Agreement No. 25209.03 (March 3, 2026, report from the City Administrator).

### **4. Subject: Power Purchase and Battery Energy Storage Service Agreement with Staten Solar Corporation at the New Police Station [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Sustainability and Resilience Director to Execute a Power Purchase and Battery Energy Storage Services Agreement with Staten Solar Corporation to Develop, Own, Operate and Maintain a Solar Photovoltaic Generation and Battery Energy Storage System at the City of Santa Barbara Police Station, Located at 601 Santa Barbara Street, and Sell All Power Generated and Battery Energy Storage Services to the City.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28855 (March 3, 2026, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; Proposed Ordinance).

**5. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the Seven Months Ended January 31, 2026**

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the seven months ended January 31, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation (March 3, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

**6. Subject: Recruitment Schedule for City Advisory Groups**

Recommendation:

- A. The City Clerk's Office will accept applications through Friday, April 3, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to fill scheduled vacancies on various City Advisory Groups and the unscheduled vacancies resulting from resignations received in the City Clerk's Office through Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.;
- B. The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, May 5, 2026; and
- C. The City Council will make appointments to fill the vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Rachel Brichan, Jeffrey Shuman; Dana Hoffenberg; Amanda Greene; Paul Ricchiazzi; Rick Morse; Faith Ellington-Baker; Sophia Lane; Matt Larkins; Chelsea Lancaster.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

#### **7. Subject: Revenue Tax Measure Poll Results, Discussion, and Direction**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff regarding a recent Revenue Tax Measure Poll that was conducted of likely Santa Barbara voters; and
- B. Provide direction to staff regarding a potential Revenue Tax Measure to place on the November 2026 Ballot.

Documents:

- March 3, 2026, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini.
- Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Gregg Leach; Kathy Janega-Dykes; Millie Matz; Dane Gorup; Rob Fredericks; Dustin Hoiseth; Kristen Miller; Gary Obligacion; John Ummel; Chris Cline; Brian Johnson; Tim Snider; Andrew Firestone; Laura Robinson; Rich Appelbaum; Trey Pinner.

Discussion:

- Council provided direction to staff.

### **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Central Coast Water Authority; 2. California League of Cities Coastal Cities Group; 3. BEACON Executive Committee; 4. Dem Women Forum; and 5. Legislative Committee.
- Mayor Pro Tem Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Southern California Edison Government Advisory Panel; 2. Fire Safe Council; 3. Read to Roosevelt Program; 4. LEAP Awards; 5. Democratic Women of Santa Barbara Social Lab; 6. Legislative Committee; and 7. Historic Landmarks Commission.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Democratic Women Forum; and 2. Olive Crest.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 12, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER