



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hear and consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee based on the Committee's review of certain aspects of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Recommended Budget;
- B. Approve certain adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2024 Recommended Budget identified by staff as detailed in the Schedule of Recommended Adjustments; and
- C. Provide final direction to staff based on the Finance Committee's recommendations and Council's review of the Fiscal Year 2024

Recommended Budget over the last several weeks which included seven budget hearings.

Documents:

- June 7, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments
- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac; Airport Director Christopher Hastert; Downtown Plaza Parking Manager Sarah Clark; Public Works Manager Brian Bosse; Library Director Jessica Cadiente; Library Services Manager Kristina Hernandez; Library Services Manager Molly Wetta; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Brandon Beaudette; Community Development Director Elias Issacson; Fire Chief Chris Mailes; Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Police Chief Kelly Gordon.
- Members of the Public: Jim Gaskin; Carl Hopkins; Denny Epperson; Kathy Janega-Dykes; Steve Epstein; Jarrett Gorin; Bendy White; Zac Smith; Laura Robinson; Brad Klein; Barbara Cronin-Hershberg; Linda Love; Eberhard Brunner; Rob Robinson; Cece Harris; Lauren Trujillo; Linda Nelson; Craig Alexander; Arturo Tello; Terry Harris; Juliet Velaroe Bettita; Melissa Cohen; Erwin Green; Mark Mattingly.

Discussion:

- Topics discussed included the budget process, fee changes, staff recommended adjustments, and adjusted General Fund overview, and City Council direction. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/A. Gutierrez to reduce the aviation commercial and non-commercial activity permit fee to \$650 annually.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Mayor Rowse/Councilmember Friedman to increase complementary period to back to 75 min and retain the recommended hourly rate of \$3/hour relating to Downtown Parking.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to restore Eastside Library to be open six days a week for \$86,000, and to fund the Central Library to be open seven days a week for \$600,000, and for funding to come from reserves.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Friedman to direct the Library Director to take consideration of the fee schedule regarding commissions for nonprofits to the Library Board for consideration.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to increase the annual Waterfront parking permit fee from \$125 to \$135.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon to restore 5% reduction to outside entities in the City Administrator's Office.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon to restore 5% reduction to outside entities in the City Administrator's Office except TV Santa Barbara.

Motion dies for lack of a second.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to keep proposed budget reductions regarding outside entities excluding TV Santa Barbara.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmember Sneddon).

Councilmember O. Gutierrez announced that he is recusing himself from participating in votes regarding TV Santa Barbara as it is his former employer. He was excused from the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman to keep proposed budget reductions for TV Santa Barbara.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmember Sneddon;; Recused: Councilmember O. Gutierrez.).

Councilmember O. Gutierrez returned to the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/A. Gutierrez for a general increase in each councilmember's allotment of \$1,000 to be used for travel to conferences or for town halls.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to restore the Planning Technician position for public counter customer service and increase building permit fee revenue.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to restore Fire Inspector funds.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote. (No: Councilmember Jordan).

Motion:

Councilmember Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to restore fire educational supplies.

Vote:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to restore fire training.

Vote:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to restore after school program at Monroe Elementary School and restore parks youth services for initial year but not the second year.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to restore two police officer positions and to increase parking enforcement revenue.

Vote:

Motion failed. (Noes: Councilmembers Harmon, Friedman, Jordan; Mayor Rowse.)

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to restore the police sergeant position and increase parking enforcement revenue.

Vote:

Motion failed. (Noes: Councilmembers Harmon, Friedman, Jordan; Mayor Rowse.)

Motion:

Harmon/Sneddon to increase parking enforcement revenue.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Jordan that Public Works will provide an in-kind service for cleanup of Milpas roundabout in support of Milpas Christmas lights.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmember Jordan/A. Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendation on staff recommended adjustments.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Rowse announced that he was recusing himself from participating in a vote regarding the waterfront slip and mooring fee because he owns a boat in the harbor. He was excused from the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to approve the Finance Committee recommendation on the staff recommended adjustment for the slip and mooring fee.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Recused: Mayor Rowse.)

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve the remainder of Finance Committee recommendations on staff recommended adjustments, including General Fund fee changes (except the Finance administrative fee) as proposed in the recommended FY 2024 budget, eliminate the Finance administrative fee for utility billing payment plans, Enterprise Fund fee changes (except for Waterfront slip and mooring fees, disable parking prepaid card, hourly parking validation for disabled customers, downtown parking hourly rate and complementary period, and aviation activity permit) as proposed in the recommended FY2024 budget; increase the disabled

parking prepaid discount level from 30% to 50%, retain the hourly parking validation for disabled customers, and cost recovery and revenue policy.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to direct staff to bring a revised ordinance amending Section 9.16 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code modifying the amplified music ordinance on New Years Eve to the Ordinance Committee; direct staff to consider how Artificial Intelligence can improve jobs and opportunities and risks; direct staff to review Resolution No. 22-126 Establishing Policies for Reserves with the Finance Committee; As required by Resolution 22-126 Establishing Policies for Reserves, direct staff to work with the Finance Committee during FY 2024 to develop a plan to replenish reserves by 2026; direct staff to work with finance Committee to discuss priorities of Measure C funds as regards the appropriate resolution.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 27, 2023.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER