



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Black History Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Darrell McNeill & Sally Foxen of the Black Culture House.

2. Subject: Peace Corps Week, February 23 - March 1, 2025 (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Naomi Kovacs.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced that Item 8 will be pulled and will return to Council at a date uncertain.

8. **Subject: Resolution Upholding the Appeal and Denying the Decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to Change the Street Tree Species Designation for the 300 – 800 Blocks of East Anapamu Street to Quercus Agrifolia, Coast Live Oak [Resolution] (570.08)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Upholding the Appeal and Denying the Decision of the Parks and Recreation Commission to Change the Street Tree Species Designation for the 300 – 800 Blocks of East Anapamu Street to Quercus Agrifolia, Coast Live Oak.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3-7 and 9-19)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions related to the Consent Calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez / Friedman to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended, except Item 8.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

3. **Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of February 4, 2025, and February 11, 2025; and for the regular meetings of February 4, 2025, and February 11, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

4. **Subject: Disestablishment of the Downtown and Old Town Business Improvement Districts Assessments [Ordinance Adoption] (550.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Repealing Chapters 4.39 and 4.43 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code and Disestablishing the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area and the Old Town Parking and Business Improvement Area.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6172.

5. Subject: Title 25 Objective Design and Development Standards, and Amendments to the Title 30 Zoning Ordinance [Ordinance Adoption] (640.09)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Adding Title 25 Objective Design and Development Standards; 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 Amending Chapters 30.15, 30.140, 30.145, 30.175, 30.205, 30.220, 30.250, 30.295 and 30.300 Pertaining to Regulations for Objective Design and Development Standards.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Ordinance Nos. 6170 and 6171.

6. Subject: Acceptance of Grant Funds and Increase in Design Contract for the Desalination Plant Offshore Pump Platform Stabilization Project [Resolution; Agreement] (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Third Contract Amendment with Moffatt & Nichol, for design services for the Desalination Plant Offshore Pump Platform Stabilization Project, Contract No. 26,720, in the amount of \$38,000 and authorize \$10,000 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$342,140; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Appropriate Funds for the Desalination Plant Offshore Pump Platform Stabilization Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 26,720.3; Resolution No. 25-017 (February 25, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Second-Quarter Review [Resolution] (230.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the status of revenues and expenditures in relation to budget for the six months ended December 31, 2024;

- B. Accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended December 31, 2024;
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 24-130 to Approve Proposed Second Quarter (Q2) adjustments to FY2025 revenue and expenditure appropriations as detailed in the attached schedule of Proposed Q2 adjustments; and
- D. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Position Salary Control Resolution 24-131, for Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2025. The Human Resources Department Requests Council Approval for the Following Adjustments, Including the Following Position Changes. Changes are Effective December 31, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution Nos. 25-018 and 25-019 (February 25, 2025, report from the Human Resources and Finance Directors; proposed Resolutions).

9. Subject: Resolution Denying the Appeal and Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission Regarding the 17–21 W. Montecito Street Hotel Project [Resolution] (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Denying the Appeal and Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission Granting Approval of a Coastal Development Permit, Parking Modification, and Development Plan for the Hotel Project at 17–21 W. Montecito Street.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-020 (February 25, 2025, report from the Community Development Director; proposed Resolution).

10. Subject: January 2025 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the January 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 25, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

11. Subject: Agreement with Financial Credit Network, Inc. for Delinquent Account Collection Services [Agreement] (630.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Sustainability & Resilience Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Financial Credit Network, Inc., for delinquent account collection services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,613 (February 25, 2025, report from Sustainability & Resilience Director)

12. Subject: First Contract Amendment with RRM Design, Inc. For Final Design and Construction Documents for the Ortega Park Renewal Project [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a first contract amendment with RRM Design Group, Inc, in the amount of \$35,970 to provide lighting and security camera design, and bidding support for the Ortega Park Renewal Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,010.1 (February 25, 2025, report from Public Works Director)

13. Subject: Franceschi Park Resident Caretaker [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Franceschi Park with Monique O'Conner, commencing April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,614 (February 25, 2025, report from Parks and Recreation Director)

14. Subject: Grant Agreement with Santa Barbara Foundation to Organize the Juneteenth Santa Barbara Celebration [Agreement] (180.02)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Santa Barbara Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$33,250 for the period July 1, 2024, to August 14, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,615 (February 25, 2025, report from City Administrator)

15. Subject: Grant Agreement with Santa Barbara International Film Festival [Agreement] (180.02)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a grant agreement with Santa Barbara International Film Festival in an amount not to exceed \$76,665 for the period July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,616 (February 25, 2025, report from City Administrator)

16. Subject: Lease Agreement with Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara, Inc. for Construction Staging at Spencer Adams Park [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a lease agreement with Sanctuary Centers of Santa Barbara, Inc. for temporary use of 10,000 square feet of parking lot at Spencer Adams Park.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,617 (February 25, 2025, report from Parks and Recreation Director)

17. Subject: Services Agreement Between City of Santa Barbara and Downtown Santa Barbara Improvement Association [Agreement] (550.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a 2025-2029 5-year term management agreement with the Downtown' Santa Barbara Improvement Association (DSBIA), a non-profit mutual benefit corporation, to provide management services for the Downtown Community Benefit Improvement District (DCBID).

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,618 (February 25, 2025, report from City Administrator)

18. Subject: Retirement of Police Canine Kyra (520.02)

Recommendation: That Council approve the retirement of canine Kyra and her sale to her handler, Officer James Lombardo, who will continue her care in retirement.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

19. Subject: Set the Date for an Appeal of the Parks and Recreation Commission's Action to Approve the Removal of 13 Trees Associated with the Milpas Street Crosswalk Safety and Sidewalk Widening Project (570.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set the date of March 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Claiborne Shank; and
- B. Set the date of March 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. for a site visit to Milpas Street Crosswalk Safety and Sidewalk Widening Project site, which is in City right of way between Quinientos Street (south) to Canon Perdido Street (north), or the 00 – 800 blocks of Milpas Street.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Friedman reported that Finance Committee heard the Fiscal Year 2025 Second-Quarter Review.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Xoni Ostwald; Autry Liggett; Stephen Meade; Jason Colbert; Mark Redmond; Jacqueline Inda; Sullivan Israel; Aron Ashland; Guthre Leonard.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Library Advisory Board meeting.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Arts Advisory Committee meeting; 2. Access Advisory Committee meeting; 3. Youth Council meeting.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Elected Leaders forum on Housing and Homelessness; 2. COMB meeting; 3. Town Hall meeting on Fire Safety.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. SBCAG meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ATTORNEY

20. Subject: Amending Chapter 10.52 of the Municipal Code Regarding Bicycles and E-Conveyances [Ordinance Introduction] (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 10.52 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bicycles and E-Conveyances.

Documents:

- February 25, 2025, report from City Attorney.
- Proposed Ordinance.
- PowerPoint Presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney John Doimas; Police Chief Kelly Gordon; Police Department Commander Christopher Payne; Deputy City Attorney Heather Minter.
- Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: Diana Garcia; Michelle Kerwood

Speakers (cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Steve Nelson; Daniel Ramirez; Barry Remis; Frank Arredondo; Jamey Wagner, Tristen Miller; Aron Ashland; Guthrie Leonard; Steve Fort; Sullivan Israel.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to adopt the ordinance with the following changes: 1. change "present" to "close proximity", by changing Section 10.52.020(B)(9); 2. remove provision (3), which permits riding on the sidewalk in certain circumstances, by changing Section 10.52.030(3); and 3. to replace the first paragraph with a notation to replace the \$200 administrative fine with \$100, and in the second paragraph with a notation to replace the \$300 administrative fine with \$200, within Section 10.52.060(B)(1) and (2).

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

RECESS

5:34 p.m. – 5:52 p.m.

HUMAN RESOURCES

21. Subject: Presentation of the Segal Classification and Compensation Study (450.01)

Recommendation: That Council receive the Citywide Classification and Compensation Study Report provided by the Segal Company, which includes the consultant's findings and recommendations.

Documents:

- February 25, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director.
- PowerPoint prepared and made by Segal Company representatives.

Speakers:

- Staff: Human Resources Director Wendy Levy; Labor Relations Manager Sam Ramirez.
- Segal Company: Patrick Bracken; Michael Verdoorn; Diana Sobczynski
- Members of the Public: Laura Robinson; Ryan Collum; Brad Klein; Dana Hoffenberg; Zac Smith; Jasper Allen; Thomas Welche; Maggi Heinrich; Ashleigh Sizoo.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

22. Subject: Santa Barbara Clean Energy Program Electricity Rates [Resolution] (630.02)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Rate Setting Formula for Santa Barbara Clean Energy.

Documents:

- February 25, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director.
- Proposed Resolution.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon moved the recommended action; Resolution No. 25-021.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Sneddon).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Chamber Annual Business Awards; 2. Coastal Commission Local Government Working Group; 3. open house by developers of the Sears property.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Elected Leaders' Forum on Housing and Homelessness; 2. Several meetings at La Casa de la Raza; 3. Weihei Sister Cities 30th anniversary luncheon; 4. Cox Artists Celebration at the Westside Boys and Girls Club; 4. The Downtown Business Association Annual Breakfast; Chamber Government Quarterly Affairs meeting, 5. Arts Advisory Council Youth Making Change Awards Ceremony; 6. Access Advisory Council Meeting; 7. TVSB 50th Anniversary at the Arlington; 8. Chamber of Commerce Annual Gala; 9. Neighborhood Cleanup on the Westside; 10. Neighborhood Walks through Chapala Street; 11. Isla Vista Battle of the Bands; 12. Youth Council Meeting.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. Quarterly Chambers Public Policy Government Affairs meeting; 2. Partners in Housing event; 3. Chambers Awards Gala and Annual Awards Membership Meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS (CONT'D)

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Downtown Santa Barbara Awards; 2. Food and Beverage Committee Meeting; 3. Black Culture House event; 4. Chamber of Commerce Award Gala; 5. Toba Sister City New Year's Dinner.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on April 22, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER