



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 15, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:01 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: Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Eric Friedman.

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Deepwater Diving Monument Commemoration (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Don Barthelme of Deepwater Diving Monument Committee.

2. Subject: Donate Life Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Scott Burns.

3. Subject: Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Police Chief Kelly Gordon.

4. Subject: National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Police Chief Kelly Gordon.

5. 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 April 30, 2025.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her appreciation to all employees being recognized on this day.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo stated that Item 12 will be pulled from the consent calendar for a separate vote and the City Attorney will have a change to the motion.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 6 – 11; 14 – 19)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the consent calendar as recommended, except item nos. 12, 13, 20, and 21.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

6. Subject: Lease Amendment with Breakwater LLC, Dba Breakwater Restaurant, Located at 107 Harbor Way [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Execute an Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 25,399 with Breakwater LLC, Dba Breakwater Restaurant, Deferring Three Months Base Rent with Lease Terms Ending November 30, 2030, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6175; Agreement No. 25,399.1.

7. Subject: Records Destruction for Airport Department [Resolution] (560.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Relating to the Destruction of Records Held by the Airport Department in the Operations Division

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-031 (April 15, 2025, report from the Airport Director; proposed Resolution).

8. Subject: Records Destruction for Fire Department [Resolution] (160.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Relating to the Destruction of Records Held by the Fire Department in the Administration Division.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-032 (April 15, 2025, report from the Fire Chief; proposed Resolution).

9. Subject: Records Destruction for Parks and Recreation Department [Resolution] (160.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Relating to the Destruction of Records Held by the Parks and Recreation Department in the Administration, Golf, Parks, and Recreation Divisions.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-033 (April 15, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director; proposed Resolution).

10. Subject: Allocation of the City's Share of Transportation Development Act Funds [Resolution] (150.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an Allocation of \$95,703 in Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-034 (April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

11. Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 24-131 with Updates to Classification and Compensation for Certain Positions [Resolution] (440.02)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 24-131, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, to Amend the Established Salary for Positions as Listed Effective April 5, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-035 (April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

14. Subject: Acceptance of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grants [Resolution; Agreement] (630.02)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Various Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grants in the amount of \$2,185,798 and Amending Resolution No. 24-066 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 to Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$2,185,798 in the Sustainability & Resilience Department Fiscal Year 2025 Miscellaneous Grants Fund.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-038; Agreement Nos. 28,685, 28,686, 28,687, 28,688, and 28,689 (April 15, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; proposed Resolution).

15. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the Seven Months Ended January 31, 2025 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the seven months ended January 31, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 15, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

16. Subject: February 2025 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the February 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 15, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

17. Subject: Amendment of City Attorney Employment Agreement [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a second amended employment agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,691 (April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Human Resources Director).

18. Subject: Proposed First Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 28,577 with Santa Barbara International Film Festival Inc., for the Property Located at 916 State Street [Agreement] (330.04)

Recommendation: That Council approve the First Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 28,577 with Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Inc. ("SBIFF"), for the City owned property located at 916 State Street to correct a clerical error that resulted in statutory language being left out of the Lease Agreement.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,577.1 (April 15, 2025, report from the City Attorney).

19. Subject: Amendment to Confluence Land Use LLC Professional Services Agreement for Land Use Consulting Services [Agreement] (610.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute the second amendment to increase the amount of Santa Barbara City Agreement No. 22400110 with Confluence Land Use LLC by \$95,000, for a total contract amount of \$190,000, to provide land use consulting services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,626 (April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Member reported that the Committee received a report and provided feedback to staff on the draft proposed Downtown Parking Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Christel Barros; Kristen Miller; Randy Berg; Anne Pazier; Dustin Hoiseth; Steven Fields; Craig Griffith; Max Golding; Summer Howatt; Veronica Strauss; Joanna Sanchez.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

12. **Subject: Reallocation of Funds to Implement State Street Action Plan and Best Interest Waiver for Purchase of Pre-Fabricated Modular Sidewalk Extensions [Resolution] (530.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. 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 Re-Allocate Available Expenditure Appropriations in the Measure C Capital Fund from the Amtrak Building Column Repair Project and the Revenue Control System Project to the State Street Action Plan Project; and
- B. Approve a Best Interest Waiver under Santa Barbara Municipal Code 4.52.070, subdivision L, authorizing the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$528,170 for the purchase and installation of pre-fabricated modular sidewalk extensions from MODSTREET Co.

City Attorney Knecht requested that the following language be added to the end of recommendation B: "subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney."

Documents:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Manager Sarah Clark; State Street Master Planner Tess Harris.
- Members of the Public: Sharon Rich.

Motion:

Councilmembers Rowse/Sneddon to have Items 12(A) and 12(B) heard as separate votes.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Gutierrez; Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the staff recommendation for Item 12(A); Resolution No. 25-036.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon / Harmon to approve the staff recommendation for Item 12(B), adding the following clause to the end of the recommendation: "subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney".

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Mayor Rowse; Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

13. 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 through 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 through 800 Blocks of East Anapamu Street to Quercus Agrifolia, Coast Live Oak.

Documents:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Manager Jill Zachary.
- Members of the Public: Rick Closson; Emma Brinkman; Christine Newhauser.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendation; Resolution No. 25-037.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

20. Subject: Milpas Street Crosswalk Safety and Sidewalk Widening Project - Environmental Determination for Notice of Exemption (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council determines the Milpas Street Crosswalk Safety and Sidewalk Widening Project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (15301 (c) Existing Facilities) and approve and direct the filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15062.

Documents:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the Public: Christine Newhauser.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Santamaria, Sneddon; Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

21. Subject: Designation of Proposed Development at 419 W. Pueblo Street (Cottage Hospital Child Care Center) as a Community Benefit Project (700.09)

Recommendation: That Council designate the proposed project at 419 W. Pueblo Street as a Community Benefit Project pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 30.170 and allocate a total of 7,600 square feet (net) of nonresidential floor area to the project from the Nonresidential Growth Management Program's Community Benefit Category.

Document:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director.

Public Hearing opened: 3:19 p.m.

Public Hearing closed: 3:20 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

HUMAN RESOURCES

22. Subject: Amend the CalPERS Contract for Local Safety Members to Include Airport Police Officers [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution] (430.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between the City of Santa Barbara and the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution from the California Public Employees' Retirement System entitled Resolution of Intention to Approve an Amendment to Contract Between the Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Human Resources Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Ordinance.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Labor Relations Manager Sam Ramirez.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendations; Resolution No. 25-039.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

23. Subject: City Workforce Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Trends - Assembly Bill 2561 (410.01)

Recommendation: That Human Resources provide a status update on vacancies, recruitment, and retention trends; and that the City Council receive a presentation from bargaining units that chose to make a presentation regarding vacancies within its unit; and hold a public hearing and take any public comment pertaining thereto.

Documents:

- April 15, 2025, report from the Interim Human Resources Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Labor Relations Manager Sam Ramierz; Human Resources Analyst Megan Wilson.
- Police Officers' Association: Adam Mik.
- SEIU Local 620: Leo Decasaus.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff provided an update to Council, per AB 2561, that covered such topics as: vacancies, retirement, and retention trends. Additionally, representatives from certain bargaining groups also provided related information.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

24. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (140.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold interviews of applicants to various City Advisory Groups; and
- B. Continue interviews of applicants to April 22, 2025.

The following applicants were interviewed:

Arts Advisory Committee

Linda Soccoccio

Community Development and Human Services Committee

Jen Lemberger

Eileen White Read

Downtown Parking Committee

Wesley McRae

Historic Landmarks Commission

Byron Bass

Sheila Lodge

Housing Authority Commission

Skip Szymanski

Eileen White Read

Lang Sligh

Ryan Kimball

Joey Samora

Library Advisory Committee
Amber Caldwell
Neighborhood Advisory Council
Bruce Caron
Santa Barbara Youth Council
Amelia Leonardi
Carter Saunders
Wyatt Wagner
Frida Hernandez Pulido
Layla Llewellyn
Single Family Design Board
Dawn Sherry

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Unveiling of Deep-Sea Diving Monument; and 2. Los Angeles Consulate tour of Tijuana and Ensenada.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. Visit Santa Barbara Quarterly Board of Director's meeting; 2. State Senator Monique Limon's Woman of the Year event; 3. Santa Barbara County Democratic Annual Membership meeting 4. Parks and Recreation commission; 5. ABR meeting; 6. Spoke at migrant families vigil on Cesar Chavez Day; 7. AFSCME picket line at UCSB; 8. Stearns Wharf Business Association quarterly meeting; 9. Hands Off rally; 10. Welcome Reception for the California Coastal Commission; 11. South Coast Chamber of Commerce State of the City; and 12. Mega Tax Day and Resource Fair with the County.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Alelia Parenteau visited classroom to discuss Sustainability; 2. CCRB meetings; 3. Sustainability and Resilience Committee meeting; 4. Cachuma Operation and Management Board meetings; 5. Water Commission; 6. Creeks Committee; 7. Southern California Edison meeting; and 8. Minorities in Aquiculture.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. State of the City meeting; 2. Deep water diving statue unveiling; and 3. Judge at the Grad Slam at UCSB.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

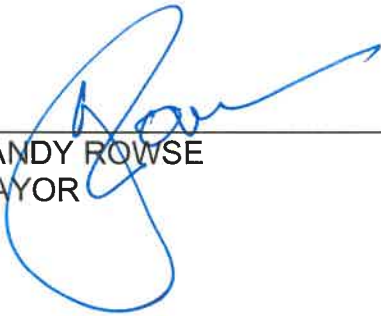
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 6, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER