



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 7, 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **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 this day.)

## **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: Assistant City Administrator Rene Eyerly, Acting City Attorney Tava Ostrenger, Deputy City Clerk Austin Taylor.

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

### **1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

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 May 31, 2024.

Action: Assistant City Administrator Rene Eyerly expressed her gratitude to the employees that received their pins.

**2. Subject: Professional Municipal Clerks Week, May 5-11, 2024 (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 4-7)**

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Harmon/ Friedman to approve the balance of the Consent Calendar as recommended minus item 3.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**4. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Renewal of Levy for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District [Resolution] (290.00)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring its Intention to Continue the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment within the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones; Declaring the Work to be of More Than General or Ordinary Benefit and Describing the District to be Assessed to Pay the Costs and Expenses Thereof; Preliminarily Approving the Updated Engineer's Report; Stating Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025 and Establishing a Time of 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday May 21, 2024, in the City Council Chambers for a Public Hearing on the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-045 (May 7, 2024, report from the Fire Chief).

**5. Subject: Termination of Local Emergency Declaration [Resolution] (520.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Terminating the Declaration of Local Emergency Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630 Proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services on February 1, 2024 and Ratified by the City Council on February 6, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-046 (May 7, 2024, report from the City Attorney).

**6. Subject: WaterSMART Grant Acceptance for Water-Wise Landscape Rebate Program [Resolution] (540.05)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to Appropriate Funds for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grant for the Water-Wise Landscape Rebate Program.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-047 (May 7, 2024, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

**7. Subject: Joint Powers Agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for Facilitating Regional Broadband Planning [Agreement] (150.03)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Interim City Administrator to execute the second amendment of the Joint Powers Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments related to facilitating regional broadband planning.

Agreement No.15,695.1 (May 7, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Iren Pottkotter; Rick Hansen; Aron Ashland; Terri Gray.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

**3. Subject: Increase in Construction Change Order Authority for the Central Library Renovation Project [Resolution; Agreement] (570.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize an increase in the Public Works Director's Change Order Authority to approve expenditures for extra work for the Central Library Renovation Project with Nationwide General Contracting Services Inc., Contract No. 28,050, in the amount of \$850,000, for a total project expenditure authority of \$11,426,525;
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Third Amendment to the City Professional Services Contract No. 22300162 with TynanGroup, LP, in the amount of \$99,160 for construction management services, for a total contract amount of \$367,785;
- C. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the First Amendment to the City Professional Services Contract No. 22300187 with Pacific Materials

Laboratory of Santa Barbara, Inc. in the amount of \$32,305 for construction inspection services, for a total contract amount of \$52,285; and

- D. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to Appropriate Funds for the Central Library Renovation Project.

**Documents:**

- May 7, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: City Engineer Brian D'Amour
- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Friedman/O. Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendations; Resolution No. 24-044; Agreement Nos. 26,339.2 and 28,505.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

- Councilmember O. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Walk and Roll by Move Santa Barbara Events, Sister Cities Meeting, McKinley School Open House, Visit Santa Barbara Annual Meeting, YMCA Fundraiser, First Thursday, Housing Crisis Committee Meetings with local Non-profits, San Marcos Royals Gala Fundraiser, Community Deo El Presidio, Santa Barbara City College Foundation Fundraiser, Youth Council Meeting, Monroe School Town Hall.
- Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Sustainability Council Committee Meeting, Visit Santa Barbara Annual Meeting.
- Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Attended the Sustainability Council Committee Meeting, San Ysidro Roundabout Ribbon Cutting, Essential Santa Barbara Presentation at Peabody Charter School, Housing Crisis Committee Meeting, Women of Achievement Luncheon, Visit Santa Barbara Annual Meeting, Star King 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Eucalyptus Hill Association Meeting.
- Mayor Rowse reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Courthouse Docent Program, Women of Achievement Awards, Essential Santa Barbara Town Hall, Santa Cruz Island Foundation Mass, Santa Barbara City College Foundation Fundraiser, Eucalyptus Hill Association Meeting, Riviera Board, Essential Santa Barbara Meeting, Housing Authority Town Hall.

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

### **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Alejandra Gutierrez reported that the Committee heard a report from staff in connection with the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

### **RECESS**

2:33 p.m. – 3:03 p.m.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **8. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (140.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hold interviews of applicants to various City Advisory Groups (Estimated time: 3:00 p.m.).

#### Documents:

- April 30, 2024, report from the City Administrator.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

The following applicants were interviewed:

Arts Advisory Committee

Carole Goodman

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals

Paul Spieler

Civil Service Commission

Craig Smith

Community Events and Festivals Committee

Dacia Harwood

County of Santa Barbara Library Advisory Committee

Amber Caldwell

Downtown Parking Committee

Wesley McRae

Housing Authority Commission

Kirsten S Ellis

Santa Barbara Youth Council

Clara Stump

Sindy Zavala

Chloe Boyd

Nicholas Gaston

Ahtziri Bernal

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

- Mayor Pro Tem Jordan reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Attended Annual Mesa Neighborhood Meeting.
- Councilmember A. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: Attended Meeting re: Eastside Boys & Girls Club closing.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

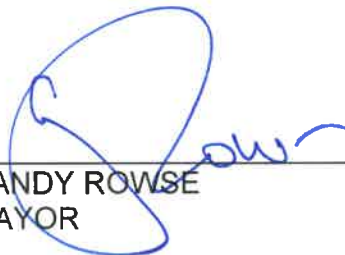
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 4, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER