



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 2, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference and all members of the City Council are participating electronically from various locations. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which generally meet at 12:30 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murillo.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

Mayor Murillo called for a moment of silence in honor of George Floyd, and asked Councilmembers to share their comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Amara Teague; Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino; Anna Gott; Anne-Odile Thomas; Anne Howard; Aris Romero; Athena Tann; Chantelle Bordecee; Colleen Conroy; Cressida Silvers; David Moore; Diana Collins Puente; Dominique Bittner; Dylan Griffith; Eve Sanford; Heather Hagen; Jaymie Sawyer; Jordan Killebrew; Jordan Victorian; Julia Bickford; Justin West; Katherine Olson; Katie Mickey; Kimberly Siracuse; Kimi Vanky; Krystle Sieghart; Kym Paszkeicz; Lauren Trujillo; Lisette Berumen; Maricela Morales; Simone Ruskamp; Marge Perko; Maria Drost; Marissa Quintana; Matt Lowe; Maura Sullivan; Megan Spencer; Miranda Vasquez; Peter Tilton; Roseanne Crawford; Sophia Satorski; Stacy Castillo; Vivian Avila; Uma Lama; Xavier Alvarez; Wendy Aguilar; Ana Zapeda; Andrea Medina; Azure Stewart; Chloe Chu; Christin Brown; Alejandra Mendoza;

David Bahena; Jennifer Hale; Jessica Brown; Jonathan Abboud; Lesley Weinstock; Marge Perko; Ashleigh Henning; Dante Gonzalez; Gabriela O'Neal; Justina Hall; Emma Schuster; Patrick Fleming; Peter Latta; Rachel Ng; Sarah Cunningham; Karina Amaro; Rashelle Monet; Manjot Singh; Maggie Burke; Stanley Tzankov.

Staff: Police Chief Lori Luhnnow.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Ariel Calonne stated that a motion made by Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman was approved unanimously to initiate litigation against Southern California Edison(SCE) relating to the manner in which SCE collects and remits Utility Users taxes.

RECESS:

4:46 pm – 5:07 p.m.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (410.01)

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 June 30, 2020.

Action: City Administrator Paul Casey listed the names of the service award pin recipients.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Paul Casey stated that Consent Item No. 2 has been rescheduled to be heard at the June 16, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.

2. Subject: Introduction Of Ordinance For The Execution Of A Grant Funding Agreement Related To The Desalination Plant (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Grant Funding Agreement with the State of California Department of Water Resources in the Amount of \$10 Million for the Reactivation of the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant Project.

This item was not heard.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Subject: Adoption Of Ordinance Approving The 2019-2021 TAP Memorandum Of Understanding (440.02)**

Recommendation: That Council ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Service Employees' International Union, Local 620, Airport and Harbor Patrol Officers' and Treatment Plants' Bargaining Units, for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2021, by adoption of, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the 2019-2021 Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Barbara and the Patrol Officers' and Treatment Plants' Bargaining Units (TAP Units).

Councilmember Jordan requested a separate vote on this agenda item.

Document:

- June 2, 2020, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Darryl Scheck, SEIU Local 620; Kathy Goo; Bradley Klein; Dana Hoffenberg; Thomas Welche, SEIU Local 620; Rashelle Monet; Timo Rodriguez.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Murillo to approve the recommendation.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Ayes: Councilmembers A. Gutierrez, Sneddon, Harmon, O. Gutierrez, Mayor Murillo; Noes: Councilmembers Jordan, Friedman); Ordinance No. 5945; Agreement No. 26,716.

4. **Subject: Adoption Of Ordinance Approving The 2020-2022 General Unit Memorandum Of Understanding (440.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the 2020-2022 Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara City Employees' Association (General Unit) and Providing for Compensation Changes for Confidential Employees.

Councilmember Jordan requested a separate vote on this agenda item.

Document:

- June 2, 2020, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Darryl Scheck, SEIU Local 620; Kathy Goo; Bradley Klein; Dana Hoffenberg; Thomas Welche, SEIU Local 620; Rashelle Monet; Timo Rodriguez.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Ayes: Councilmembers A. Gutierrez, Sneddon, Harmon, O. Gutierrez, Mayor Murillo; Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan); Ordinance No. 5946; Agreement No. 26,717.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 5 – 8)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Murillo/Sneddon to approve the remainder of the Consent Items as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

5. Subject: Adoption Of Ordinance Amendment To Title 30 To Declare Existing Law On Short-Term Rentals In Residential Zones (160.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara to Declare Existing Law By Amending Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 30.295.040. P Pertaining to the Definition of Hotels and Similar Uses.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 5947.

6. Subject: Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Financial Statements For The Ten Months Ended April 30, 2020 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Financial Statements for the ten months ended April 30, 2020.

Action: Approved the recommendation (June 2, 2020, report from the interim Finance Director).

7. Subject: April 2020 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the April 2020 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (June 2, 2020, report from the interim Finance Director).

8. Subject: Water Supply Update (540.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive an update on the City's water supply condition; and
- B. Authorize the Water Resources Manager to execute a one-time water purchase agreement with La Cumbre Mutual Water Company.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 26,718 (June 2, 2020, report from the Public Works Director).

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Subject: Renewal Of Levy For Fiscal Year 2021 For The Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District (520.03)

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 Vegetation Road Clearance, Implementation of a Defensible Space Inspection and Assistance Program, and Implementation of a Vegetation Management Program 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; Approving the Updated Engineer's Report; Confirming Diagram and Assessment; and Ordering Continuation of the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2021.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Public Hearing opened: 5:34 p.m.

Documents:

- June 2, 2020, report from the Fire Chief.
- Proposed Resolution.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Prevention Division Chief Joe Poire; Fire Services Specialist Christopher Braden.

- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Public Hearing closed: 5:47 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote; Resolution No. 20-035.

CITY ATTORNEY

- 10. Subject: Introduction Of An Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of Santa Barbara Amending Section 9.97.010 Of The Santa Barbara Municipal Code Pertaining To Sitting Or Lying Down On Public Sidewalks On Certain High Traffic Portions Of Cacique And Milpas Streets (660.04)**

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 9.97.010 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Pertaining to Sitting or Lying Down on Public Sidewalks on Certain High Traffic Portions of Cacique and Milpas Streets.

The title of the Ordinance was read.

Documents:

- June 2, 2020, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Ordinance.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Attorney Ariel Calonne.
- Members of the Public: Emma Wilkins; Kevin Pormir; Mark Alvarado; Rashelle Monet; Tino De Guevara; Zoe Ortiz; Anna Marie Gott; Patrick Fleming; Richard Closson.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Friedman to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Ayes: Jordan, A. Gutierrez, Sneddon, Friedman, O. Gutierrez, Mayor Murillo; Noes: Councilmember Harmon).

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

11. Subject: Land Development Process Improvement Study—Consultant's Initial Observations And Recommendations; Proposed Municipal Code Amendments For Scope Of Plan Review And Building Inspection; Related Recommendations From COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force (640.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive an initial report from Novak Consulting Group on the preliminary findings of a Land Development Process Improvement Study;
- B. Review and adopt Permitting Process Recommendations from the COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force; and
- C. Initiate a Municipal Code Amendment to address scope of plan review and building inspection.

Documents:

- June 2, 2020, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Novak Consulting Group.

Speakers:

- Staff: Community Development Director George Buell; City Administrator Paul Casey; Economic Development Manager Jason Harris; Chief Building Official Andrew Stuffer; City Planner Renee Brooke.
- Novak Consulting Group: Jonathan Ingram; Ben Kittelson.
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Jarrett Gorin; Jim Knell; John Campanella; Nick Koonce; Fred Sweeney; James Marston; Rashelle Monet; Steve Amerikaner; Will Rehling, Accessible Santa Barbara; Trey Pinner.

Recess:

9:32 p.m. – 9:48 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to receive the Novak report; forward the Business Advisory Task Force recommendations to Community Development Department staff for review; and to return to Council to appoint an accountability subcommittee and consider appointment of an additional subcommittee for long term visioning.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from the Community Development Department and City Attorney's Office regarding their Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Budget.

This item was rescheduled to be heard on June 9, 2020.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Historic Landmarks Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on August 18, 2020.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



CATHY MURILLO
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER