



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 20, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman 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 Pro Tem Friedman.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Wendy Santamaria (2:09 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon.

Councilmembers absent: Mike Jordan, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Austin Taylor.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Friedman presented the proclamation to Lydia Chang, Karena Jew, and Jonathan Wang.

2. Subject: Mental Health Awareness Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Friedman presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Chris Mailes, Suzanne Grimesey, members of the Police and Fire Departments, and Donut the therapy dog.

3. Subject: Public Works Week (120.04)

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Friedman presented the proclamation to Interim Public Works Director Brian D'Amour.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo stated that Item 7, Fiscal Year 2025 Third-Quarter Review, contains a clerical error in Attachment 3 on page 7, where the amount of \$20,000 is incorrectly listed, which should read \$200,000. This item will be pulled from the consent calendar and voted on separately.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 5, 8, 10-12)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to approve consent calendar items 5, 8, and 10-12 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Mike Jordan, Mayor Randy Rowse)

5. Subject: Revised Lease Agreement for Office Space for the Sustainability & Resilience Department at 801 Garden Street [Ordinance Adoption] (630.02)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Sustainability and Resilience Director to Execute a First Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 28,226 with FBK Investments, for the Property Located at 801 Garden Street, Suites 200 and 201, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the First Amendment, July 1, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6181.

8. Subject: Intent to Levy Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Rates and Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2026 [Resolution] (550.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara declaring Council's Intention to Levy Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2026, at a Public Hearing to be held on June 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.; and
- B. Approve the Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-054 (May 20, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

10. Subject: Contract Amendment for Design Extra Services for the Gibraltar Dam Spillway Concrete Resurfacing Project [Agreement] (540.09)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the First Contract Amendment with GEI Consultants Inc., for design services for the Gibraltar Dam Spillway Concrete Resurfacing Project, Contract No. 28,418, in the amount of \$272,292, for a total expenditure authority of \$425,632.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,418.1 (May 20, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

11. Subject: Acceptance of Donation of Paintings by Roland Petersen (150.04)

Recommendation: That Council accept the donation of a collection of paintings from the Living Trust of Roland Petersen.

Action: Approved the recommendation (May 20, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

12. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Architectural Board of Review's Approval for 418 N. Milpas St. and 915-923 E. Gutierrez St. (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set the date of August 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Natasha Todorovic; and
- B. Set the date of August 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. for a site visit to the property located at 418 N. Milpas St. and 915-923 E. Gutierrez St.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman reported that Finance Committee heard a report from staff on the status of revenues and expenditures in relation to budget for the nine months ended March 31, 2025; received the Fiscal Year 225 Interim Financial Statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2025; recommended that Council hear and adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-018 to Approve Proposed Third Quarter (Q3) Adjustments to FY2025 Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations as Detailed in the Attached Schedule of Proposed Q3 Adjustments; and recommend that Council hear and adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Position Salary Control Resolution No. 25-043 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 May 31, 2025.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Celeste Barber; Craig Griffith; Stephen Meade; Jacqueline Inda; Leo Carlton.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Friedman expressed his gratitude to be returning to Council meetings, and for all the support he received from his colleagues and from City staff. He also expressed his appreciation for his teammates on SB Outrigger Canoe, and the hard work of Cottage Hospital staff. Finally, he acknowledged the Santa Barbara community for all their well wishes and support during his recovery.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

4. Subject: Minutes (000.00)

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of May 6, 2025.

Documents:

- May 6, 2025 Meeting minutes.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the public: None.

Discussion:

- Mayor Pro Tem Friedman clarified that he was abstaining from this vote, as he was not present at the relevant meeting.

Motion:

Councilmember Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation as made by staff.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse; Abstain: Mayor Pro Tem Friedman)

6. Subject: Accept a Donation from One805 for the Santa Barbara Police Department's Employee Wellness Programs [Resolution] (520.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Accept a \$50,000 donation from One805 for Department Employee Wellness Programs; 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 Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$50,000 in the Police Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund.

Documents:

- May 20, 2025, report from the Police Chief.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the public: Kirsten Cavendish Weston Smith.

Motion:

Councilmember Gutierrez/Harmon to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution No. 25-051.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse)

7. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Third-Quarter Review [Resolution] (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the status of revenues and expenditures in relation to budget for the nine months ended March 31, 2025;
- B. Accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the nine months ended March 31, 2025;
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-018 to Approve Proposed Third-Quarter (Q3) Adjustments to FY2025 Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations as Detailed in the Attached Schedule of Proposed Q3 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 No. 25-043 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 May 31, 2025.

Documents:

- May 20, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- Proposed Resolutions.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini.
- Members of the public: None.

Discussion:

- Finance Director Keith DeMartini informed Council of a clerical error in Attachment 3 on page 7, where there is incorrectly listed the amount of \$20,000, which should read \$200,000.

Motion:

Councilmember Harmon/ Gutierrez to approve the recommendations as made by staff, with the clerical correction as indicated by Finance Director Keith DiMartini; Resolution Nos. 25-052, 25-053.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse)

9. Subject: Memorandum of Understanding Between H. Ty Warner and the City of Santa Barbara for the Gift in Support of the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project [Resolution; Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between H. Ty Warner and the City for the Gift in Support of the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project;
- B. Accept a gift from H. Ty Warner in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the construction of the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project; and
- C. 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 increase revenue and expenditure appropriations by \$5,000,000 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Outlay Fund for the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project.

Documents:

- May 20, 2025, report from the Parks & Recreation Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary.
- Members of the public: Bill Medel; Victoria Strong.

Motion:

Councilmember Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution No. 25-055; Agreement No. 28,702.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse)

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

13. Subject: TEFRA (Tax Equity And Fiscal Responsibility Act) Hearing for California Municipal Finance Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds Issuance [Resolution] (240.03)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Open a TEFRA public hearing, accept public comment, and close the TEFRA public hearing regarding the issuance of revenue and refunding bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$205,000,000, a portion of which, in a principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000, will be used for the benefit of the continuing care community known as Valle Verde, located at 900 Calle De Los Amigos; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving Issuance of Revenue Bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (HumanGood – California Obligated Group) in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$205,000,000, for the Purpose of Financing or Refinancing the Construction, Furnishing, and Equipping of Valle Verde, Located in the City of Santa Barbara, California, and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto.

Documents:

- May 20, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Public hearing opened: 2:57 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the public: None.

Public hearing closed: 2:59 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmember Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation as made by staff; Resolution No. 25-056.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse)

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Peace Officer Memorial Service; 2. Santa Barbara Library Fix It Fair; 3. Standing Together to End Sexual Assault Fundraiser; 4. Annual Riviera Association Meeting; 5. Mission Creek Urban Creek Walk; 6. Kids Draw Architecture Event.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Rotary Meeting at Mulligan's; 2. Spring Forward SBCC Fundraiser.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. UCSB Economic Forecast; 2. SBCC Foundation Fundraiser; 3. New Beginnings Luncheon.
- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Santa Barbara Outrigger Canoe Club Rig Run; 2. Standing Together to End Sexual Assault Fundraiser; 3. 10th Anniversary Paddle Out for Plains All American Oil Spill; 4. Central Coast Water Authority Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

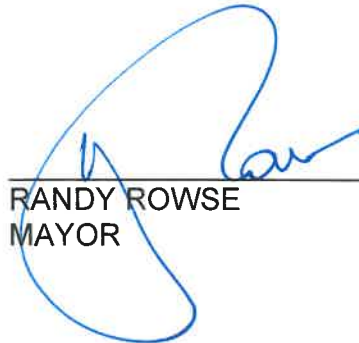
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman adjourned the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 17, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER