



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MAY 13, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

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

BROWN ACT ITEMS

1. **Subject:** Request from Councilmember Eric Friedman to Allow His Remote Participation in the Meeting Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953 Due to Emergency Circumstances Caused by a Medical Emergency that Prevents the Councilmember from Attending in Person. (120.02)

Action: Mayor Rowse stated Councilmember Friedman requested permission to attend and participate in the meeting remotely. Councilmember Friedman stated there was no one over the age of 18 in the room with him. The meeting continued.

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: Assistant City Administrator Rene Eyerly, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman, Deputy City Clerk Caitlin Colyer.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

2. **Subject: National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day (120.04)**

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Assistant City Administrator Rene Eyerly announced that the Council and Staff Communications item would be heard after the General Public Comment item.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 4 - 5)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve consent calendar items 4 and 5 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

- 4. Subject: Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code ("SBMC") by Adding Section 17.12.200 Relating to Vessel Insurance Requirements; and Section 17.12.210 Relating to Process, Enforcement and Ability to Appeal [Ordinance Adoption] (570.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code ("SBMC") by Adding Section 17.12.200 Relating to Vessel Insurance Requirements; and Section 17.12.210 Relating to Process, Enforcement and Ability to Appeal.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6180.

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

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 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; and
- B. Authorize the Sustainability & Resilience Director to Execute a Sublease Agreement with Bright Market, LLC for a Portion of the Property Located at 801 Garden Street, Suite 201, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Sublease Agreement, July 1, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (May 13, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; proposed Ordinance).

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Sneddon reported that the Committee heard updates to the Sign Ordinance and approved it with a 2:1 vote, which will move it forward to Council.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

City Administrator Kelly McAdoo spoke about the red tagging of the Casa de la Raza building and the serious life safety concerns that were discovered.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS (Nos. 3 and 6)

3. Subject: Minutes (000.00)

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of April 29, 2025; and for the special meeting of April 29, 2025.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the minutes as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Friedman).

6. 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 5, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Natasha Todorovic; and
- B. Set the date of August 4, 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.

Members of the Public: Jose Gallegos, Natasha Todorovic.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to direct staff to communicate with Applicant and Appellant to find an appeal date, August 5, 2025 or after the Labor Day holiday, on a 2nd, 4th, or 5th Tuesday and bring that date back to Council to approve on May 20, 2025.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Members of the Public: Jerry Menchaca, Oliver Banales Vallejo, Colleen Kelly, Jacqueline Inda, Chris Barros, John Michael Huerta, Larry Behrendt, Cooper Chew, Adelaide Robles Ortega, Katherine Carmichael, Macia Cincotta, Sandra De Salazar, Cesar Peralta, Miguel Avila, Natasha Todorovic.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Discussed Casa de la Raza; 2. Paid respect to Community Members that passed away: Luke Conklin, Phylis D. Picheo, Denny Meza, Pedro Menchaca, and Dennis Stoner.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. Discussed Casa de la Raza.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Discussed Casa de la Raza; 2. Historic Landmarks Committee; 3. The 55th Annual H. Thomas Guerry Awards for Superior Performance; 4. Mission Canyon Association meeting; 5. Cachuma Conservation Release Board special meeting; 6. Community History Day; and 7. Riviera Board Association meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

7. Subject: Overview of City Programs that Build Community Capacity for Sustainable Actions (630.02)

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation on the various sustainability-focused community programs offered by the City of Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- May 13, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Department.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau, Librarian Paige Sundstrom, Parks and Recreation Open Space Planner Monique O'Conner, Water Supply and Services Manager Dakota Corey, Water Conservation Analyst Madeline Wood, Creeks Division Manager Environmental Erin Markey, Specialist Hillary Allen, Mobility Coordinator Sam Furtner, Administrative Analyst Kristian Hoffland, Energy and Climate Specialist Stephanie Holmes, Community Engagement Supervisor Liz Smith, Administrative Assistant Niko Lopez.
- Members of the public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff gave Council a presentation regarding the City programs that build sustainable actions. Councilmembers' questions were answered. Council gave direction to Staff.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

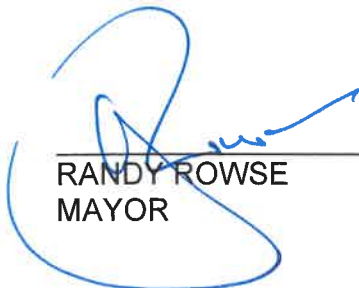
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:26 pm.

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

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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