



## **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

**735 ANACAPA STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; AND  
HOTEL NEW OTANI TOKYO, 4-1 KIOICHO, CHIYODA CITY, TOKYO  
102-8578**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference as Councilmember Gutierrez is participating remotely from the address noticed on the agenda. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which normally meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet this day).

### **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: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Austin Taylor.

### **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

#### **1. Subject: Breast Cancer Awareness Month (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Police Chief Kelly Gordon, Dispatch Manager Katie Houseknecht, and Cota the support dog.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 2 – 14)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**2. Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**3. Subject: Amending Municipal Code Title 10, Section 10.44.152 - Regulation of Parking Upon Municipally Owned and/or Operated Parking Lots [Ordinance Adoption] (550.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 10.44.152 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Regarding Regulation of Parking Upon Municipally Owned and/ or Operated Parking Lots.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6193.

**4. Subject: California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Grant for Disposal of Surrendered or Abandoned Recreational Vessels [Resolution; Agreement] (570.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Waterfront Director to execute an agreement with the California Department of Boating and Waterways, Division of Boating and Waterways, accepting a \$78,500 grant for the removal of abandoned or voluntarily surrendered recreational boats and associated hazards to navigation; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Funds for the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Boating and Waterways, Grant for Disposal of Surrendered or Abandoned Recreational Vessels in the Amount of \$78,500.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,789; Resolution No. 25-114 (October 14, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director; proposed Resolution).

**5. Subject: Budget Adjustment Resolution for Measure C Appropriation for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project [Resolution] (700.08)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate \$4.7 Million of Measure C Funds for a Budget Adjustment for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-115 (October 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

**6. Subject: Resolution Declaring 6050 Hollister Avenue and 140 Fredrick Lopez Road as Exempt Surplus Land [Resolution] (560.09)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Exempting the Property Located at 6050 Hollister Avenue and 140 Fredrick Lopez Road from the Surplus Land Act Provision Pursuant to Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(Q).

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-116 (October 14, 2025, report from the Airport Director; proposed Resolution).

**7. Subject: Amendment to Resolution No. 25-103, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026, 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 the Position Salary Control Resolution No. 25-103 for Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2026. The Human Resources Department Requests Council Approval for the Following Position Changes. Changes are Effective October 4, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-117 (October 14, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

**8. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Richards Watson & Gershon Regarding the De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement Project [Resolution; Agreement] (160.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute the Second Amendment to Legal Services Agreement No. 22200154 with Richards Watson & Gershon, a professional corporation, for the De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement Project litigation, by increasing the agreement by \$250,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$615,000; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Accept and Appropriate Grant Funds for the Right of Way and Construction Phases of the De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 22200154.2; Resolution No. 25-118 (October 14, 2025, report from the City Attorney; proposed resolution).

**9. Subject: Agreement with Geographic Technologies Group for the Geodatabase Redesign and Rebuild [Agreement] (170.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Information Technology Director to execute an agreement with Geographic Technologies Group in the amount of \$150,124 for the redesign and rebuilding of the City of Santa Barbara's enterprise geodatabase infrastructure, including documentation, schema updates, migration, integration, topology validation, and related support and training services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,797 (October 14, 2025, report from the Information Technology Director).

**10. Subject: Early Termination of Lease Agreement with Soft Logic, Inc., dba Tecfen Medical [Agreement] (330.04)**

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Airport Director to execute the Release of All Claims and Early Termination of Lease Agreement for Lease Agreement No. 202307 with Soft Logic Inc., dba Tecfen Medical, for the premises located at 90 Dean Arnold Place, Suite B, Santa Barbara, CA.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,798 (October 14, 2025, report from the Airport Director).

**11. Subject: Freeway Agreement and Amendment to Freeway Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans [Agreement] (670.07)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, a superseding Freeway Agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and the State of California Department of Transportation regarding US Highway 101 within City limits; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, Amendment No. 1 to an existing Freeway Maintenance Agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and the State of California Department of Transportation to cover Hot Springs Road to Milpas Street.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,799; 22,558.1 (October 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

**12. Subject: Professional Services Agreement with Plante Moran for the Information Technology Strategic Plan [Agreement] (170.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Information Technology Director to execute an agreement with Plante Moran in the amount of \$148,700 for the development of the Information Technology Strategic Plan.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,800 (October 14, 2025, report from the Information Technology Director).

**13. Subject: Funding Recommendations for Community Arts, Organizational Development, and Events and Festivals Cultural Arts Grants (610.03)**

Recommendation: That Council review and approve the City of Santa Barbara Arts Advisory Committee and Community Events and Festivals Committee grant funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (October 14, 2025, report from the Community Development Director).

**14. Subject: Fiscal Year 2027 Community Development Block Grant Funding Process, Priorities and Criteria (610.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposed application-review process and the direction to the Community Development and Human Services Committee (CDHSC) on funding CDBG criteria and priorities; and
- B. Authorize staff to solicit proposals for CDBG grants for Fiscal Year 2027.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (October 14, 2025, report from the Community Development Director).

**REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee Chair Friedman reported that the committee recommended that Council hear and adopt the proposed Resolution regarding a budget adjustment for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project; and that they discussed the General Fund Multi-Year Forecast update and continued it to next week for further discussion.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Shaboom; Margaret Crocco; Keith Coffman-Grey; Jacqueline Karlsen.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

**15. Subject: Municipal Code Amendments to Incentivize Adaptive Reuse Projects [Ordinance Introduction] (610.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Determine that the ordinance is consistent with the General Plan;
- B. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Adding Section 30.185.045 Pertaining to Regulations for Adaptive Reuse Projects; and
- C. Direct staff to study and pursue options and opportunities for increasing housing downtown consistent with Housing Element policies, including analyzing the City's Storm Water Management Program and permit requirements.

Mayor Rowse opened the Public Hearing at 2:23 p.m.

Documents:

- October 14, 2025, report from the Community Development Director.
- Powerpoint Presentation made and presented by staff.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Staff: Project Planner Dana Falk; Senior Planner Ellen Kokinda; City Administrator Kelly McAdoo; Community Development Director Allison DeBusk.
- Members of the Public: Jan Hubbell; Ben Romo; Ellen Bildsten; Robin Elander; Cass Ensberg; Rob Fredericks; Dianne Black; Steven Johnson.

Mayor Rowse closed the Public Hearing at 3:35 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the recommendations as made by staff, with the inclusion of directing staff to bring back more information to Council related to a sliding in lieu fee schedule.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

- 16. Subject: Request from Councilmembers Santamaria and Sneddon to Agendize Consideration of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 26.90 to Title 26 of the SBMC Related to Rent Stabilization and Development of a Work Plan to Fund and Administer a Rent Stabilization Program (660.06)**

Recommendation: That Council consider the request from Councilmembers Santamaria and Sneddon to consider an Ordinance Adding Chapter 26.90 to Title 26 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Related to Rent Stabilization and Development of a Work Plan to Fund and Administer a Rent Stabilization Program and determine whether to place the item on a future agenda for full discussion.

Documents:

- October 14, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo; City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht.
- Members of the Public: Reyne Stapelmann; Tyler Mearce; Solange Sanhueza; Stefan Maine; Richard Buie; Scott Vincent; Sean Connolly; Steve Crosby; Waltraud Crosby; Anastasia Senavsky; Ben Romo; Miguel A. Avila; Anthony Dal Bello; Thomas Salman; Kathy Henry; Don Katich; Sandy Hawrey; Paul Knight; Scott; Jon Maile; Paige Kaye; Summer Howatt; Sarah V.; Angeliza Sanchez; Daph Bailey; Loy Beardsmore; Brad Frohling; Michael Schaumburg; Rick Lang; Teresa Polino; Stanley Tzankov; Jack Reed (time donated by Kari Weber); Ana; Gene Deering; Peter Trent; Jay Harte; Linda Honikman; Leonardo Decasaus; James Carbone; Corina Svacina; Larry Behrendt; Andrew Kwok; Amber A.; Shayna Hallman; Dora Maria Perez; Jacqueline Karlsen.

**RECESS**

5:24 p.m. – 5:52 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/ Harmon to begin the workplan on rent stabilization and come back before the end of the year.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan; Mayor Rowse).

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**17. Subject: Reserve Policy Discussion and Direction (210.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff regarding the City Council Reserve Policy adopted on October 10, 2023; and
- B. Provide direction to staff regarding changes to the Reserve Policy.

Documents:

- October 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint Presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Controller Nathalie Lecolley.
- Members of the Public: Laura Robinson; Zac Smith.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMUNITY ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- Mayor Pro Tem Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. League of Cities Annual Conference.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Sri Lankan International Film Festival.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Riviera Association Meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on November 18, 2025.

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

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