



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee which ordinarily meet 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, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Kristen W. Sneddon.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Human Trafficking Awareness Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Jeff Shaffer and Kayla Petersen.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Kenneth Loch; Karen McFadden.

2. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (120.04)

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 January 31, 2025.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all City employees that were recognized on this day.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3 – 4, 6 – 17, 19 – 25)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve the balance consent calendar as recommended, excluding items 5 and 18.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Sneddon).

3. **Subject: Adoption of Ordinance Authorizing a Utility Easement to Southern California Edison for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities at the Eastside Library At 1136 Montecito Street [Ordinance Adoption] (330.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute a Public Utility Easement Deed to Southern California Edison on City Library Property Located at The Eastside Library.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6167.

4. **Subject: Introduction of Ordinance Authorizing a Utility Easement to Southern California Edison for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities at the Depot Lot at 1 West Montecito Street [Ordinance Introduction] (330.03)**

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute a Public Utility Easement Deed to Southern California Edison on City Property Located at The Depot Lot.

Action: Approved the recommendation (January 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Ordinance).

6. Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 24-143 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 Resolution 24-143, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, to Amend the Established Salary for Positions as Listed Effective January 11, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-001 (January 14, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Amendments to the Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Service Charges Related to Sewer Service Connections [Resolution] (540.13)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Directing the City Clerk to Update Resolution 24-068 as Provided Therein, and Amend the City of Santa Barbara Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Service Charges Related to Sewer Service Connections.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-002 (January 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolution).

8. Subject: Appropriation of Golf Fund Reserves into Golf Fund Capital Budget in FY 2025 for the Sewer Lateral Replacement Project [Resolution] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the appropriation of \$302,108 from Golf Fund Reserves to fund construction of the Sewer Lateral Replacement Project at the Santa Barbara Golf Club; 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 (FY) 2025, to Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations in the Parks and Recreation Department Golf Division, Capital Budget, in the Amount of \$302,108 for Construction of the Sewer Lateral Replacement Project at the Santa Barbara Golf Club.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-003 (January 14, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director; proposed Resolution).

9. Subject: Approval of Procurement for ARFF Apparatus Decontamination Services [Resolution] (560.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Airport Director to execute a professional services agreement with CDM Smith, Inc in the amount of \$224,597 to perform decontamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from three Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting vehicles; 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 Authorize Additional Appropriations for the Decontamination of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Three Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicles.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-004; Agreement No. 28-601 (January 14, 2025, report from the Airport Director; proposed Resolution).

10. Subject: Fire Department Operations Equipment Acceptance of Donation and Grant Funding [Resolution] (520.02)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Accept a Donation of 25 Portable Radios from One805;
- B. Accept a Donation of 25 Thermal Imaging Cameras from Santa Barbara Firefighters Alliance; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Grant Funds, Authorizing the Fire Chief to Enter into a Grant Agreement, and Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$100,000 in the Fire Department Fiscal Year 2025 Operations Fund for Regional Crash Response and Extrication Improvement.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-005 (January 14, 2025, report from the Fire Chief; proposed Resolution).

11. Subject: Resolution Authorizing the Examination of Transactions and Use Tax Records [Resolution] (210.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Examination of Transactions and Use Tax Records.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-006 (January 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolution).

12. Subject: Update Reimbursement Resolution for State Revolving Fund Loan Application for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project [Resolution] (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supplementing Resolution No. 22-106 Declaring its Official Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures Paid Prior to the Approval by the State Water Resources Control Board of a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Installment Agreement for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-007 (January 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

13. Subject: Update Reimbursement Resolution for State Revolving Fund Loan Agreement for the El Estero Water Resource Center Electrical Distribution Renewal Project [Resolution] (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supplementing Resolution No. 19-058 Declaring its Official Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures Paid Prior to the Approval of an Amendment by the State Water Resources Control Board of a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Installment Agreement for the El Estero Water Resource Center Electrical Distribution Renewal Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-008 (January 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

14. Subject: Resolution of Intention of Disestablishment for the Downtown and Old Town Business Improvement Districts [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 Disestablish the Downtown Parking and Business Improvement Area and the Old Town Parking and Business Improvement Area, and to Schedule a Public Hearing to be Held on February 11, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. to Consider Adoption of an Ordinance or Ordinances Disestablishing the Improvement Areas.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-009 (January 14, 2025, report from the City Administrator; proposed Resolution).

15. Subject: Contract for Construction of the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Mission Street and State Street Safety Lighting Project [Resolution; Agreement] (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Award a contract to Alfaro Communications Construction in their low bid amount of \$2,100,034 for construction of the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Mission Street and State Street Safety Lighting Project, Bid No. 5002; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve expenditures up to \$210,000 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment, for a total expenditure authority of \$2,310,034; 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 Appropriate Funds for the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 10 Mission Street and State Street Safety Lighting Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-010; Agreement No. 28,604 (January 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolution).

16. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the Four Months Ended October 31, 2024 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accepts the Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the four months ended October 31, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations (January 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

17. Subject: November 2024 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the November 2024 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendations (January 14, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

19. Subject: Contract with Santa Barbara Unified School District for Park Ranger Patrol Services [Agreement] (570.06)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to enter into a six-month agreement with Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) for Park Ranger Patrol Services at SBUSD properties at a cost to SBUSD in the amount of \$17,273.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,603 (January 14, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

20. Subject: First Contract Amendment with Design Arc, Inc. for the Franceschi Park Interpretive Pavilion Preliminary Design [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a first contract amendment with Design Arc, Inc. in the amount of \$41,684 for the Franceschi Park Interpretive Pavilion Preliminary Design.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,445.1 (January 14, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

21. Subject: Increase Contract for Cruise Ship Passenger Shuttle Service with Santa Barbara Airbus [Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Waterfront Director to increase Professional Service Agreement No. 28,040 with Santa Barbara Airbus, Inc. in the amount of \$22,000 for a total contract amount of \$150,705 for cruise ship shuttle services.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,040.2 (January 14, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

22. Subject: Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions Imposed on Real Property Located at 229 San Clemente Street [Agreement] (640.08)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions Imposed on the Real Property located at 229 San Clemente St. A.P.N. 045-151-008, in a form approved by the City Attorney, releasing the City from liability regarding the

demolition of an existing one-story residence and shed and the construction of a new two-story residence with a basement, accessory dwelling unit, driveway, and garage in which part of that construction shall be over an abandoned oil well.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (January 14, 2025, report from the City Attorney).

23. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Best, Best & Krieger, LLP [Agreement] (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Attorney to execute an amended legal services agreement with Best, Best & Krieger, LLP to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$135,000 to \$250,000 for special counsel services related to investigation of groundwater and communication with the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the same.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,022.2 (January 14, 2025, report from the City Attorney).

24. Subject: Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for Mental Health Mobile Crisis Services [Agreement] (520.04)

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute a two-year service agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for Mental Health Mobile Crisis Services beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2026, with annual fees not to exceed \$138,080 in Fiscal Year 2025, and \$140,031 in Fiscal Year 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28,605 (January 14, 2025, report from the Police Chief).

25. Subject: General Plan Amendment to Update the Open Space Element (650.06)

Recommendation: That Council initiate a General Plan Amendment to update the Open Space Element of the City's General Plan in accordance with Government Code §65565.5.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Phyliss Rose Cohen; Jacqueline Inda; Karen McFadden; Kenneth Loch; Jerardo Menchaca Pastor; Chelsea Rifkin; Denice Spangler Adams; Mary Ellen Brooks.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

5. Subject: Introduction of Ordinance for Water Metering Requirements for Affordable Housing Adaptive Reuse Projects [Ordinance Introduction] (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 14.08.150 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Water Meters for Certain Residential Uses.

Documents:

- January 14, 2025, report from the Public Works Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Cliff Maurer.
- Members of the Public: Ben Romo.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Jordan to approve Item 5 and request that staff look into water metering issues as applied to non-deed restricted properties in the context of the adaptive reuse program and return to Council as part of the adaptive reuse discussion or earlier.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Sneddon)

18. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Agreement with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for Operation of a Homeless Shelter and Related Services [Agreement] (660.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute a funding agreement in the amount of \$202,100 with People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for the operation of a homeless shelter and related services.

Documents:

- January 14, 2025, report from the Community Development Director.

Speakers:

- Members of the public: Liz Adams; Jett Black-Maertz.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Santamaria to approve the recommended action; Agreement No. 28,602.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Sneddon).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC HEARING

26. Subject: Appeal of the Parks and Recreation Commission's Action to Change the Street Tree Species Designation for the 300 – 800 blocks of East Anapamu Street to Quercus agrifolia, Coast Live Oak (570.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- Deny the appeal filed by Mr. Richard Closson, Ms. Cheri Rae, and Ms. Emma Brinkman, and uphold the Street Tree Advisory Committee's recommendation and the Parks and Recreation Commission's action to change the street tree species designation for the 300 – 800 blocks of East Anapamu Street to Quercus agrifolia, coast live oak; and
- Direct staff to return to Council with a Resolution reflecting the findings and outcome of the appeal.

Public hearing opened at 3:03 p.m.

No ex parte communications were disclosed.

Documents:

- January 14, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director
- January 3, 2025, letter from Bruce Reed

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary, Street Tree Supervisor Nathan Slack, Deputy City Attorney Heather Minter, Assistant City Attorney Tava Ostrenger.
- Appellant: Richard Closson.
- Applicant: Parks and Recreation Chair Kathy McGill; Street Tree Commission Member Duke McPherson.
- Members of the public: Monie de Wit; Mickey Cornish; Steve Dowty; John McKinney; Gretchen Murray; Jose Arturo Gallegos; Fred Sweeney; Anthony Grumbine; Betsy Cramer; Christine Neuhauser; Cassandra Ensberg; Rose Wills; Michael Marzella; Lisa Ballentine

RECESS

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon / Friedman to uphold the appeal and direct staff to return to City Council with a Resolution to maintain the existing designation and canopy of stone pine trees.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Sneddon).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

City Administrator McAdoo briefed on fire activities.

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. CCRB Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

Members of the Public: Marny Randall; Erin Parks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 11, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER