



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2026 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 11:30 a.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 John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

Mayor Rowse announced that the closed session heard in a special meeting this morning would be continued until the end of the instant regular meeting.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Subject: Ordinance to Regulate Single-Use Materials [Ordinance Adoption]**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 2.42.040, Chapter 9.160 and Chapter 9.165, and Repealing Chapter 9.150 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Expanded Polystyrene, Single-Use Plastics, and Solid Waste Reduction.

Documents:

- Proposed Ordinance.

Councilmember Friedman announced that he is recused from considering this item due to a potential conflict of interest as it may have an economic effect on his employer.

Councilmember Friedman was excused from the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Ordinance No. 2026-6212.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Mayor Rowse; Abstain: Councilmember Friedman.)

Councilmember Friedman returned to the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 6)

The titles of the ordinances and resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Friedman to approve consent calendar items 2 - 6.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

- 2. Subject: Affordability Covenant Amendment for the Village Apartments Property Located At 518–524 West Canon Perdido Street [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement]**

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 City Administrator to Execute the Second Amended Affordability Control Covenant Imposed on Real Property with Turner Lighthouse L.P. for Property Located at 518–524 West Canon Perdido Street.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 25209.03 (February 24, 2026, report from the City Administrator; Proposed Ordinance).

- 3. Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System and Appropriation of County Per Capita Funds [Resolution]**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara for the operation of Libraries belonging to the Countywide Library System; 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 Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$15,221 in the Fiscal Year 2026 Library General Fund and Increase Revenue Appropriations by \$16,555 in the Fiscal Year 2026 Library County Fund Budget for County Per Capita Funds from the County of Santa Barbara for the Operation of Library Services.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-011; Agreement No. 30000 (February 24, 2026, report from the Library Director).

4. Subject: January 2026 Investment Report

Recommendation: That Council accept the January 2026 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 24, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

5. Subject: HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Grant Amendments [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Allocate \$234,313 of existing appropriations in the federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Fund to New Beginnings, and approve an Amendment to Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Subrecipient Grant Agreement No. 28,481, to increase funding and incorporate new Policy Requirements issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);
- B. Allocate \$100,000 of existing appropriations in the federal HOME Fund to Transition House, and approve an Amendment to TBRA Subrecipient Grant Agreement No. 28,482, to increase funding and incorporate new policy requirements issued by HUD;
- C. Allocate \$234,313 of existing appropriations in the federal HOME Fund to the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, and approve an Amendment to TBRA Subrecipient Grant Agreement No. 28,483, to increase funding and incorporate new policy requirements issued by HUD; and

- D. Authorize the Deputy City Administrator to execute such agreements, amendments, and related documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Members of the Public:

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28481.01, 28482.01, 28483.02 (February 24, 2026, report from the City Administrator).

6. Subject: Professional Services Agreement with Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects, Inc. for the Carrillo Gymnasium Renewal Project [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Kruger Bensen Ziemer Architects, Inc. to provide architectural and engineering design services for the Carrillo Gymnasium Renewal Project in the amount not to exceed \$267,300.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28852 (February 24, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Friedman delivered a report of the actions taken by the Finance Committee as follows: 1. Received Q2 report and approved to forward the recommended budget adjustments to Council; 2. Received EIFD information; and 3. Approved to forward to Council an ordinance for adoption adjusting Cannabis Tax Rates with a 2-1 vote (Councilmember Santamaria dissenting).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Robert Greenfield; Elsa Granados; Denice Adams; Jeff Shaffer; Mark Redmond; Mavel Tortuledo; Jacqueline MacDonald; Ashley Farrell; Karen Rice; Ana Garcia; Aron Ashland.

Councilmember Harmon was excused at 2:50 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

7. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Second-Quarter Review [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the status of revenues and expenditures in relation to budget for the six months ended December 31, 2025;
- B. Accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the six months ended December 31, 2025;
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-129 to Approve Proposed Second Quarter (Q2) Adjustments to FY2026 Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations as Detailed in the Attached Schedule of Proposed Q2 Adjustments;
- D. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Position Salary Control Resolution No. 25-138 for Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2026. Changes are Effective January 10, 2026;
- E. Hear a report from staff regarding revenue generating and expenditure control options to balance the General Fund budget in FY2026 and forecast for FY2027; and
- F. Hear a report from staff related to the development of the Mid-Cycle budget update for FY2027.

Documents:

- February 24, 2026, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolutions.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini, Budget Manager Natalija Glusac, Controller Nathalie LeColley.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution Nos. 2026-012; 2026-013.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Elected Leaders Forum; 2. Chamber of Commerce Public Policy meeting; 3. Santa Barbara International Film Festival with the delegation from Lithuania; 4. CDHSC; 5. Creeks Committee; 6. Water Commission; 7. Women’s Fund Forum; 8. Cachuma Operation and Management Board meeting; and 9. Food and Beverage Group.
- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Women’s Fund Roundtable; 2. Reading Ambassadors at McKinley Elementary School; and 3. SBCAG monthly meeting and board unanimously approved signing on for the train.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m. to continue to closed session with no anticipated report out.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 12, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER