



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 25, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Murillo.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Jason Dominguez, Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Randy Rowse, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Murillo.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Steve Siry, Flightline LLC.

## **NOTICES**

1. Subject: The City Clerk has on Thursday, July 18, 2019, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

## **WORK SESSION**

### **2. Subject: Recommendations For Downtown Revitalization From Kosmont Companies (180.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a presentation from Kosmont Companies on findings and recommendations to revitalize the downtown area based on economic research and public outreach; and
- B. Receive a brief update from staff on next steps to improve economic vitality downtown and provide direction on further actions as needed.

Documents:

- July 25, 2019, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- July 24, 2019, letter from Amy Cooper.
- July 25, 2019, letter from Sally Sphar.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson; Community Development Director George Buell; Building Official Andrew Stuffer.
- Kosmont Companies: President Ken Hira; Senior Advisory Tom Jirovsky.
- Downtown Santa Barbara: Executive Director Carrie Kelly.
- Visit Santa Barbara: President and CEO Kathy Janega-Dykes.
- Members of the Public: Todd Capps; Hal Conklin; James Main; Tamara Erickson, Hotel Santa Barbara; Amy Cooper; Mary Lynn Harms-Romo, Paseo Nuevo; Anna Marie Gott; Jarrett Gorin; Mark Whitehurst; Bob Stout; Serena McClintock; Shaun Smith; Alan Howard, Antique Alley; Peter Lewis; Robert Perry, World Business Academy; Roxana Bonderson; Anne Petersen, Downtown Santa Barbara; Rick Closson; Barry Remis, COAST; Joe Andrulams; Justin Gunn; Gabe Escobedo; Joanna Kaufman; Sibelle Israel, Coldwell Banker; Michael Holliday Faia, AIA Santa Barbara; Ray Mahboob; Matais Eusterbrock; Sharon Byrne; Dan Weber, Anacapa Architecture.

## **RECESS**

7:32 – 7:42 p.m.

**WORK SESSION CONT'D**

**Discussion:**

Council discussed topics including project background, retail/hotel market factors and trends, land use planning, regulatory tools and policies, economic development, and other recommendations. Next steps were discussed, including hiring of economic development professional, implementation of an organizational workflow study for the planning and permitting process, per approved budget; waiver of outdoor dining fees; initiation of ordinance amendments related to clean-up of personal belongings and shopping cart retrieval. Councilmembers' questions were answered. Council provided staff direction in support of next steps.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on September 10, 2019.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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CATHY MURILLO  
MAYOR

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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER