



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

Councilmember Gutierrez announced that he would be invoking the Just Cause exemption to the Brown Act due to illness and would be appearing remotely.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Mike Jordan.

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

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

### CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 – 2, 5 – 11, 13 - 17)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve items 1 – 2, 5 – 11, and 13 - 17 of the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Mike Jordan).

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

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of July 15, July 29, and July 31, 2025; and for the regular meeting of July 29, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**2. Subject: Amendment to Title 17 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Pertaining to Transfer of Slip Permits in the Santa Barbara Harbor [Ordinance Adoption] (570.03)**

Recommendation: That City 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 to 17.20.005 Relating to Transfer of Slip Permits in the Santa Barbara Harbor.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6186.

**5. Subject: Skofield Park Resident Caretaker [Agreement] (570.05)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Skofield Park with Todd Newell, commencing September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,755 (August 19, 2025, report from the Parks & Recreation Director).

**6. Subject: Waterfront Department Proposed Lease Agreement with Allied Voyage LLC, dba Ocean Aire, for the Lease Space Located at 125 Harbor Way, Suite 21 [Agreement] (330.04)**

Recommendation: That Council approve a five-year lease agreement with Allied Voyage LLC, dba Ocean Aire, for second floor office space at 125 Harbor Way, Suite 21.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,756 (August 19, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

**7. Subject: Approval of Benefits Administration Contract [Agreement] (430.06)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Acting Human Resources Director to enter into an agreement with Benefit Coordinators Corporation for employee benefits administration services effective July 1, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,757 (August 19, 2025, report from the Acting Human Resources Director).

**8. Subject: Amendment of Contract with Water Systems Consulting for the Wastewater and Water Systems Climate Adaptation Plan [Agreement] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Sustainability and Resilience Director to execute a second amendment to Professional Services Agreement Number 28,364 with Water Systems Consulting for the Wastewater and Water Systems Climate Adaptation Plan to increase the amount of the contract by \$99,990 for a total contract amount of \$789,826.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,364.2 (August 19, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

**9. Subject: Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026 with City Net to Provide Street Outreach, Case Management and Housing Navigation Services [Agreement] (660.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a three-month agreement from April 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025 in the amount of \$133,973 with Kingdom Causes, Inc. (dba City Net) to provide homeless outreach, case management and housing navigation services, and evening and weekend street outreach, with funding from the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program; and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a nine-month agreement from July 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 in the amount of \$401,919 with Kingdom Causes, Inc. (dba City Net) to provide homeless outreach, case management and housing navigation services, and evening and weekend street outreach, with funding from the Permanent Local Housing Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and Measure I.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement Nos. 28,758; 28,759 (August 19, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

**10. Subject: Santa Barbara Clean Energy 2024 Power Source Disclosure Attestation (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council approve the attestation for Santa Barbara Clean Energy specified under California's Power Source Disclosure Program, which requires the governing Council of a public agency providing retail electric service to endorse the accuracy of the Power Source Disclosure annual report, as submitted to the California Energy Commission, for the previous year.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**11. Subject: Environmental Determination for the Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods Transportation Management Plan Implementation Project for Notice of Exemption (530.04)**

Recommendation: That Council determines that the Westside and Lower West Neighborhoods Transportation Management Plan Implementation Project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c) and directs the filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15062.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**13. Subject: Response to the Santa Barbara County Civil Grand Jury Report on Santa Barbara County South Coast Housing Crisis (150.04)**

Recommendation: The Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury and Presiding Judge Patricia Kelly regarding the Grand Jury 2024 – 2025 Report titled "Santa Barbara County South Coast Housing Crisis: A Call to Action."

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**14. Subject: Response to Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Regarding Water Management (150.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider and adopt the letter response to the Honorable Patricia Kelly, Presiding Judge, Santa Barbara Superior Court regarding the 2024-2025 Grand Jury report entitled "Water Management in Santa Barbara County Keep Up the Good Work"; and
- B. Authorize the Mayor to sign and forward the response letter to the Presiding Judge of Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**15. Subject: Delegation of Voting Delegate for League of California Cities Annual Conference (180.01)**

Recommendation: That Council designate Mayor Pro Tempore Eric Friedman as the City's voting delegate, and designate Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez as an alternate to represent the City of Santa Barbara at the League of California Cities Annual Meeting, October 8 – 10, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Casey Caldwell.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

**3. Subject: Zoning Map Amendment for 2020 Chapala Street [Ordinance Adoption] (640.09)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Sectional Zoning Map of the City of Santa Barbara, as Referenced in Santa Barbara Municipal Code Title APX, Section SM.010, pertaining to Assessor Parcel Number 025-311-023 located at 2020 Chapala Street.

Documents:

- August 19, 2025, report from the Acting Community Development Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve recommended action;  
Ordinance Number 6187.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan).

**4. Subject: Loan to Housing Authority for \$3,500,000 for Development of Property Located at 400 West Carrillo Street [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution] (610.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a Loan with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara in the Amount of \$3,500,000 for Development of Real Property Located at 400 West Carrillo Street to Be Used for Affordable Housing, to Be Secured by a Deed of Trust and a 90-Year Affordability Control Covenant Imposed on Real Property and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute Such Agreements, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney;
- 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 Approve an Increase in Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditure Appropriations in the Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) in the Amount of \$3,500,000 to Fund a Loan Agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara for Development of Real Property Located at 400 West Carrillo Street; and
- C. Authorize the City Administrator to execute amendments to the Project Agreement between the City and Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara necessary or convenient to implement the revised project financing, in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Documents:

- August 19, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Ordinance.
- Proposed Resolution.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to approve recommended action;  
Resolution Number 25-094.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse; Absent: Councilmember Jordan).

**12. Subject: City's Response to Findings and Recommendations to Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Report Regarding "E-Bikes in Santa Barbara: What Will It Take to Make Them Safe?" (150.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter of response to the Santa Barbara County Grand Jury and Presiding Judge Patricia Kelly, regarding the Grand Jury 2024-2025 Report "E-Bikes in Santa Barbara: What Will It Take to Make Them Safe?".

Documents:

- August 19, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Barry Remis.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan.)

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**16. Subject: Final Design and Environmental Services for the Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project [Agreement] (540.09)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a professional service contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants Inc., in the amount of \$5,547,173 for final design services for the Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project and authorize \$554,717 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$6,101,890; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the First Contract Amendment with Rincon Consultants Inc., for environmental services for the Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project, Contract No. 28,549, in the amount of \$104,968, for a total expenditure authority of \$489,580.

Documents:

- August 19, 2025, report from Acting Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Public Works Director Josh Haggmark; Senior Project Engineer Kelly Bourque
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve recommended actions; Agreement Nos. 28,760; 28,549.1.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Mike Jordan).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**17. Subject: Allocation of Funding in Support of Local Immigrant-Serving Organizations [Resolution] (610.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Approve and Increase in Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditure Appropriations in the Flexible Housing Fund in the Amount of \$500,000 to Fund a Grant Agreement with a Local Non-Profit Organization for Immigrant Support Services;
- Direct the City Administrator's Office to distribute \$130,000 of the allocated funding in support of the Immigrant Legal Defense Center; and
- Direct the City Administrator's Office to partner with the Fund for Santa Barbara to facilitate a grant program to distribute the remaining \$370,000 to other local immigrant-serving organizations.

Documents:

- August 19, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Resolution.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Members of the Public: Fernando Martinez; Teresa Suarez; Raul Olivera; Javier Mondar; Maria Rincon; Jorge Toledano Ortiz; Julia Almazan; Sergio Castillo Perez; Yajaira Arroyo; Ezequiel Alonzo; Larry Behrendt; Anita Perez Ferguson; Jaqueline Karlson; Ana Arce; Daniel Gonzalez.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to approve recommended actions;  
Resolution No. 25-095.

**Vote:**

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse; Absent: Councilmember Mike Jordan).

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Chamber of Commerce quarterly meeting; 2. COMB Oak Tree meeting; 3. Creeks Committee meeting; 4. Discussed Water Commission meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on September 9, 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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