



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 12, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which usually 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, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. **Subject: National Disability Independence Day (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Bob Burnham.

Speakers:

- Members of the public: Michael Rassler.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 4 – 5)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve items 4 – 5 of the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

4. Subject: Adoption of Substantial Amendment to HOME American Rescue Plan Funds Allocation Plan (170.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt the City's HOME American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan Substantial Amendment for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Action: Approved the recommendation (August 12, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director).

5. Subject: Approve Sole Source Purchasing Request for Parking Revenue Control Equipment, Maintenance Services, Replacement Parts, and Payment Processing (170.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize an amendment to the current five-year sole source purchase request with SKIDATA, Inc. to increase funds available and allow the General Services Manager to award purchase order contracts necessary to support continued operation of the City's parking facilities.

Action: Approved the recommendation (August 12, 2025, report from the Acting Public Works Director).

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

6. Subject: Zoning Map Amendment for 2020 Chapala Street [Ordinance Introduction] (640.09)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning designation from O-R (Office Restricted) to C-G (Commercial General);
- B. Find that the project qualifies for an exemption from further environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15305, Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations;
- C. Find that the C-G zoning classification is consistent with the General Plan; and
- D. Introduce and subsequently 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.

Public hearing opened: 2:14 p.m.

Document:

- August 12, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: None.
- Staff: None.

Public hearing closed: 2:16 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman to approve the recommendations as made by staff.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Friedman reported that Finance Committee recommended that Council hear a proposal for a loan for \$3,500,000 for a housing project at 400 West Carrillo Street.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Mark Wofford; Aron Ashland.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

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

Recommendation: That City Council 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 ("SBMC") by Adding Section to 17.20.005 Relating to Transfer of Slip Permits in the Santa Barbara Harbor.

Documents:

- August 12, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Chris Voss.

3. **Subject: Amending Waterfront Department Resolution No. 03-095 for Vessel Measurement and Size Restriction, and Amending Resolution 14-023 Establishing Slip Occupancy Policy to Include Nine Commercial Fishing Slips in the Santa Barbara Harbor [Resolution] (570.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 03-095 Pertaining to the Regulation of Vessel Measurement and Size Restrictions in Santa Barbara Harbor; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 14-023 Establishing a Slip Occupancy Policy for Designated Commercial Fishing Slips in Santa Barbara Harbor.

Documents:

- August 12, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Chris Voss.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to approve Items 2 and 3 as recommended; Resolution Nos. 25-091; 25-092.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC HEARING

QUASI-JUDICIAL RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7. Subject: Appeal of Architectural Board of Review's Approval of the 418 N. Milpas Street and 915-923 E. Gutierrez Street Project (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider and deny Natasha Todorovic's appeal of the Architectural Board of Review's Project Design Approval of the 418 N. Milpas Street and 915-923 E. Gutierrez Street Project, and make the findings set forth in the Council Agenda Report; and
- B. Direct staff to return to Council with a Decision and Findings Resolution reflecting the outcome of the appeal.

Public hearing opened at 2:22 p.m.

Ex parte disclosures:

Councilmember Jordan disclosed that he did not attend the formal site visit but visited the site on his own.

No other ex parte communications were disclosed.

Documents:

- August 12, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and presented by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Interim Community Development Director Allison DeBusk, Project Planner Kathleen Kennedy, Assistant City Attorney Tava Ostrenger; Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant; Project Planner Julia Pujo.
- Architectural Board of Review: Will Sofrin; Lauren Anderson.
- Appellant: Natasha Todorovic, Gil Barry.
- Applicant: Ginger Andersen; Beth Collins.
- Members of the public: Jonathan Duran; Brian Miller; Christine Neuhauser; Naomi Greene; Natalia Govoni; Britta Bartels; Arturo Gallegos; David Neuhauser; Sue Mellor; Sebastian Aldana; Andy Zwerin; Anna Marie Gott; Naomi Greene, Mary Ellen Brooks, Victoria Valente, Ana Arce.

RECESS

4:18 – 4:47 p.m.

7. Subject: Appeal of Architectural Board of Review's Approval of the 418 N. Milpas Street and 915-923 E. Gutierrez Street Project (640.07) (CONT'D)

Public Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan Harmon to approve the recommendation as made by staff starting on page 12 of the staff report. Staff to return to City Council with the resolution reflecting the findings.

Councilmember Santamaria: Proposed an amendment to vote on recommendations A and B separately.

Withdrawn.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmembers Santamaria, Sneddon, Guterriez)

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Creative Resistance at Community Arts Workshop.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Peace Day by Nuclear Peace Foundation; 2. Sustainability and Resilience Committee Meeting; 3. CCRB meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

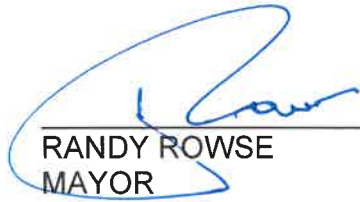
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 6:40. p.m. in the memory of Pat Fallan, former head of the Sister Cities Association.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on September 9, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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