



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 2, 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 Ordinance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Finance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on 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: 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 December 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 (Items 2 – 9)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/ Friedman to approve consent calendar items 2 - 9 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**2. Subject: Amendment of Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program Cooperative Agreement [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Sustainability & Resilience Director to Execute Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment (BEACON) for the Regional Coastal Adaptation Monitoring Program.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6196; Agreement No. 28,112.1.

**3. Subject: Adoption of an Ordinance for an Agreement with Eneridge Inc. for the Installation and Operation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Sustainability and Resilience Director to Execute an Agreement with Eneridge Inc. for the Installation and 10-Year Operation of Four Electric Vehicle Charging Ports at the East Parking Lot of the Cabrillo Pavillion.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6197; Agreement No. 28,807.

**4. Subject: Amendment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Installment Sale Agreement for the El Estero Water Resource Center Electrical Distribution Renewal Project [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution; Agreement] (540.13)**

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 an Amendment to the Installment Sale Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the El Estero Water Resource Center Electrical Distribution Renewal Project (Project No. 8508-110); 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 Appropriate the Amended Loan from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the El Estero Water Resource Center Electrical Distribution Renewal Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-128; (December 2, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; Proposed Ordinance; Proposed Resolution).

**5. Subject: October 2025 Investment Report (260.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the October 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 2, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

**6. Subject: Approval of Business Tax Administration and Revenue Audit Services Agreement [Agreement] (210.01)**

Recommendation: That Council authorizes the Finance Director, pending approval as to form of the agreement by the City Attorney, to execute an agreement with Muniservices for business tax administration and revenue audit services for three (3) years, with an option to extend the agreement for two (2) one-year periods, at an estimated cost of \$360,000 per year for administration and for contingencies ranging from 15% to 40% for audit services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,816 (December 2, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

**7. Subject: City Attorney Employment Agreement [Agreement] (160.01)**

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement with John Doimas to serve as the City Attorney effective December 27, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,484.1 (December 2, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director).

**8. Subject: Amendments to Increase On-Call Data Integration Support Contracts with Pre-Qualified Data Integration Consultants for Water Resources Facilities [Agreement] (530.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a First Amendment to increase City Professional Services Agreement No. 28,369 with HiTech Concepts, Inc. for on-call data integration services to support Water Resources facilities in the amount of \$300,000 for a new total not-to-exceed expenditure authority of \$550,000; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a First Amendment to increase City Professional Services Agreement No. 28,370 with Mako Automation, Inc. for on-call data integration services to support Water Resources facilities in the amount of \$700,000, for a new total not-to-exceed expenditure authority of \$950,000.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,369.1; 28,370.1 (December 2, 2025, report from the Water Resources Director).

**9. Subject: Public Works Department Title VI Plan – Ensuring Nondiscrimination and Language Access in Public Services and Capital Projects (530.01)**

Recommendation: That Council review and adopt the City of Santa Barbara Public Works Department Title VI Program and Implementation Plan for 2025-2028, as required by the California Department of Transportation, and authorize the Public Works Director to make minor changes as necessary.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 2, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

**CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING**

**10. Subject: 2025 California Building and Fire Codes Adoption [Ordinance Adoption] (520.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 22.04 of the Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2025 Edition of the California Building Code, Volumes 1 and 2; the 2025 Edition of the California Residential Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Electrical Code; the 2025 Edition of the California

Mechanical Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Plumbing Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Energy Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Historical Building Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Existing Buildings Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Green Building Standards Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Referenced Standards Code; and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code; Adopting Local Revision to Those Codes; and Repealing Ordinance Number 6093; and

- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 8.04 of the Municipal Code and Adopting by Reference the 2024 International Fire Code, Including Appendix Chapter 4 and Appendices B, BB, C, CC, and H of that Code; the 2025 Edition of the California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and the 2025 California Fire Code with Local Amendments to Both Codes.

Documents:

- December 2, 2025, report from the Fire Chief.
- Proposed Ordinances.

Mayor Rowse opened the Public Hearing at 2:06 p.m.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: None.

Mayor Rowse closed the Public Hearing at 2:07 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Ordinance Nos. 6198 and 6199.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

## **REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chair Sneddon reported that the Committee met to discuss a single-use materials ordinance, and they approved to forward the item to Council.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: John Rohner; Robert Hughes; Brian Michelet; Aron Ashland.

## **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### 11. Subject: Appointments to City Advisory Groups (140.05)

Recommendation: That Council make appointments to the City's Advisory Groups.

Document:

- December 2, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: Deputy City Clerk Norma Welche.
- Members of the public: None.

#### Access Advisory Committee

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Santamaria to appoint Skylar Covich and Barbara Chen by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Appointments:

Skylar Covich was reappointed to the Access Advisory Committee, Disability Community (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Barbara Chen was appointed to the Access Advisory Committee, At-Large (County) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Airport Commission

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to appoint Levi Maaia and Dan Glaser by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Appointments:

Levi Maaia was reappointed to the Airport Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Dan Glaeser was reappointed to the Airport Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

### Arts Advisory Committee

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Gutierrez to appoint John Bielecki, Carole Goodman, Michael Long, Darrell McNeill, and Jack Mohr by acclamation.

**Vote:**

Unanimous voice vote.

**Appointments:**

John Bielecki was appointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, County Resident category, with a term expiring December 31, 2027. Carole Goodman was reappointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Michael Long was appointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Darrell McNeill was reappointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Jack Mohr was appointed to the Arts Advisory Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

### Civil Service Commission

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to appoint Michael Dean by acclamation.

**Vote:**

Unanimous voice vote.

**Appointment:**

Michael Dean was appointed to the Civil Service Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

### Community Development and Human Services Committee

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Gutierrez to appoint Daniel Johnsen, Jabob Lesner-Buxton, and Arielle Goodson by acclamation.

**Vote:**

Unanimous voice vote.

**Appointments:**

Daniel Johnsen was appointed to the Community Development and Human Services Committee, Downtown Area Neighborhood category, with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Jacob Lesner-Buxton was reappointed to the Community Development and Human Services Committee, Disabled Community category, with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Arielle Goodson was appointed to the Community Development and Human Services Committee, African American Community category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

### Community Events and Festivals Committee

Nominees: Hanna Haggerty and Benjamin Goedert.

Votes:

For Benjamin Goedert: Councilmembers Santamaria, Friedman, Sneddon, and Mayor Rowse.

For Hanna Haggerty: Councilmembers Harmon, Gutierrez, Jordan.

Appointment:

Benjamin Goedert was appointed to the Community Events and Festivals Committee, Cultural Arts category, with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

### Downtown Parking Committee

Nominees: Hannah Cohen, William "Trey" Pinner, and Sean Pratt.

Votes:

For Hannah Cohen: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Gutierrez.

For William "Trey" Pinner: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, and Mayor Rowse.

For Sean Pratt: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman, Gutierrez, Jordan, and Mayor Rowse.

Appointments:

Hannah Cohen was appointed to the Downtown Parking Committee, City Resident category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Sean Pratt was reappointed to the Downtown Parking Committee, City Resident category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

### Harbor Commission

Nominees: William "Seth" Anderson, Jonathan Gartner, William Sofrin, Paul Spieler, Spenser Jaimes, John Stedman.

Votes:

For William "Seth" Anderson: Councilmembers Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman, Jordan.

For: Jonathan Gartner: Councilmembers Harmon, Friedman, Gutierrez.

For William Sofrin: Councilmembers Jordan, and Mayor Rowse.

For Paul Spieler: Mayor Rowse.

For Spenser Jaimes: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Gutierrez.

For John Stedman: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman, Jordan, Gutierrez, and Mayor Rowse.

**Appointments:**

William Seth Anderson was reappointed to the Harbor Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Spenser Jaimes was appointed to the Harbor Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. John Stedman was reappointed to the Harbor Commission, Qualified Elector (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

Historic Landmarks Commission

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to appoint Keith Butler and Julien Hradecky by acclamation.

**Vote:**

Unanimous voice vote.

**Appointments:**

Keith Butler was reappointed to the Historic Landmarks Commission, Public at Large (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Julien Hradecky was appointed to the Historic Landmarks Commission, Public at Large Non-Qualified Elector category, with a term expiring December 31, 2027; Julien Hradecky turned down the appointment, thus leaving this position vacant to be included in the next recruitment cycle taking place in Spring 2026.

Library Board

Nominees: Amber Caldwell, Donald Jay Patterson, Bethany Prince.

**Votes:**

For Amber Caldwell: Councilmembers Harmon, Sneddon, Friedman, Gutierrez, Jordan, and Mayor Rowse.

For Donald Jay Patterson: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Friedman, Jordan, and Mayor Rowse.

For Bethany Prince: Councilmembers Santamaria, Sneddon, Gutierrez.

**Appointments:**

Amber Caldwell was reappointed to the Library Board, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Donald Jay Patterson was

appointed to the Library Board, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Neighborhood Advisory Council

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Santamaria to appoint Richard Burkemper, Daniel Johnsen, and Aaron Jones by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Appointments:

Richard Burkemper was appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, Laguna Neighborhood Representative category, with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Daniel Johnsen was appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, Public at Large category, with a term expiring December 31, 2028. Aaron Jones was appointed to the Neighborhood Advisory Council, Public at Large category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Parks and Recreation Commission

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Friedman to appoint Kathy McGill, Robert Nielsen, and Sebastian Aldana by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Appointments:

Kathy McGill was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Robert Nielsen was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Sebastian Aldana was reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Planning Commission

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to appoint John Baucke and Devon Wardlow by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

Appointments:

John Baucke was reappointed to the Planning Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Devon Wardlow was

reappointed to the Planning Commission, Qualified Elector of the City category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Rental Housing Mediation Board

Nominees: Allison MacPherson, Diane Pannkuk, E. Howard Green, Kari Weber, Daniel Herlinger.

#### Votes:

For Allison MacPherson: Councilmembers Gutierrez, Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman, and Mayor Rowse.

For Diane Pannkuk: Councilmembers Jordan, Friedman, and Mayor Rowse.

For E. Howard Green: Councilmember Jordan and Mayor Rowse.

For Kari Weber: Councilmembers Gutierrez, Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman.

For Daniel Herlinger: Councilmembers Gutierrez, Jordan, Harmon, Santamaria, Sneddon, Friedman, and Mayor Rowse.

#### Appointments:

Allison MacPherson was appointed to the Rental Housing Mediation Board, Landlord Mediator (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2027. Kari Weber was appointed to the Rental Housing Mediation Board, Tenant Mediator (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029. Daniel Herlinger was reappointed to the Rental Housing Mediation Board, Homeowner Mediator (City) category, with a term expiring December 31, 2029.

#### Santa Barbara Youth Council

#### Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Sneddon to appoint Ellie Cogert, Julia Kramer, Bella Warmerdam, Julia Probstel, and Piper McGinnis by acclamation.

#### Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

#### Appointments:

Ellie Cogert was appointed to the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Santa Barbara High School (City) category, with a term expiring June 30, 2027. Julia Kramer was appointed to the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Santa Barbara High School (City) category, with a term expiring June 30, 2027. Bella Warmerdam was appointed to the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Dos Pueblos High School (City) category, with a term expiring June 30, 2027. Julia Probstel was appointed to the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Local Private High School (County) category, with a term expiring

June 30, 2027. Piper McGinnis was appointed to the Santa Barbara Youth Council, Public at Large (County) category, with a term expiring June 30, 2026.

### Single Family Design Board

Nominees: Shahab Parsa, Lauren Rolph.

#### Votes:

For Shahab Parsa: Councilmembers Santamaria, Friedman, Gutierrez.

For Lauren Rolph: Councilmembers Jordan, Harmon, Sneddon, and Mayor Rowse.

#### Appointment:

Lauren Rolph was appointed to the Single Family Design Board, Licensed Architect (County) category, with a term expiring June 30, 2029.

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

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

#### **12. Subject: Disposition and Development Agreement Between the City of Santa Barbara and Alliance Bernstein for the Proposed Redevelopment at Paseo Nuevo [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement] (170.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Under Public Resources Code Section 21080.66 and Approving and Authorizing Execution of the Paseo Nuevo Redevelopment Project Development and Disposition Agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and Paseo Propco, LLC; and
- B. Direct the Community Development Director to file promptly a notice of exemption for the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

#### Documents:

- December 2, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- Proposed Ordinance.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: State Street Master Planner Tess Harris; Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke; Community Development Director Allison DeBusk.

**RECESS**

5:36 – 5:50 p.m.

**12. Subject: Disposition and Development Agreement Between the City of Santa Barbara and Alliance Bernstein for the Proposed Redevelopment at Paseo Nuevo [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement] (170.01) cont'd**

Speakers (cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Brian Barnwell; Lisa Sands; Brian Cearnal; Greg Parker; Rich Appelbaum; Dalia Garcia; Pat Wheatley; Randy Berg; Kristen Miller; Rob Pearson; Pedro Toscano; Fred Sweeney; Marge Cafarelli; Dianne Black; Nancy Avoce; Trey Pinner; Steve Johnson; Marell Brooks; Linda Honikman; John Baucke; Lee Heller; Gail Osherenko.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/ Harmon motion to direct staff to draft a Charter Amendment allowing the City to extend leases up to 99 years for City-owned assets.

Amendment: To remove the lease length limit entirely.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/ Harmon to direct staff to draft a Charter Amendment removing the 50-year lease length limit for City-owned assets.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Friedman to direct staff to return with information regarding setting up an ad-hoc committee related to this topic.

Amendment: To direct staff to work with the Mayor to form an ad-hoc committee immediately.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Friedman to direct staff to work with the Mayor to appoint members to an ad-hoc committee related to this topic.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Rowse was excused at 8:15 p.m.

**RECESS**

8:15 – 8:39 P.M.

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### 13. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 First-Quarter Review [Resolution] (230.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the status of revenues and expenditures in relation to budget for the three months ended September 30, 2025;
- B. Accept the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the three months ended September 30, 2025;
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-102 to Approve Proposed First-Quarter (Q1) Adjustments to FY2026 Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations as Detailed in the Attached Schedule of Proposed Q1 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. 25-117 for Authorized Positions for Fiscal Year 2026. Changes are Effective November 15, 2025; and
- E. Provide direction to staff regarding revenue generating and expenditure control options to balance the General Fund budget in FY2026 and forecast for FY2027.

Documents:

- December 2, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DiMartini, Budget Manager Natalija Glusac, Controller Nathalie Lecolley.
- Members of the public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Gutierrez to support staff recommendations A-D.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Mayor Randy Rowse).

## COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 10, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

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