



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. (The Ordinance Committee met at 11:30 a.m. The Finance 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 (2:09 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Deinas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to District Attorney John Savroch and District Attorney Manager Megan Rheinschils.

2. Subject: Donate Life Month

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Scott Burns.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3 – 8, 10 - 12)

Motion:

Councilmembers Rowse/Friedman to waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and authorize reading by title only, pursuant to City Charter Section 511, unless otherwise requested by a member of the City Council. This waiver shall not apply to emergency ordinances, which shall be read in full as required by Section 511.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to approve the consent calendar excepting Item 9.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

3. Subject: Single Family Streamlining Amendments [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Amending Chapters 30.15, 30.20, 30.25, 30.30, 30.35, 30.140, 30.165, 30.175, 30.185, 30.200, 30.205, 30.220, 30.235, 30.250, 30.290, 30.295, 30.300, and Section 30.150.090 Pertaining to Regulations for Single Family Streamlining;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Amending Section 25.03.040 Pertaining to Regulations for Single Family Streamlining; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 22.22 and Amending Chapters 22.68 and 22.69 Pertaining to Regulations for Single Family Streamlining Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Ordinance Nos. 2026-6217, 2026-6218, 20206-6219.

4. Subject: Introduction of an Ordinance Approving a Service and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc. at the Airport [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 Airport Director to Execute a Service and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc., Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 30028 (April 21, 2026, report from the Airport Director; Proposed Ordinance).

5. Subject: Introduction of Ordinance Approving First Amendment to Lease Agreement Number 25,583 with Mulligan's Café Inc., at Santa Barbara Golf Club [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 a First Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 25,583 with Mulligan's Café Inc., a California Corporation, for the Restaurant Facility at Santa Barbara Golf Club, 3500 McCaw Avenue, Extending the Term through September 30, 2029, and Updating Operational Provisions.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 25583.01 (April 21, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director; Proposed Ordinance).

6. Subject: Out-of-Agency Service Agreements for Sanitary Sewer System Connections [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Restating the City's Policy Regarding Connection to the Sanitary Sewer System of Property Located Outside of the City's Jurisdictional Boundaries and Authorizing the Water Resources Director to Execute Agreements for Such Connections Pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 14.44.035.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-027 (April 21, 2026, report from the Water Resources Director).

7. Subject: Allocation of the City's Share of Transportation Development Act Funds [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Filing of a Claim with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for an Allocation of \$97,645 in Transportation Development Act Funds for Fiscal Year 2027.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-028 (April 21, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

8. Subject: Agreement with Nimble Energy, Inc. for Energy Management Software Services [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Sustainability and Resilience Director to execute a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Nimble Energy, Inc. for energy management software services in the amount of \$126,594.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 30018 (April 21, 2026, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

10. Subject: Fifth Contract Amendment with RRM Design Group for Final Design and Construction Documents for the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a fifth contract amendment with RRM Design Group in the amount of \$86,240 for additional construction administration support, testing, land surveying, and inspections during construction of the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project for a new not-to-exceed dollar amount of \$1,425,681 for all services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28009.05 (April 21, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

11. Subject: Approval of Standard Equipment for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department

Recommendation: That Council waive formal bidding requirements and approve 3M/SCOTT SCBAs as Standard Equipment for the Fire Department for the next fifteen years, in accordance with Section 4.52.070 (L) of the Municipal Code.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

12. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the Eight Months Ended February 28, 2026

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Committee Chair Gutierrez reported that the Committee discussed the short term rentals item, gave staff direction and will continue the item to a future date. He also reported that the Committee discussed the oversized vehicle ordinance and voted to move the item to be heard by the full council.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Dave Grotenhuis; Faizah Dean.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

9. **Subject: Request by Montecito Sanitary District for a Wastewater Treatment Services Agreement [Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Direct Staff to evaluate the feasibility of and negotiate an Agreement for Provision of Wastewater Treatment Services to the Montecito Sanitary District; and
- B. Direct Staff to collect a \$100,000 fee from the Montecito Sanitary District to offset City of Santa Barbara staff time and resources, which would be refunded to the District if an agreement is successfully negotiated.

Documents:

- April 21, 2026, report from the Water Resources Director.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Woody Barrett.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the staff recommendations.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

13. Subject: Coastal Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hear a presentation of survey results from a survey mailed to all property owners within the proposed Coastal Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring Intention to Initiate Assessment Proceedings, Preliminarily Approve the Engineer's Report, and Set a Public Hearing For June 30, 2026; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing Proposition 218 Assessment Balloting Procedures in Accordance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Documents:

- April 21, 2026, report from the Fire Department.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolutions.

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Chief Chris Mailes; Fire Marshal Ryan DiGiulio; Fire Inspector Mark Von Tillow.
- SGI Consultants: Ryan Aston.
- Members of the Public: Skip Szymanski; Lee Heller.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the staff recommendations;
Resolution Nos. 2026-029, 2026-030.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

14. Subject: City Administrator's Recommended Mid-Cycle Budget for Fiscal Year 2027

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the City Administrator's Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2027;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget; and
- C. Approve the Proposed Schedule of Council Budget Review Meetings and Public Hearings related to the City Administrator's Recommended Mid-Cycle Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

Documents:

- April 21, 2026, report from the Finance Department.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac.
- Members of the Public: Leo Decasaus; Rich Sander.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Gutierrez to approve staff recommendation

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Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Subject: Updated Resolution to Re-Affirm the City's Response to Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities and Commitment to Community Policing [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Promoting Community Safety, Diversity, and Public Trust Through Locally Guided Practices in Response to Federal Immigration Enforcement.

Documents:

- April 21, 2026, report from the City Administrators office.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen; Police Chief Kelly Gordon.
- Members of the Public: Beckett Staubs; Larry Behrendt; Ian Paige; Jacqueline Inda; Bryndan Callaway; Nicole laquinto.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendation absent Section 5; Resolution No. 2026-031.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse).

16. Subject: Update of State and Federal Legislative Platform

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt the revised Legislative Platform that guides the City's support or opposition to regional, state and federal legislative issues; and
- B. Authorize the Mayor, Councilmembers, and staff, on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara, to contact regional, state and federal representatives to advocate for legislation and actions consistent with the goals of the legislative platform.

Documents:

- April 21, 2026, report from the City Administrators office.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Public Library Foundation Library Champion of the Year ceremony for Jace Turner.
- Mayor Pro Tem Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Happy birthday to her husband.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

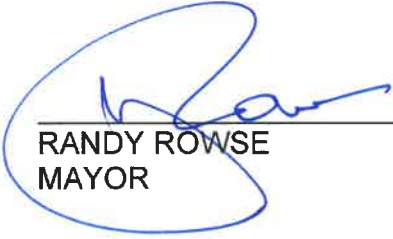
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 2, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER