



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 25, 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meet at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on this day).

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rowse.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Austin Taylor.

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**1. Subject: Juneteenth - June 19, 2024 (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Jordan Killebrew & Simone Ruskamp.

**2. Subject: LGBTQ+ Pride Month - June 2024 (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Levin Fetzer.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Amber Workman; Megan Overland.

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Kelly McAdoo clarified that there is a typo in the text of the Ordinance in Item 4, with a duplicative phrase in Section 1 subsection B at the end of the paragraph.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3 – 10)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

### Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to approve the balance of the consent calendar as recommended.

### Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

### 3. **Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of November 30, 2023, and May 7, 2024; and regular meetings of June 4, 2024, and June 11, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

### 4. **Subject: Proposed Ballot Measure on Transaction and Use Tax Increase to Maintain Essential Local Services for the November 5, 2024 General Election [Ordinance Adoption] (110.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Imposition of the Santa Barbara Essential Local Services Tax, Subject to Approval by the Electors, by the Addition of Chapter 4.15 to Title 4 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No.6156.

### 5. **Subject: Records Destruction for Airport Department [Resolution] (160.06)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara relating to the Destruction of Records held by the Airport Department in the Operations Division.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-075 (June 25, 2024, report from the Airport Director; proposed Resolution).

### 6. **Subject: Statement of Investment Policy and Delegation of Investment Authority for Fiscal Year 2025 [Resolution] (260.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Investment Policy for the City and Rescinding Resolution No. 23-138.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-076 (June 25, 2024, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolution).

**7. Subject: Resolution Amending the Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Service Charges to Correct Clerical Error [Resolution] (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Directing the City Clerk to Correct Clerical Errors by Inserting Omitted Pages into Resolution 24-068 Adopted on June 11, 2024, Which Shall Become Effective on July 1, 2024, and Amend the City of Santa Barbara Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Service Charges.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-077 (June 25, 2024, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolution).

**8. Subject: May 2024 Investment Report (260.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the May 2024 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (June 25, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

**9. Subject: Non-Profit Organization Leases at the Westside and Franklin Community Centers [Agreement] (570.07)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute annual lease agreements for office space at the Westside Community Center for the Independent Living Resource Center, and Momentum Work, Inc.; and
- B. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute annual lease agreements for office space at the Franklin Community Center for California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., and the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,530, 28,531, 28,532 and 28,533 (June 25, 2024, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**10. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for Special Counsel Services [Agreement] (350.01)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a second amended legal services agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (contract #22300093) to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$100,000 to \$115,000 for special counsel services related to existing personnel matters.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,534 (June 25, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

## CONSENT PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 11. Subject: Public Hearing Regarding Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2025 [Resolution] (550.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider any appropriate protests to the Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2025, as required under the California Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara, Fixing and Assessing the Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2025, and Confirming Approval of the Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2025.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- June 25, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Public Hearing Opened: 2:38 p.m.

Speakers:

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

Public Hearing Closed: 2:39 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan / Harmon to approve the recommended action; Resolution No. 24-078.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember A. Gutierrez)

**12. Subject: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption Determination for 515 West Los Olivos Street Housing Project (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council determine the proposed housing development project is a sustainable communities project and is exempt from further environmental review under Public Resources Code § 21155.1 [Implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy].

**Documents:**

- June 25, 2024, report from the Community Development Director.

Public Hearing Opened: 2:40 p.m.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Project Planner Julia Pujo, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, Public Works Director Cliff Maurer, Assistant City Attorney Tava Ostrenger, Assistant Planner Carly Earnest.
- Members of the Public: Karen Mashin, Teri Malinowski, Patricia Calonne, Mat Martin, Mike Ryu, Zachary Aboud, James Carbone.

Public Hearing Closed: 3:27 p.m.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the recommended action.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Art Ludwig, Lark Batteau, Clint Orr, Aron Ashland.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Library Advisory Committee.
- Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Housing Crisis Ad Hoc Committee Meetings 2. Elected Leaders Forum to Address Homelessness.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Cachuma Operation and Management Board Meeting 2. CCRV Special Meeting.

## CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**13. Subject: Downtown Santa Barbara Community Benefit Improvement District Resolution of Formation and Levying Assessment [Resolution] (290.00)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold a public hearing regarding the formation of the Downtown Santa Barbara Community Benefit Improvement District (Downtown Santa Barbara CBID); and tabulate all assessment ballots returned to the City pursuant to procedures set forth in the Resolution of Intention; and
- B. If the assessment balloting does not result in a majority protest, then waive first reading and adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Forming the Downtown Santa Barbara Community Benefit Improvement District Pursuant to Chapter 4.45 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code and Levying the Assessment in Connection with Such District.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- June 25, 2024, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Public Hearing Opened: 3:32 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Brandon Beaudette.
- Members of the Public: Robin Elander, Kristen Miller, Virginia Rehling, Julie Bishoff, Anna Marie Gott, Neil Ablitt, Jim Knell, Tyler Cunningham.

Public Hearing Closed at 4:22 p.m. to be reopened later.

**14. Subject: Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Rates (540.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold a public hearing, consider all written protests, and determine if there is a majority protest regarding proposed increases to water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Years 2025-2028 and solid waste rates for Fiscal Year 2025, as required by California Constitution article XIII D, § 6; and

- B. If there is no majority written protest, direct staff to prepare a rate schedule setting the water and wastewater rates for Fiscal Years 2025-2028, and solid waste rates for Fiscal Year 2025, and update the schedules within the City of Santa Barbara Schedule of Penalties, Fees, Rates, and Service Charges resolution for adoption on July 2, 2024.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- June 25, 2024, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Resolution.

Public Hearing Opened: 4:23 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark, Public Works Administrative Analyst Gabrielle Cook, Environmental Services Specialist Dustin Merback, HDR Engineering Consultant Shawn Koorn.
- Members of the Public: Cora Snyder.

Public Hearing Closed: 5:11 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon / Jordan to approve the staff recommendations.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**RECESS**

5:13 p.m. – 6:06 p.m.

13. **Subject: Downtown Santa Barbara Community Benefit Improvement District Resolution of Formation and Levying Assessment [Resolution] (290.00) (cont'd)**

Public Hearing Reopened: 6:07 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Brandon Beaudette.
- Members of the Public: None.

Public Hearing Closed: 6:16 p.m.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to find that single-family owner-occupied properties do not receive a special benefit from the district, adopt by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Forming the Downtown Santa Barbara Community Benefit Improvement District, and direct staff to revise the district boundary map to remove parcels APN No. 039-133-008, APN No. 031-271-021, APN No. 031-271-022, APN No. 031-271-023, APN No. 029-211-020, and APN No. 037-211-004, read into the record, subject to staff confirmation that the parcels are used as owner occupied single family residential uses; Resolution No. 24-079.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Opening of the Daytime Navigation Center 2. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Beginnings Safe Parking Program.
- Councilmember A. Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting.
- Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Cox Solar Project Ribbon Cutting 2. McKinley School Graduation 3. Pride Event at Canary 4. NAACP Meeting 5. Circus 6. Live Chronicles yearly Fundraiser 7. Juneteenth Celebration 8. Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee Meeting for the Latino Sister Cities Chapter 9. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the New Beginnings Safe Parking Program 10. Downtown Food and Beverage Committee Meeting 11. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting 12. Fiesta Ranchera 13. Solstice Parade 14. Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting 15. Ensemble Theaters Fundraiser 16. Daytime Navigation Center Ribbon Cutting 17. Comment on passing of Akuma Otusu (Weed Jesus).
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Juneteenth Celebration 2. New Beginnings Luncheon 3. Boys and Girls Club Ribbon Cutting 4. Opening of the Daytime Navigation Center.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Filipino American Friendship Event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

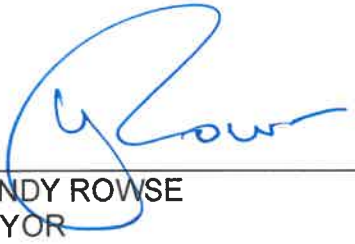
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on July 23, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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