



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Ordinance Committee met at 11:30 a.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, 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, 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, 2024.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo listed the names of the award recipients and expressed her gratitude towards their years of service.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3 – 4, 6, 8 – 13)

The titles of the Resolutions and Ordinances related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan / Harmon to approve the balance of consent calendar other than Items 2, 5, and 7, as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

3. **Subject: Update of the City’s Conflict-of-Interest Code [Resolution] (110.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Conflict-of-Interest Code of the City of Santa Barbara to Incorporate by Reference the Fair Political Practices Commission’s Model Code, and Rescinding Resolution No. 22-099.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-134 (December 3, 2024, report from the City Administrator; proposed Resolution).

4. **Subject: Water and Sewer Priority Policy for Housing Units Affordable to Lower-Income Households [Resolution] (660.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving Policy and Procedures Regarding the Provision of Water and Sewer Services to Proposed Developments that Include Housing Units Affordable to Lower-Income Households.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-135 (December 3, 2024, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

6. **Subject: Increase Grant Funding for the Cabrillo Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Project and the Los Patos Undercrossing Replacement Project [Resolution; Agreement] (150.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator to sign Amendment No. 7 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments to increase the funding from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments by \$2,671,395 from \$6,249,862 to \$8,921,257 for work to complete the Right of Way phase of The Cabrillo Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Project and the Los Patos Undercrossing Replacement Project; and

- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Appropriate Funds for the Right of Way Phase of the Cabrillo Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Project and the Los Patos Undercrossing Replacement Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 24-137; Agreement No. 25,513.7 (December 3, 2024, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

- 8. **Subject: Resolution Approving the 2024-2026 AFSCME Represented Management Bargaining Unit Memorandum of Understanding, and Amending Resolution No. 24-131, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 [Resolution; Agreement] (440.02)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the 2024-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Barbara and the Manager's Bargaining Unit; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-131, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, Affecting the Salary Ranges for Certain Management Classifications Effective November 30, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution Nos. 24-140 and 24-141; (December 3, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolutions).

- 9. **Subject: October 2024 Investment Report (260.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the October 2024 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 3, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

- 10. **Subject: Amendments to Increase On-Call Engineering Services Contracts for Pre-Qualified Professional Engineering Firms for Water Resources Facilities Support [Agreement] (540.1)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute amendments to increase four City Professional Services Agreements for on-call engineering services for the Water Resources Division's water and wastewater facilities by the amount of \$100,000 each.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement Nos. 26,809.1, 26,806.2, 26,818.2 (December 3, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

11. Subject: Desalination Plant Offshore Pump Platform Stabilization Project Construction Management [Agreement] (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Filippin Engineering Inc., in the amount of \$699,610 for construction management services for the Desalination Plant Offshore Pump Platform Stabilization Project and authorize \$69,960 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$769,570.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,594 (December 3, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

12. Subject: Professional Services Agreement for Electronic Bill Presentment and Payment Services for Utility Bills [Agreement] (210.01)

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Finance Director to execute a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Invoice Cloud, Inc., for electronic bill presentment and payment services for the City's Advanced Utility Systems CIS Infinity software and Infinity.Link online payment application.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,593 (December 3, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

13. Subject: Best Interest Waiver for City Core Radio System Component Replacement, Installation, and Support Services (520.04)

Recommendation: That Council approve a Best Interest Waiver under Santa Barbara Municipal Code §4.52.070, subdivision L, authorizing the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,041,193 for the purchase of a new K2 Conventional Core, (8) dispatch consoles, installation services, and warranty and support services from Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 3, 2024, report from the Chief of Police).

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Committee Chair Jordan reported that the Committee discussion of ODDS and had suggestions for staff to consider before going to Council and visit to HCD and return to council at a future date.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Anthony Minatti.

Councilmember A. Gutierrez requested a discussion of Item 8.

Speakers:

- Staff: Labor Relations Manager Sam Ramirez.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan / Friedman to approve the Items 2, 5, and 7, as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

- 2. Subject: Approval of Required Documents to Implement Measure I 0.50% Transactions and Use Tax Implementation with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution] (210.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Finance Director to Execute Agreements with the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for Implementation of a Local Transactions and Use Tax;
- Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing Examination of Sales or Transactions and Use Tax Records; and
- Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 4.15.060 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code to Replace Reference to the State Board of Equalization with Reference to the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution Nos. 24-132 and 24-133 (December 3, 2024, report from the Finance Director; proposed Resolutions; proposed Ordinance).

- 5. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP [Resolution; Agreement] (160.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute a third amendment to the legal services agreement with Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP, for legal services related to the development project at 1609 Grand Avenue by increasing the agreement not to exceed amount from \$50,000 to \$200,000, to be paid from funds appropriated from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2025; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Appropriate Funds for Legal Services for the Development Project Located at 1609 Grand Avenue.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 24-136; Agreement No. 28,611 (December 3, 2024, Report from the City Attorney; proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Resolution Approving the 2024-2026 Unrepresented Management Salary Plan, and Amending Resolution No. 24-131, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025 [Resolution] (410.06)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the 2024-2026 Salary Plan Applicable Only to Unrepresented Managers and Professional Attorneys (except the City Administrator and City Attorney), and the 2024-2026 Salary Plan Applicable Certain Unrepresented Safety Managers, Effective November 30, 2024; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-131, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, Affecting Certain Management Classifications, Effective November 30, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution Nos. 24-138 and 24-139 (December 3, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolutions).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meeting or event: 1. Library Board meeting; 2. Airport Commission meeting; 3. American Cancer Society gala; 4. Sea Level Rise Working Group meeting.
- Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meeting or event: 1. Arts Advisory Committee Meeting; 2. Fire and Police Commission meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

14. **Subject: Presentation on the Findings and Recommendations from the Housing Crisis Ad Hoc Committee (170.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a presentation on behalf of the Housing Crisis Ad Hoc Committee regarding its key findings and recommendations; and
- B. Provide direction to staff on the top three priorities of each Councilmember from the ten priority recommendations from the Housing Crisis Ad Hoc Committee that will assist staff with further research and exploration along with identifying resource needs for future Council consideration.

Documents:

- December 3, 2024, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Members of the Public: Rob Fredericks; Virginia Rubsam; Tom Salman, Betty Jeppesen; Brian Johnson; Staci Caplan; Jay Hartz; Therese Gray; Hannah Cohen; Stephen Sharp Queener; Angeliza; Estela Montano; Nancy Avoce; Mark Zimmer; Michael Schaumberg; Susie Tomlinson; Patricia Costello; Loy Beardsmore; Teresa Patino; Michael Bruce; Veronica Strauss; Stanley Tzankov; Kari Weber; Wendy Santamaria; Zoila Cabrera; Paul Knight; Jacqueline Inda; Christopher Perez.

Discussion:

- Staff's presentation to Council covered topics such as dedicating permanent funding sources for the Local Housing Trust Fund, implementing a rent stabilization ordinance, creating a rental registry, sustain access to local counsel program; create incentive programs for housing providers; form "tiny home" ownership program; facilitate more housing opportunities for single parents; create incentives for property owners to build ADUs; expand down-payment assistance programs and education for first-time homebuyers; create more easily accessible City resources to help build greater understanding of Tenants' Rights and Housing Provider Rights and Responsibilities. Staff direction was provided. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meeting or event: 1. Farewell party for Norma Cervantes; 2. Farewell party for Richard Block at the Zoo; 3. UCSB Town Hall regarding new Chancellor; 4. Chamber Meet the Electeds event; 5. American Cancer Society fundraiser; 6. SBCAN's fundraiser; 7. Local allies meeting for disabled residents 8; Entrepreneurs meeting at Paseo Nuevo; 9. Paseo Nuevo tree lighting with Mayor.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meeting or event: 1. Thanking Alelia Parenteau of Sustainability and Resilience for presentation at City College.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 11, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER