



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 4, 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 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, 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 February 28, 2025.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo listed the names of the award recipients and expressed her gratitude toward their years of service; recipient Adrian Gutierrez accepted his award in person.

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 8)**

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

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

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of December 9, 2024, January 13, 2025, and January 14, 2025; and for the regular meeting of January 7, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

### **3. Subject: Initiate Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment for Creek Buffer Ordinance [Resolution] (650.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Initiating a Local Coastal Program Amendment for Development Regulations Along Creeks.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-013 (February 4, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; proposed Resolution).

**4. Subject: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Countywide Library System and Appropriation of County Per Capita Funds [Resolution] (570.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Agreement For Operation of a Countywide Library System between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Santa Barbara for the operation of Libraries belonging to the Countywide Library System; 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 Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$26,798 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Library General Fund; and Increase Revenue Appropriations by \$78,147 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Library County Fund Budget for County Per Capita Funds, from the County of Santa Barbara, for the Operation of Library Services.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-014 (February 4, 2025, report from the Acting Library Director; proposed Resolution).

**5. Subject: Second Amendment to Contract with IDE Americas for Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant Operations to Increase the Contract by \$500,000 [Agreement] (540.1)**

Recommendation: That Council authorizes the Public Works Director to execute Amendment 2 to the Design/Build/Operate Agreement with IDE Americas for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant by \$500,000 to allow for purchase of a third intake pump.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 25,277.2 (February 4, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

**6. Subject: Contract for Special Inspection Services for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project [Agreement] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Materials Laboratory of Santa Barbara, Inc. for Special Inspection Services in the amount of \$169,150 and to authorize expenditures of up to \$16,915 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work, for a maximum amount of \$186,065.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,608 (February 4, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

**7. Subject: Water Supply Update and Annual Water Supply Management Report (540.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive an update on the Three-Year Water Supply Strategy; and
- B. Approve and adopt the City of Santa Barbara Water Supply Management Report for the 2024 Water Year, finding that the groundwater resources are in long-term balance in accordance with the conjunctive management element of the City of Santa Barbara's Enhanced Urban Water Management Plan.

Action: Approved the recommendations (February 4, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

**8. Subject: Recruitment for City Advisory Groups (140.02)**

Recommendation: That the following be scheduled:

- A. The City Clerk's Office will accept applications through Friday, March 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to fill scheduled vacancies on various City Advisory Groups and the unscheduled vacancies resulting from resignations received in the City Clerk's Office through Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.;
- B. The City Council will conduct in-person interviews of applicants for vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, April 8, 2025; Tuesday, April 15, 2025; and Tuesday, April 22, 2025; and
- C. The City Council will make appointments to fill the vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Autry Liggett; Brett Balint; Jacqueline Inda.

**PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

None.

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

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

#### **9. Subject: Annual Presentation from Visit Santa Barbara (180.02)**

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation from Visit Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- February 4, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Visit Santa Barbara.

Speakers:

- Staff:
- Visit Santa Barbara: Kathy Janega-Dykes.
- Members of the Public: Chris Hastert; Warren Nocon; Anne Pazier; Ruairi Bateson.

Discussion:

- Council received a presentation from Visit Santa Barbara President Kathy Janega-Dykes, covering topics such as: hotel stays and business leads.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **10. Subject: Appointment to Fire and Police Commission (140.05)**

Recommendation: That Council make an appointment to the Fire and Police Commission.

Document:

- February 4, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.
- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Fire and Police Commission:

Nominees:

Alberto Lapuz; Andy Barrad.

Vote:

- For Lapuz: Councilmembers Harmon, Santamaria, Friedman, Gutierrez, Jordan, Rowse
- For Barrad: Councilmember Sneddon.

Appointment:

Alberto Lapuz was appointed to the Fire and Police Commission Qualified Elector category, with a term expiring December 31, 2026.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**11. Subject: Granting Consent to the County of Santa Barbara to Establish the Santa Barbara County Wine Business Improvement District (SBC Wine BID) and Include Territory Within the City of Santa Barbara in the Established District [Resolution] (290.00)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Granting Consent to the County of Santa Barbara to Establish the Santa Barbara County Wine Improvement District (SBC Wine BID) and Include Territory Within the City of Santa Barbara in the Established District.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- February 4, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Acting Library Director Brandon Beaudette
- Santa Barbara Vintners: Alison Laslett.
- Members of the Public: Ashley Parker Snider; Nicholas Miller; Becky Barieu Wathen; Brit Zotovich; Sunshine Stricker; Brooke Christian; A.J. Fairbanks; Keith Sarloos; Stephen James; Frank Ostini; Kate Grassini; Chase Carhartt; Karen Steinwachs; Kathy Janega-Dykes.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-015.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**RECESS**

3:57 – 4:07 p.m.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **12. Subject: Title 25 Objective Design and Development Standards, and Amendments to the Title 30 Zoning Ordinance [Ordinance Introduction] (640.09)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. 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 by Adding Title 25 Objective Design and Development Standards;
- B. 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 by Amending Chapters 30.15, 30.140, 30.145, 30.205, 30.220, 30.250, 30.295 and 30.300 Pertaining to Regulations for Objective Design and Development Standards and Miscellaneous Clean-Ups;
- C. Repeal Resolution No. 21-031 adopting the Objective Design and Development Standards for Streamlined Housing Projects in its entirety; and
- D. Determine that the Title 25 and Title 30 Amendments are consistent with the General Plan.

The titles of the Ordinances were read.

Documents:

- February 4, 2025, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Ordinances.

Speakers:

- Staff: Project Planner Rosie Dyste; Planning Manager Allison DeBusk;
- Opticus Design: Tony Perez.
- Members of the Public: Rick Closson; Fred Sweeney; Dennis Doordan; Cass Ensberg; Lesley Wiscomb.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the staff recommendations with the minor changes of Attachment 3 not having a strikethrough on the first line, and changing the articulation table to start at 60 feet rather than 80 feet.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Lunar New Year celebration; 2. Santa Barbara Roundtable Women in Sports Luncheon; 3 Visit Santa Barbara Tourism Summit.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. League of Cities newly elected councilmembers conference; 2. Lunar New Year celebration; 3. Protest on Milpas Street and encouraged protestors to be in contact with repress to assist with safety.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. League of California Cities; conference; 2. Women in Sports Luncheon; 3. Encouraged protestors to be in contact with representatives to assist with safety.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

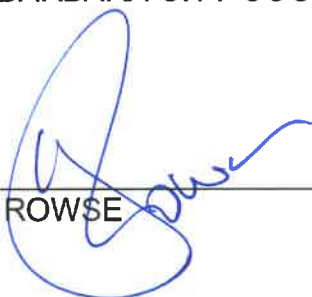
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 25, 2025.

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