



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 13, 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 12:00 p.m. The Finance Committee, which ordinarily 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, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. **Subject: Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Jeff Shaeffer and Kayla Vorster.

2. **Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins**

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 January 31, 2026.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all city employees that were recognized on this day. Mayor Rowse announced he and the City Council's appreciation for City staff's hard work during the recent storms.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to recess after Items 1 – 13 and to reconvene at 5:00 p.m. for Item 14, but to permit public commenters to speak on this item before the recess; public commenters may only speak one item on the item during this meeting, specifically to accommodate the two different meeting times noted in the media.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3 – 11)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Santamaria to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

3. **Subject: Minutes**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special and regular meetings of December 9 and December 16, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

4. **Subject: Authorize Purchase of Real Property Located at 816 Cacique Street [Ordinance Adoption]**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the First Amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions Established by City of Santa Barbara Conditional Use Permit Resolution No. 008-09; and Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute the Second Amended Restricted Use Covenant Imposed on Real Property for the Operation of a Homeless Shelter and Related Services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 2026-6204.

5. Subject: Amending Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 17.20.005 (C) Relating to Slip Waiting Lists [Ordinance Introduction]

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 17.20.005(C) of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Slip Assignment Policy.

Action: Approve the recommendation (January 13, 2026, report from the Waterfront Director; Proposed Ordinance).

6. Subject: Agreement with Mercy House Living Centers for Referral-Based Emergency Shelter Services at 816 Cacique Street [Resolution; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator to execute a second Agreement with Mercy House Living Centers to provide interim referral-based emergency shelter services at 816 Cacique Street in Santa Barbara, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney;
- 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 Measure C Funds in the Amount of \$1,596,751 to Fund an Agreement with the Interim Service Provider for Emergency Shelter Services at 816 Cacique Street; and
- C. Authorize the City Administrator, approved as to form by the City Attorney, to execute a Lease Agreement with Mercy House Living Centers for 816 Cacique Street.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-001; Agreement Nos. 28836; 28837 (January 13, 2026, report from the City Administrator; Proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the Five Months Ended November 30, 2025

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the five months ended November 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (January 13, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

8. Subject: November 2025 Investment Report

Recommendation: That Council accept the November 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (January 13, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

9. Subject: Amendments to Professional Services Agreements with Pre-Qualified Consultants to Provide On-Call Environmental Review Services for the Community Development Department [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

A. Authorize the Community Development Director to amend Professional Services Agreements with PlaceWorks, Inc. and WSP USA, Inc. for On-Call Environmental Review Services to increase the contract not-to-exceed amounts from \$500,000 to \$750,000, and correct a clerical error identified in the originally executed contract; and

B. Authorize the Community Development Director to amend Professional Services Agreements with CSG Consultants, Inc., EcoTierra Consulting, Inc., Eyestone-Jones Environmental, LLC, Impact Sciences, Inc., and Rincon Consultants, Inc., for On-Call Environmental Review Services to correct a clerical error identified in the originally executed contracts.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28769.01; 28871.01; 28765.01; 28766.01; 28767.01; 28768.01; 28770.01 (January 13, 2026, report from the Community Development Director).

10. Subject: Hilda McIntyre Ray Park Resident Caretaker [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Hilda McIntyre Ray Park with Juan Garcia, commencing February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28832 (January 13, 2026, report from the Parks & Recreation Director).

11. Subject: Professional Services Agreement for Citation and Permit Services [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Data Ticket, Inc. for a term of two and half (2.5) years for the continuation of electronic parking and administrative citation services and the addition of permit services, in the amount of \$975,000.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No. 28833 (January 13, 2026, report from the Police Department)

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Sneddon reported that Ordinance Committee voted to advance the item under consideration to Council for formal introduction.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Garret Gustason; Smith; Maverick Burleson; Daniel Shepherd; Tracie Jupille; David Crockett Williams; Tallula Borman; Margo Frole; Joseph Evers; Rico Delgado; Molly Sorensen; Landon Leigh; Arne Sorensen; Lauren Duncan; Kristen Miller; James Jennings; Charlie Stelzer; Dustin Hoiseth; Terri Anton; Will; Derek Correa; Skyler Matthews; Kara Scott, Henrietta Meyer.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

12. Subject: Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore, and Chairs and Vice Chairs for Ordinance Committee, Finance Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Legislative Committee

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore; the Chairs and Vice Chairs for Ordinance and Finance Committees; the Chair and Vice Chair for the Legislative Committee; and the Chair and Vice Chair for the Sustainability Committee.

Documents:

- January 13, 2026, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

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

Motion:
Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to appoint Kristen Sneddon as Mayor Pro Tem.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to appoint Oscar Gutierrez as Ordinance Committee Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Sneddon/Gutierrez to appoint as Mike Jordan as Ordinance Committee Vice Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to appoint Wendy Santamaria as Finance Committee Vice Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to appoint Eric Friedman as Finance Committee Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to appoint Kristen Sneddon as Legislative Committee Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:
Councilmembers Harmon/Sneddon to appoint Eric Friedman as Legislative Committee Vice Chair.

Vote:
Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to appoint Kristen Sneddon as Sustainability Committee Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to appoint Eric Friedman as Sustainability Committee Vice Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

13. Subject: Advisory Groups and Council Liaison Appointments

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointments of Council Liaisons to Advisory Groups, and other regional boards and agencies.

Documents:

- January 13, 2026, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/ Santamaria to approve the changes as follows:

1. Housing Authority Commission primary changed to Santamaria; alternate changed to Harmon;
2. Water Commission alternate changed to Jordan;
3. Cachuma Conservation Release Board alternate changed to Jordan;
4. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board alternate changed to Jordan;
5. Santa Barbara Fire Safe Council appointees are two joint appointees: Friedman and Sneddon.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

14. Subject: Tenant Protection – Temporary Rent Increase Moratorium Ordinance and Ordinance Adding Requirements for Just Cause “Ellis Act” Evictions [Ordinance Introduction; Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and adopt, as an emergency ordinance after reading in full, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing a Temporary Rent Increase Moratorium During the Preparation, Consideration, and Potential Adoption of a Permanent Rent Stabilization Program; and
- 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 the Addition of Section 26.50.100 Relating to Additional Requirements for Just Cause Evictions for the Purpose of Permanently Removing a Unit from the Rental Market.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Lisa Sands; Jay Higgins; Lee Waldron; John Franklin; Jim Youngson; Hilary Lict; David Jones; John Weninger; Nick Koonce; Mike Stoker; Angela Tasca-Zungri; Michael Schaumburg; Rick Lang; Loy Beardsmore; Wendy Esson; Kathy Clenay; Sonny Mock; Chris Runyen; David Thomas; Paulette Jenson; Diana Brummer; Linda Honikman; Guy Robinson; Britta Bartels; Jay Hartz; Terry Gray; Maria Moreau; Chris Barros; Brian Johnson.

RECESS

4:32 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.

Item re-read into the record.

Documents:

- January 13, 2026, report from the City Attorney.
- Powerpoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Ordinances.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke

Councilmember questions were answered.

- Members of the Public: Ana Garcia; Richard Applebaum; Elizabeth Neuman; Kym Pasage; Eve Sanford; Fernanda Sanchez; Michelle Detorie; Anastasia Senavsky; Camille Borchard; Mike Glick; Nancy Avoce; Trey Pinner; Steven Battaglia; Craig Griffith; Neal; Linda Grace; Sylvia

Corral; Andrea Moore McCormick; Ian Bauckey; Kim Gensler; Kim Bertleson; Zuila Cabrera; Estella Montonyo; Monty Wilson; Betty Jeppesen; Meadows Stevens; Gabriel Barona; Gina Quirose; Rayna Angel; Larry Barrett; Hannah Cohen; Matt Larkins; Stanley Zanchoff; Hilary Blackerbee; Michael Katz; Don Kaditch; Rick Morse; JB Alegiani; Karena Safina; Chris Agnoli; Rob Hunter; Emily Pelstring; Alex Entrekin; Angelina; Gavin Spencer; Nancy; Janet Faroskella; Brian Anojosa; Ludmila Pudmina; Daphney Baily; Hudson View; Dora Maria Perez; Ken Ayala; Faith Ellington Baker; David Sullens; Margie Sullivan; Miguel Avila; Jim Smith; Hillary Clegger; Veronica Strauss; Chelsea Lancaster.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to move the urgency ordinance for a rent moratorium on an urgency basis.

Vote:

Motion fails. (No: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Mayor Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon move to introduce and subsequently adopt, after reading of title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing a Temporary Rent Increase Moratorium During the Consideration and Potential Adoption of a Permanent Rent Stabilization Program.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Mayor Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon move to introduce and subsequently adopt, after reading of title only, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by the Addition of Section 26.50.100 Relating to Additional Requirements for Just Cause Evictions for the Purpose of Permanently Removing a Unit from the Rental Market, deleting the final sentence of Section 26.50.100(B) deleting the sentence that reads "All evictions must be in accordance with this Chapter and completed within one year," and direct staff to return with an additional ordinance that includes the additional Ellis Act provisions that are not included in the current just cause ordinance in accordance with state law.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Mayor Rowse).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

None.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 8:52 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



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER