



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 4, 2025 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance 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, Oscar Gutierrez (2:03 p.m.), 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: Sheila Lodge Recognition (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Sheila Lodge.

2. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (120.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to express the City's appreciation to employee who are eligible to receive service award pins for their years of service through March 31, 2025.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude to all City employees that were recognized on this day. Mayor Rowse presented a proclamation to Fire Engineer John Franklin.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

3. **Subject: Amending Chapter 10.52 of the Municipal Code Regarding Bicycles and E-Conveyances [Ordinance Adoption] (530.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 10.52 of the Municipal Code Pertaining to Bicycles and E-Conveyances.

City Attorney Sarah Knecht announced that there were the following changes to the Ordinance:

“Sure, thank you Mr. Mayor. So just a couple of typographical errors, in the ordinance that is before you to adopt today, so I’ll just read those into the record and then I’ll give a copy to the City Clerk. First change is section 10.52.020 we have a typo there to be ‘right of way’. Um, next change would be section 10.52.020(E), same change ‘right of way’. Then 10.52.030, there should be a period at the end of subsection two; and 10.52.040(A), same change to ‘right of way’. And that’s it, thank you.”

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Alex Gravenor, Aron Ashland.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6173.

4. **Subject: Proposed Changes to Parking Violation Penalties and Related Fees [Resolution] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-068 Adjusting Parking Violation Penalties and Related Fees.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-022 (March 3, 2025, report from the Police Department; proposed Resolution).

5. **Subject: Contract Amendment for Environmental Services for the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project [Agreement] (640.06)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement No. 22400179 with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for an increased scope of work to prepare an Environmental

Impact Report for the De La Guerra Revitalization Project, in the amount of \$48,090, for a total expenditure authority of \$146,557.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,619 (March 3, 2025, report from Public Works Director).

6. Subject: Amendments to JAS Pacific Professional Services Agreements for Permit, Plan Check, and Inspection Services [Agreement] (610.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Community Development Director to execute the first amendment to increase the amount of Santa Barbara City Agreement No. 22500114 with JAS Pacific by \$130,000, for a new total contract amount of \$229,000, to provide permit, plan check, and inspection services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,620 (March 3, 2025, report from Community Development Director).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Friedman reported that Finance Committee heard the Review of the Draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026 to 2030.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Autry Liggett; Sue Burk; Gil Barry; Ken Rowrke; Jaqueline Inda; Michael Baker; Monique Fairgood; Loy Beardsmore; MJ; Aron Ashland.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Central Coast Water Authority; and 2. BEACON meeting and was appointed Chair.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Youth Council meeting.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. SBCAG retreat.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

7. Subject: Request from Councilmembers Santamaria and Sneddon To Agendize Discussion to Request Amendment to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 26.50 of Title 26 (120.06)

Recommendation: That Council consider the request from Councilmembers Santamaria and Sneddon to schedule an Agenda item to discuss amendment to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 26.50 of Title 26.

Documents:

- March 3, 2025, report from Councilmembers Sneddon and Santamaria.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo; City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht.
- Members of the Public: Lisa Carlos; Declan Clause; Rick Closson; Nancy Avoce; Barbara Parmet; Kimmie Berthelsen; Ana Arce; Stanley Tsankov; Brian Johnson; Pam Flynn Tambo; Alex Entrekin; Daniel Rhoads; Jordan Chelkes; Zac Smith; Leo Decasaus; Brad Klein; Angeliza Sanchez; Shawna Stillwell; Staci Caplan; Loy Beardsmore; Jacqueline Inda; Kim Passcage; Cressida Silvers; Michele Carbone; Dora Maria Perez; Gina Quiroz; Amber Asher; Chelsea Lancaster; Morgan Leafe.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmember Harmon/Santamaria to bring item back Tuesday, March 11, 2025, as a special meeting.

Mayor Rowse requested a discussion around scheduling.

Councilmember Harmon withdrew motion to discuss scheduling concerns.

Motion:

Councilmember Santamaria to bring back this item as soon as possible for full discussion in form of a special meeting using report and input from January 9, 2024 meeting.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

Motion:

Councilmember Santamaria/Harmon to bring back item for full discussion during regular council meeting of March 11, 2025 using reports from January 9, 2024.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse).

RECESS

4:35 p.m. – 4:53 p.m.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

8. Subject: Budget Work Session for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from Staff related to the development of the Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027, including the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, and provide direction to Staff.

Documents:

- March 3, 2025, report from the Finance Department.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared by staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac; Airport Director Chris Hastert, Assistant City Administrator René Eyerly; City Attorney Sarah Knecht; Community Development Director Eli Issacson; Fire Chief Chris Mailes; Labor Manager Sam Ramirez; Information Director Justin Cure; Acting Library Director Brandon Beaudette; Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary, Police Chief Kelly Gordon; Interim Public Works Director Brian D'Amour; Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau; Waterfront Business Manager Cesar Barrios.

Discussion:

- Council received a presentation from staff.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Monthly League of Cities Coastal Cities Group; 2. Sherwood opening night at the Garvin Theater; 3. Library Foundation retreat; and 4. Sears project at ABR for pre-concept review.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Immigrant Rights meeting by League of Women Voters; 2. Tacos with a Cop; 3. Fire and Police Commission meeting; 4. UCSB Battle of the DJs' 5. Read to Children at Roosevelt Elementary; 6. Tour with Antioch students; 7. Youth Council Speak Out; 8. Unity March at De la Guerra Plaza; and 9. Youth Council meeting.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. HLC meeting; 2. League of Women Voters and Indivisible immigration meeting; and 3. Speaker at Trans Day of Unity event.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. Parks and Rec Commission Citizens Oversight Commission meeting; 2. Picket lines at UCSB; 3. Fire Department ride along.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Speaker at Erin Graffey Memorial Service.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

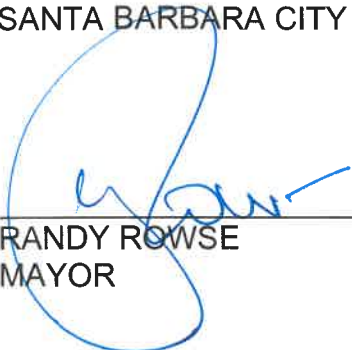
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. in honor of June Rios.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on April 22, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER