



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024
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 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.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 – 3, 5 - 17)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/ A. Gutierrez to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

1. **Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of November 12, and November 19, 2024; for the regular meetings of November 12, and November 19, 2024; and the amended minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

2. **Subject: Introduction of Ordinance Authorizing a Utility Easement to Southern California Edison for the Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Facilities at the Eastside Library At 1136 Montecito Street [Ordinance Introduction] (330.03)**

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute a Public Utility Easement Deed to Southern California Edison on City Library Property Located at the Eastside Library.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Ordinance).

3. **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 Adoption] (210.01)**

Recommendation: That Council 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 recommendation; Ordinance No. 6166.

5. **Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 24-141 with Updates to Classification and Compensation for Certain Positions [Resolution] (410.06)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 24-141, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, to Amend the Established Salary for Positions as Listed effective December 28, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-143 (December 10, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

6. Subject: Increase in Construction Change Order Authority for Construction Support Services and Design Agreements for the Central Library Renovation Project [Resolution; Agreement] (570.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize an increase in the Public Works Director's Change Order Authority to approve expenditures for extra work for the Central Library Renovation Project with Nationwide Contracting Services, Inc., Contract No. 28,050, in the amount of \$309,718, for a total construction expenditure authority of \$11,736,243;
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Fifth Amendment to the City Professional Services Contract No. 26,177 with LMA Architects in the amount of \$18,500 for construction administration services, for a total contract amount of \$260,317; and
- C. 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 Construction of the Central Library Renovation Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 24-144; Agreement Nos. 28,050.1; 26,177.5 (December 10, 2024, report from the Library Director; proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Acceptance of \$7,500 From Heal the Ocean [Resolution] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council 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 \$7,500 in the Fiscal Year 2025 Waterfront Department Abandoned Vessel Fund for a Donation Received from Heal the Ocean to Incentivize Participation in the Department's Vessel Turn In Program.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-145 (December 10, 2024, report from the Waterfront Director; proposed Resolution).

8. Subject: Certification of Election Results for the General Municipal Election of November 5, 2024 [Resolution] (110.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Reciting the Fact of the General Municipal Election Held on November 5, 2024, and Declaring the Results and Setting Forth Such Other Matters as Required by State Elections Law.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-146 (December 10, 2024, report from the City Administrator; proposed Resolution).

9. Subject: Amendment for the Design Contract for the De La Vina Street Bridge Replacement Project [Agreement] (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Third Amendment to the City Professional Services Agreement No. 25,746-A with Bengal Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$58,671 for engineering design services and authorize the Public Works Director to approve expenditures of up to \$20,000 for extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 25,746.3 (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

10. Subject: Amendment to Contract with IDE Americas for Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant Operations [Agreement] (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute Amendment 1 to the Design/Build/Operate Agreement with IDE Americas for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 25,277.1 (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

11. Subject: Marketing and Promotions with Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Inc. [Agreement] (180.02)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a six-month agreement in the amount of \$303,800 with Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Inc. (doing business as Downtown Santa Barbara) for marketing and promotions from December 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,595 (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

12. Subject: Memorandum of Understanding with the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara [Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Waterfront Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commercial Fishermen of Santa Barbara for grant support from December 13, 2024, through December 31, 2028.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,596 (December 10, 2024, report from the Waterfront Director).

13. Subject: Public Outreach Services for Design of the Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project [Agreement] (540.09)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services Agreement with Katz & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$586,250 for design phase public outreach services for the Vic Trace Reservoir Replacement Project and authorize \$58,625 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$644,875.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,597 (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

14. Subject: Second Contract Amendment with RRM Design Group for Final Design and Construction Documents for the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a second contract amendment with RRM Design Group in the amount of \$18,700 for bid support services for the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,009.2 (December 10, 2024, report from the Public Works Director).

15. Subject: Approval of Benefit Plans Effective January 1, 2025 (430.06)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the renewal rates for the: CalPERS Health Plans; Delta Dental Plans; Vision Service Plans; Employee Assistance Program (EAP); Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) benefits; and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to execute any necessary contracts or any amendments to agreements or contracts to effectuate the new rates.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,598 (December 10, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director).

16. Subject: Santa Barbara Clean Energy 2023 Power Content Label Attestation (630.06)

Recommendation: That Council approve the attestation specified under California's Power Source Disclosure Program, which requires the governing Council of a public agency providing retail electric service to endorse the accuracy of each annual report and power content label, as submitted to the California Energy Commission, for the previous year.

Action: Approved the recommendation (December 10, 2024, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

17. Subject: Special Recruitment for Fire and Police Commission (140.02)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the City Clerk's Office to accept applications through Friday, January 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to fill an unscheduled vacancy in the Fire and Police Commission;
- B. Conduct in-person interviews of applicants for the vacancy during the Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2025; and
- C. Make an appointment to fill the vacancy on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Committee Chair Jordan reported that the Ordinance Committee recommended to forward to Council for introduction, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Chapter 14.08 regarding water metering requirements for affordable housing adaptive reuse projects, and other Title 14 revisions.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Pat Kelly.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

4. Subject: A Resolution Denying the Appeal and Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission Regarding the 101 Garden Street Hotel Project [Resolution] (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Denying the Appeals of the Law Office of Marc Chytilo, on Behalf of Keep the Funk, Inc.; Steven Johnson; and Rich Untermann, and Upholding the Decision of the Planning Commission to Approve the Project at 101 Garden Street.

Documents:

- December 10, 2024, report from the Community Development Director; proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

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

Motion:

Councilmember Jordan/Friedman to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution No. 24-142.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Ayes: Councilmembers Harmon, Friedman, Jordan, A. Gutierrez, Mayor Rowse; Noes: Councilmembers O. Gutierrez, Sneddon).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC HEARING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

18. Subject: Appeal of Planning Commission's Approval of a Hotel Project at 17–21 West Montecito Street (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider the appeal of Steven A. Johnson of the Planning Commission's approval of a Parking Modification, Development Plan and Coastal Development Plan, and determination that the project is exempt from further environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15332 (Infill Development), for the Hotel Project at 17–21 W Montecito Street; and
- B. Direct staff to return to Council with a Decision and Findings Resolution reflecting the outcome of the appeal.

Documents:

- December 10, 2024, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by appellant.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by applicant.

Public Hearing Opened: 2:18 p.m.

Ex-Parte Communications:

- None disclosed.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Planner Megan Arciniega; Chief Building Official Christina Dye; Senior Plan Check Engineer Chris Short; Assistant City Attorney John Doimas.
- Appellant: Steven Johnson.
- Applicant: Clay Aurell.
- Members of the Public: Brittney Zajic.

Public Hearing Closed: 3:36 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the recommendations as made by staff.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Harmon left the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Christmas Tree Lighting; 2. California League of Cities Leadership Forum.
- Councilmember A. Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Recognized Officer Adrian Gutierrez.
- Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Downtown Santa Barbara Holiday Party at Lobero Theater; 2. La Arcada Walk; 3. Santa Barbara Independent Holiday Party; 4. Sustainability Department Holiday Party; 5. Grand Opening of Friends of State Street Office; 6. Santa Barbara Independent Local Heroes Luncheon; 7. Brail Roundtable; 8. Coastal Housing Coalition Conference; 9. Downtown State Street Tree Lighting; 10. Parade of Lights; 11. Show at Band Shell; 12. Memorial Service.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Louise Gallery Davis Center; 2. Independent Local Heroes Awards; 3. Sustainability Holiday Open House; 4. Parade of Lights; 5. Recognized Planning Commissioner Sheila Lodge.

RECESS

3:46 p.m. – 5:03 p.m.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- 19. Subject: United Boys and Girls Club Gold Card Recipients - Estimated Time 5:00 P.M. (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the award to the Boys and Girls Club gold card recipients and congratulated them on their achievement.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:11 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

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