



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 24, 2023 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 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, Alejandra Gutierrez (2:15 p.m.), Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon (2:09 p.m.), Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS

#### 1. **Subject: National Arts & Humanities Month, October 2023 (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Sarah York-Rubin, who then presented the following speakers: Jennie Reinish, Adrienne de Guevara, Debra Herrick, Cheri Owen.

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Rebecca Bjork announced that the following agenda item will not be heard by Council:

**10. Subject: Conference with Labor Negotiator (440.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6 to consider instructions to City negotiator Wendy Levy, Human Resources Director, Sam Ramirez, Labor Relations Manager, Assistant City Attorney John Doimas, and Oliver Yee, Attorney with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, regarding negotiations with, Service Employees' International Union, Local 620, Treatment and Patrol Bargaining Units, Santa Barbara City Employees' Association (General Bargaining Unit) Local 620 Service Employees' International Union, Fire Management Association, Santa Barbara City Firefighters Association, Police Officers Association, Police Management Association, Santa Barbara City Supervisory Employees, and Unrepresented Management and Confidential Employees.

Scheduling: Duration, 45 Minutes; anytime

Report: None anticipated

**CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 6)**

The title of the Resolution was read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/O. Gutierrez to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmembers Harmon, A. Gutierrez).

**2. Subject: Acceptance of State of California Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Grant [Resolution; Agreement] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to Approve an Increase of Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations in Fiscal Year 2024 in the Police Department Miscellaneous Grants Fund Budget in the Amount of \$180,000; and

B. Accept the State of California, Office of Traffic Safety Grant in the amount of \$180,000 and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the grant agreement.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 23-129; Agreement 28,407 (October 24, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

**3. Subject: Agreement Between the Library Department and Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara for Community Support Services [Agreement] (570.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Library Director to execute a City Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$126,833 with Family Service Agency of Santa Barbara to provide a Community Support Specialist contracted position that would work in collaboration with Library staff through June 30, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement No.28,408 (October 24, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

**4. Subject: Increase in Professional Service Agreement with CIO Solutions, Limited Partnership, For Network Administration Services [Agreement] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize an increase in the professional service agreement with CIO Solutions, Limited Partnership (CIO Solutions), for Network Administration services, in the amount of \$60,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$95,000.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,431 (October 24, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

**5. Subject: Professional Services Agreement with Crossroads Software, Inc. for Electronic Traffic Citation Software Services (eCitation) [Agreement] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council approve a professional service agreement with Crossroads Software, Inc. for the purchase of electronic traffic citation issuance software services (eCitation) in the amount of \$39,500.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,432 (October 24, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

**6. Subject: Purchase of Motorola Solutions, Inc. Radio Equipment (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$1,834,205 for the purchase of radio equipment, accessories, and accompanying licenses from Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Action: Approved the recommendation (October 24, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

## REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Friedman reported that Finance Committee considered and recommended that City Council approve the restructure of Santa Barbara Community Housing Corporation's loan on property located at 821 Bath Street, and recommended Council adoption of a pension management policy and Section 115 Trust.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public: Cyndi Silverman; Faris Sanjakdar; Liron Brish; Ashley Miners; Cassandra Ensberg; Izzy Sawyer; Rabbi Evan Goodman; Ruth Bar-Shalom; Sullivan Israel; L Johanna Israel; Phyliss Cohen; Amy Katz.

## PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

## COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meeting or event: 1. Events and Festivals Committee meeting; 2. Arts Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meeting or event: 1. Commented that taking the flags down is unacceptable; thanked the Jewish Federation for support of the community; 2. Water Commission meeting; 3. Dia de Los Muertos event at the Art Museum; 4. Riviera Association meeting with Mayor Rowse; 5. Upper East Association; 6. State Street Advisory Committee; 7. COMB meeting.

## CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

### CITY ATTORNEY

**7. Subject: Exception to the 180-Day Waiting Period to Hire a CalPERS Retired Annuitant in Accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224 [Resolution] (430.08)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution Approving Exception to the 180-day Waiting Period to Hire a CalPERs Retired Annuitant in Accordance with Government Code Sections 7522.56 and 21224.

The title of the Resolution was read.

#### Documents:

- October 24, 2023, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Attorney Sarah Knecht.
- Members of the public: Daquiri Beebe.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to approve the recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote; Resolution No. 23-130.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**8. Subject: Capital Program Procurement Update and Need for Recommended Ballot Measure to Amend City Charter Enabling Additional Procurement Options (110.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- Receive a report from staff on current capital program procurement limitations and opportunities for improved project delivery through additional procurement methods; and
- Direct staff to initiate procedural steps to place a ballot measure on the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.

Documents:

- October 24, 2023, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Clifford Maurer; City Engineer Brian D'Amour; Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke.
- Members of the public: Margaret Crocco.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the recommended actions.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

### 9. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (140.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold interviews of applicants to various City Advisory Groups (Est. time 4:00 p.m.); and
- B. Continue interviews of applicants to October 31, 2023 (Est. time 4:00 p.m.) and November 7, 2023 (Est. time 6:00 p.m.).

Documents:

- October 24, 2023, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: Deputy City Clerk Niko Lopez.
- Members of the Public: None.

Applicant Speakers:

David Rowell  
Michael Rassler

Committee:

Housing Authority Commission  
Access Advisory Committee

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

The Mayor announced that the closed session will be heard before the completion of the Advisory Group interviews.

## RECESS

Mayor Rowse recessed to closed session at 3:15 p.m. and stated that no reportable action is anticipated.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**11. Subject: Public Employment/Public Employee Appointment (440.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session, per Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), to discuss appointment for the position of Interim City Administrator and, if appropriate, make a decision regarding that appointment.

Scheduling: Duration: 30 minutes; anytime

Report: Report anticipated.

Time: 3:26 p.m. – 4:13 p.m.

Report: No report was made.

**9. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (140.05) (CONT'D)**

Applicant Speakers:

Lee Heller  
Suzanne Tejada  
Margie Yahyavi  
Chryss Yost  
Alan Kasehagen  
Jenna Hamilton-Rolle  
Chris Cline  
Andrew Newkirk  
Merit McCrea  
Amber Noelle  
Stephanie Farmer  
Michael Drury  
Sophia Rasura  
Jacob Lesner-Buxton  
Donald DeLuccio  
Leesa Beck

Committee:

Creeks Advisory Committee  
Access Advisory Committee  
Arts Advisory Committee  
Arts Advisory Committee  
Civil Service Commission  
Community Dev. & Human Services Committee  
Creeks Advisory Committee  
Downtown Parking Committee  
Harbor Commission  
Harbor Commission  
Historic Landmarks Commission  
Historic Landmarks Commission  
Historic Landmarks Commission  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Planning Commission  
Rental Housing Mediation Board

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

Councilmember Friedman attended the following meeting or event: 1. Sustainability Summit; 2. Airport Commission; 3. Coastal Cities committee meeting; 4. Harbor and Seafood Festival; 5. Sierra Club breakfast; 6. Sri Lanka Film Festival kickoff.

Councilmember O. Gutierrez attended the following meeting or event: 1. Boys and Girls Club event; 2. Brawling Bettys roller derby event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 27, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER