



# **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **REGULAR MEETING MARCH 23, 2021 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference and all members of the City Council are participating electronically from various locations. (The Ordinance Committee met at 12:30 p.m. The Finance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:30 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Murillo.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Murillo.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Written correspondence regarding non-agendized topics was received and acknowledged.

Members of the Public: Glen Fritzler; Inge Cortios; James Tennant; Garret Kababik; Jaime Diamond; Cliff Philips; Stephan Franklin; Jill Stassinis; Jason Lehman; Pat Fallin; Nadia Abushanab; Ronald Buckley; Peter Haslund; Victoria Valente; Anna Marie Gott; Anthony Grumbine; Katie Mickey; Kimi Vandyk; Lesley Weinstock; Victoria Bernstein; Sean Mortland.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1-8)

The title of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Alejandra Gutierrez/Oscar Gutierrez to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**1. Subject: Adoption Of Ordinance Amending The Solar Photovoltaic Power Purchase Agreement At The Granada Garage Located At 1221 Anacapa Street (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Sustainability and Resilience Director to Execute Amendment No. 1 to the Power Purchase Agreement with SB Granada Garage Solar LLC to Include a Battery Energy Storage System at the Granada Garage Located at 1221 Anacapa Street.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 5997; Agreement No. 26,603.1.

**2. Subject: Acceptance Of A Public Street Easement At 835 East Canon Perdido Street (530.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting a Street Easement Deed on the Private Property Known as 835 East Canon Perdido Street.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 21-020; Deed No. 61-556 (March 23, 2021, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

**3. Subject: Resolution To Receive And Implement Grant Funding Related To California Redemption Value Containers For \$25,000 Annually (630.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Sustainability & Resilience Director to Submit and Execute All Documents Necessary to Secure Funds from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery Related to the Collection and Diversion of California Redemption Value Containers.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 21-021 (March 23, 2021, report from the Sustainability & Resilience Director; proposed Resolution).

**4. Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Interim Financial Statements For The Seven Months Ended January 31, 2021 (250.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2021 Interim Financial Statements for the seven months ended January 31, 2021.

Action: Approved the recommendation (March 23, 2021, report from the Finance Director).

**5. Subject: Exercise Existing 1979 Agreement With The Lincolnwood Mutual Water Company (540.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Exercise the option to acquire assets of the Lincolnwood Mutual Water Company as set forth in Agreement No. 79-53940 between the City of Santa Barbara and Meeker Development Company; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all necessary contracts and deeds, subject to approval by the City Attorney, necessary to implement said option.

Action: Approved the recommendation (March 23, 2021, report from the Public Works Director).

**6. Subject: Claim Resolution For The El Estero Water Resource Center Secondary Process Improvements Project (540.13)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to resolve a claim for extra work for the El Estero Water Resources Center Secondary Process Improvements Project, with MNS Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$65,500.

Action: Approved the recommendation (March 23, 2021, report from the Public Works Director).

**7. Subject: HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Grants (610.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve a new agreement with New Beginnings Counseling Center in the amount of \$259,877 using federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) services;

- B. Approve a new agreement with Transition House in the amount of \$111,377 using HOME Funds to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) services;
- C. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 26388 with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara to increase the amount of HOME funds by \$185,627 to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) services; and
- D. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute such agreements, including minor subsequent amendments as needed and related documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Speakers:

- Member of the public: Victoria Garfield.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement Nos. 26,893; 26,894; 26,388.1 (March 23, 2021, report from the Community Development Director).

- 8. **Subject: Set A New Date for Public Hearing Regarding Paseo Nuevo Owners' Appeal Of The Planning Commission Denial Of The Development Agreement (640.07)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Clerk to postpone Paseo Nuevo Owners' appeal of the Planning Commission denial of the Development Agreement scheduled for March 30, 2021 to May 4, 2021.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

## **REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ordinance Committee Chair Mike Jordan reported that the Committee voted unanimously to forward to Council for approval ordinance amendments regarding affordable streamlined housing projects.

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

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**9. Subject: Public Hearing For The 2021 Downtown And Old Town Business Improvement Districts Assessments (550.1)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Conduct a public hearing and consider appropriate protests to the renewal of the Downtown and Old Town Business Improvement Districts Assessments for 2021, as required under the California Parking and Business Improvement Area Law of 1989; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Confirming the Fiscal Year 2021 Downtown and Old Town Business Improvement District Annual Assessment Report and Renewing the Downtown Business Improvement District and Old Town Business Improvement District Assessments for 2021.

Public Hearing opened: 3:12 p.m.

#### Documents:

- March 23, 2021, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Downtown Santa Barbara Organization.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson.
- Downtown Santa Barbara Organization: Robin Elander, Executive Director.
- Member of the Public: Jim Knell.

Public Hearing closed: 3:37 p.m.

#### Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the staff recommendations.

#### Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote; Resolution No. 21-022.

### **RECESS**

3:45 p.m. – 3:54 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARING RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**10. Subject: Appeal Of The Historic Landmarks Commission's Decision To Deny The Westside Community Paseos Proposed Within El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District (640.07)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Uphold the appeal of the Public Works Department and grant Project Design and Final Approval of the Westside Community Paseos Project and find that the Sola Street bike-friendly street diverters are required for functional safety; and
- B. Direct staff to retain a landscape architect and request that one or two Historic Landmarks Commission members volunteer to work with the staff team to provide recommendations on landscape and materials.

City Administrator recused himself from this item due to his residence being in near proximity to the property subject of the appeal.

Public Hearing opened: 3:54 p.m.

Documents:

- March 23, 2021, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Ex parte communications:

- As this was not a traditional appeal, there was no statement of ex parte contacts.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Planner Irma Unzueta; Anthony Grumbine; Transportation and Planning Manager Robert Dayton; Principal Traffic Engineer, Derrick Bailey; Water Resources Manager, Joshua Haggmark.
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Alex Pujo; Barry Remis; Cameron Gray; Eeva Moore; Steve Dowdy; Joey Juhasz-Lukomski; Melissa Cunningham; Richard Closson; E. Howard Green.

Public Hearing closed: 6:58 p.m.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Murillo to uphold the appeal with conditions and grant Project Design and Final Approval of the Project and find that Sola Street bike-friendly street diverters are required for functional safety; to direct staff to retain a landscape architect and request that one or two Historic Landmarks Commission members volunteer to work with the staff team to provide recommendations on landscape and materials, adding the intersection of Sola and De La Vina; and to direct staff to improve the process moving forward.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**RECESS**

6:53 p.m. – 7:04 p.m.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1 Met with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scout Troup from San Jose; 2. BEACON Meeting; 3. Airport Commission; 4. CAL Cities/Coastal Cities Leadership Group
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Water Commission Meeting; 2. COMB Meeting.
- Mayor Murillo attended the following meetings or events: 1. Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors; 2. SBCAG ; 3. Coast Rail Coordinating Council; 4. First Meeting of Community Formation Commission; 5. League of Women Voters

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

**RECESS**

**EVENING SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

**RECONVENE**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Murillo.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

**CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **11. Subject: Community Development And Human Services Committee Recommendations For Fiscal Year 2022 And Action Plan Public Hearing (610.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the Fiscal Year 2022 funding recommendations of the Community Development and Human Services Committee (CDHSC) for use of Human Services and Community Development Block Grant funds;
- B. Authorize the Community Development Director to negotiate and execute grant agreements implementing the funding recommendations, subject to the review and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and
- C. Conduct a public hearing to obtain input on the City's Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2022.

Public Hearing opened: 7:20 p.m.

#### Documents:

- March 23, 2021, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: Liz Stotts; Virginia (Ginger) Woolf, committee
- Members of the Public: Alexa Martin; Julissa Pena; Anna Marie Gott; Victoria Garfield; Patricia D. Keelean; Kemba Lawrence; Idalia Gomez; Leesa Beck; Sebastian Aldana; Paul Katan; Meredith Rose; Nancy Tillie; Jan Campbell; Jennifer Smith; Sharon Byrne; Natasha Torodovic; Regina Ruiz; Andrea Slaby; Tarah Connelly

Public Hearing closed: 8:17 p.m.

#### Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendations.

#### Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m. in memory of the victims of the Boulder shooting.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on April 26, 2022.

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

