



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Meagan Harmon (9:10 a.m.), Mike Jordan (9:07 a.m.), Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Oscar Gutierrez.

Staff present: Assistant City Administrator René Eyerly, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CLOSED SESSION

- 1. Subject: Public Employment: City Attorney – Gov. Code 54957 (b)(1) and 54957.6 (440.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session per Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1) and 54957.6 to review applications, interview candidates, and discuss qualifications concerning the position of City Attorney and authorize an ad hoc committee of Council members to engage in negotiations regarding compensation and benefits for the City Attorney, if applicable. Final action to appoint and approve an employment contract will occur in open session at a future City Council meeting, consistent with the requirements of state law.

Title: City Attorney

Scheduling: Duration, 6 Hours

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- October 28, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director.

Time:

- 9:20a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Report:

- No report made.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Public: Emily Pelstring; Ana; Hawkins Clay; Miles Hagin; Zeila Cabrera; Aig Bailey; Andrea Moore McCormick; Andrew Hawkins; Matthew Larkins; Stanley Tzankov; Max Golding.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on November 18, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER