



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 21, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and stated that this meeting is being held via teleconference, and members of the City Council are participating electronically from various locations. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meet 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

Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Natalia Govoni; Kimi Vandyk, 5G Free Santa Barbara; Sylvester Gam; Katie Mickey; Will Borgers; Jayson Koski; Lynn Goebel.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1-2)

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

1. Subject: Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Financial Statements For The Eight Months Ended February 29, 2020 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Financial Statements for the eight months ended February 29, 2020.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 21, 2020, report from the Finance Director).

2. Subject: Postponement Of Semiannual City Advisory Groups Recruitment (140.02)

Recommendation: That Council postpone the current semiannual City Advisory Groups recruitment.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 21, 2020, report from the City Administrator).

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

3. Subject: Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget; and
- C. Approve the proposed Schedule of Council Budget Review Meetings and Public Hearings related to the Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget.

Documents:

- April 21, 2020, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Paul Casey; Interim Finance Director Jennifer Tomaszewski.
- Members of the Public: Teddy Cabugos.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the staff recommendations.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

4. Subject: Coronavirus Update (150.04)

Recommendation: That Council receive a Coronavirus update.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Peter Rupert.
- April 17, 2020, letter from Peter Alden.
- April 20, 2020, letter from Renee Lovato.
- April 21, 2020, letter from Harold Hill.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Alia Reynolds.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Ashley Garelick.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Diana Garcia.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Isabella Restrepo.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Kyremina Youssef.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Leticia Cobra Lima.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Rachel Huang.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Sheila Kulkarni.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Stephanie Hawkes.
- April 21, 2020 letter from T. Ramsey.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Will Borgers.
- April 21, 2020 letter from Jim Knell.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Paul Casey; Economic Development Manager Jason Harris; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson; Community Development Director George Buell; City Planner Renee Brooke; City Attorney Ariel Calonne; Housing and Human Services Manager Laura Dubbels.
- University of Santa Barbara California: Peter Rupert, Director of Economics. Members of the Public: Jim Knell; Richard Berti; Erik Davis, TV Santa Barbara; Anna Marie Gott; Teddy Cabugos.

Discussion:

- UCSB Director of Economics Dr. Rupert gave Council a presentation on an economic outlook for the City of Santa Barbara. Topics covered included the immediate and long-term impacts of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

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4:20 p.m. – 4:33 p.m.

Discussion (cont'd):

- City staff gave Council a presentation covering topics such as current assistance efforts being made by the City to assist both residents and the business community; methods of community outreach; the initiation of revisions made to the AUD Ordinance; and the list of members that make up the COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to have staff bring back a discussion of the AUD timeline, including an explanation of the delays and process, at the next Council Meeting on April 28, 2020.

Vote:

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

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- Councilmember Jordan: Discussed comments that had been directed to a specific Councilmember.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. League of Coastal Cities; 2. Chamber of Commerce; 3. League of Cities; 4. Made reference to The Georgia Satellites' song "Keep Your Hands to Yourself".
- Councilmember Harmon: 1. Paid respects to Mickey Flacks and the Flacks family.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Water Commission; 2. Cachuma Conservation Release Board; 3. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board; 4. Paid respect to Mickey Flacks.
- Mayor Murillo attended the following meetings or events: 1. Montecito Journal Business Focus webinar; 2. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments; 3. City of Santa Barbara COVID-19 Press Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. in honor of Mickey Flacks, and to all other victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 12, 2020.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



CATHY MURILLO
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER