



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
May 12, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco (3:06 p.m.), Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Sarah Fox.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, May 8, 2014, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from the Fire Department and the Police Department on their Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budgets.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (Cont'd)**Documents:**

- May 12, 2014, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Public Comment Opened (Continued from May 5, 2014):

3:01 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Administrative Services Manager Ron Liechti, City Administrator James Armstrong, Fire Marshal Joe Poiré, Operations Division Chief James Bryden, City Attorney Ariel Calonne.
- Member of the Public: Jan Marco von Yurt.

Discussion:

Administrative Services Manager Liechti provided a Fire Department overview and highlighted proposed changes to the budget with regards to expenditures, revenues and fees. Fire Chief McElroy provided information about a live-burn training system needed to update the current training tower that has been decertified. Administrative Services Manager Liechti stated that the department is currently in the process of applying for a grant to fund new self-contained breathing apparatus units. Fire Marshal Poiré provided information about the Wildland Fire Plan. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Staff: Police Chief Camerino Sanchez, Deputy Police Chief Frank Mannix, Patrol Division Captain David Whitham, Administrative Services Division Captain Gil Torres, Investigative Division Captain Alex Altavilla.
- Members of the Public: Jan Marco von Yurt, Art Stevens.

Discussion:

Police Chief Sanchez provided a Police Department overview, including recent figures regarding response times and crime trends. Deputy Police Chief Mannix presented the proposed budget changes and provided an overview of the department's staffing levels. Captain Whitham shared highlights regarding the Patrol Division's response times, the addition of a certified K-9 officer, the efforts of the Milpas Action Task Force and Casa Esperanza to improve the Milpas Corridor, and an update on restorative policing. Administrative Services Division Captain Torres provided updates about security gates for Police headquarters, recruitment and hiring of staff, and the status of the 9-1-1 Call Center relocation.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (Cont'd)**Discussion (Cont'd):**

Investigative Division Captain Altavilla updated the Council about the increase in electronic evidence analysis, strategies used to prevent property crimes and the good results obtained with those strategies, a discussion with Governor Brown regarding the "Early Release" program, the success of multi-jurisdictional gang investigation collaborations, and narcotics offense cases that the Police Department continues to investigate. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

City Attorney Calonne left the meeting at 4:51 p.m., and Deputy City Attorney Sarah Knecht took his place.

Councilmember Francisco left the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

By consensus, the hearing was continued to May 14, 2014, at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST:


SARAH FOX
DEPUTY CITY CLERK