



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meet at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:12 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Fair Housing Month 2026

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to the City's Rental Housing Mediation Program staff.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item nos. 3 – 4, 6 – 9)

The titles of the ordinances and resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/ Harmon to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

- 3. Subject: Adoption of Ordinance Approving First Amendment to Lease Agreement Number 25,583 with Mulligan's Café Inc. at Santa Barbara Golf Club [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a First Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 25,583 with Mulligan's Café Inc., a California Corporation, for the Restaurant Facility at Santa Barbara Golf Club, 3500 McCaw Avenue, Extending the Term through September 30, 2029, and Updating Operational Provisions.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 2026-6221; Agreement No. 25583.01.

- 4. Subject: Adoption of an Ordinance Approving a Service and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc. at the Airport [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Airport Director to Execute a Service and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc., Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 2026-6220; Agreement No. 30028.

- 6. Subject: Second Amendment to Contract with Environmental Science Associates for the Santa Barbara Airport and Goleta Slough Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan [Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Airport Director to execute a Second Amendment to Contract No. 28,268 with Environmental Science Associates to increase the total contract amount by \$11,595 for additional professional services for the Santa Barbara Airport and Goleta Slough Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28268.02 (April 28, 2026, report from the Airport Director).

7. Subject: First Amendment to East Beach Rental Concession License Agreement for Bliss Beach, LLC [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute the First Amendment to the City of Santa Barbara East Beach Rental Concession License Agreement No. 28,629 with Bliss Beach, LLC.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,629.01 (April 28, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

8. Subject: March 2026 Investment Report

Recommendation: That Council accept the March 2026 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 28, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

9. Subject: Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program Annual Report

Recommendation: That Council receive the annual Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 28, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Howard Green; Cheryl Kelmar; Faizah Dean.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

2. Subject: Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions

Recommendation: That Council waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and authorize reading by title only, pursuant to City Charter Section 511, unless otherwise requested by a member of the City Council; this waiver shall not apply to emergency ordinances, which shall be read in full as required by Section 511.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Jordan to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Santamaria).

5. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC; and Appropriate Available General Fund Reserves [Resolution; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute an amendment to the legal services agreement with the law firm Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC to provide legal services relating to litigation regarding the City's Rent Increase Moratorium and Rent Stabilization Ordinance by increasing the agreement not to exceed amount by \$300,000 for a new contract amount of \$400,000;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Funds for an Increase to the Litigation Services Agreement for the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance in the Amount of \$400,000; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Plan to Replenish Reserves as Required by Resolution No. 23-124, the Policies for Reserves.

Documents:

- April 28, 2026, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Resolutions.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: Richard Lloyd.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon to continue the item to a later date.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse).

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

10. Subject: Own Your Impact Campaign

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation on the Sustainability & Resilience Department's Own Your Impact Campaign.

Documents:

- April 28, 2026, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Outreach Coordinator Jennifer Hollywood.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff gave Council a presentation discussing topics such as the importance of small changes.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Subject: Draft State Street Master Plan

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the draft State Street Master Plan as the primary framework for the long-term revitalization of the State Street corridor;
- B. Provide final direction to staff on any additional refinements or policy direction to be incorporated prior to returning to Council with the Final State Street Master Plan;
- C. Authorize staff to proceed with submitting the draft Master Plan to the Historic Landmarks Commission, Planning Commission, Access Advisory Committee, Downtown Parking Committee, and Transportation and Circulation Committee for review, anticipated in June 2026, prior to returning to Council with the Final State Street Master Plan and advancing to detailed design and engineering phases;
- D. Authorize staff to proceed with receiving public comments from any member of the public via correspondence to StateStreetMasterPlan@SantaBarbaraCA.gov and closing the public comment period for the Draft State Street Master Plan on June 30, 2026;

- E. Direct staff to return with a General Plan Amendment, including an update to the Circulation Element, and an amendment to Title 31 no later than when the final State Street Master Plan returns to City Council;
- F. Direct staff to return to Council with a more detailed funding strategy, including identification of grant funding, capital improvement program allocations, and public-private partnership opportunities; and
- G. Confirm the updated project Work Plan timeline targeting Final Master Plan adoption in August 2026 and detailed design and engineering phases to begin in early 2027.

Documents:

- April 28, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: State Street Master Planner Tess Harris; Sustainability & Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau.
- Moule & Polyzoides: Stefanos Polyzoides; Chris Allaire; Paul Crabtree.
- Arcadia Studio: Justin Manuel.
- Members of the Public: Bob Hamber; Molly Pearson; Liam McCoy; Mike Suding; Kathy Janega-Dykes; Richard Lloyd; Robin Elander; Dennis Allen; Tristen Miller; Kevin Heim; Michael Mata; Drew Cuddy; Angelina Detamanti; Sarah Siedschlag; Jessica Johnson; Richard Yates; Kenneth Smith; Lisa Knox Burns; Jacqueline Karlsen; Sarah Iannarone; Heike Kilian; Kristen Miller; Linda Honikman; Sullivan Israel; Hannah Malik; Lily Heideger; Karl Hutterer; Colléen Macey; Gillian Muralles; Maria Valencia; Jan Baucke; Peter Lewis; Yassi Eskandari; Parker Anderson; Jorge Baez; John Baucke; Hannah Bangs; Sharon Rich; Bruce Caron; Bob Stout; Guthrie Leonard; Karen Luckett.

RECESS

6:56 - 7:15 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to approve staff recommendations A and C - G.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to approve vision and guiding principles and to remove the sentence regarding private vehicle usage on page 88.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Mayor Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to hold out the design of the 700-900 blocks as a passive space with anchoring design element and making the three blocks special

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Mayor Rowse)

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to support the flexible design approach with 30 foot sidewalks and a 20 foot travel lane/emergency access area.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Santamaria; Noes: Mayor Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to support incorporating 1,000-2,000 new housing units in the Master Plan area (towards the City's 8,001-unit RHNA allocation), including redevelopment of City-owned surface parking lots with housing above retained parking.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

Councilmember Friedman attended the following meeting or event: 1. Attended Earth Day; 2. Moxi state of the museum event; 3. Fair kickoff; 4. Bucket Brigade golden shovel awards; 5. CCWA last meeting for Director Ray Stokes.

Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meeting or event: 1. 15 S Hope groundbreaking; 2. Transportation and Circulation Committee meeting.

Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meeting or event: 1. Firesafe Council Board meeting; 2. Earth Day; 3. Assemblymember Hart Women of the Year event; 4. Black Family Cookout; 5. SBHS play Midsummer's Night Dream; 6. Memory of Loretta Redd.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

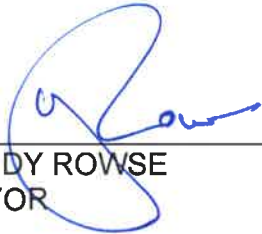
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m. in memory of Loretta Redd.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 2, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER