



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
December 1, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Grant House, Randy Rowse, Michael Self, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Friday, November 18, 2011, 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.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Subject: Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB) General Plan Update (650.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a staff presentation, and conduct a public hearing on the proposed General Plan Update; and

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Subject: Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB) General Plan Update (Cont'd)

- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the 2011 General Plan Update and Making Environmental Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

Documents:

- December 1, 2011, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director.
- Proposed Resolution.
- CD of Santa Barbara General Plan Update, with Appendices, dated December 2011.
- List of Errata/Minor Corrections to General Plan Documents, submitted by Staff.
- Affidavit of Publication.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- November 28, 2011, letter from the Allied Neighborhoods Association.
- November 28, 2011, email from Joe Rution.
- November 30, 2011, letter from the Citizens Planning Association.
- November 30, 2011, email from Paul Hernadi.
- December 1, 2011, letter from Alexander Pujo.

Public Comment Opened:

9:02 a.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Principal Planner John Ledbetter, City Planner Bettie Weiss, Principal Transportation Planner Rob Dayton, Project Planner Beatriz Gularte.
- Members of the Public: Stella Larson, Historic Resources Element Task Force; Ginny Brush, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission; Anne Patterson, Coalition for Community Wellness; Sheila Lodge; Peter Hunt; Lee Moldaver; Joe Rution, Bungalow Haven Neighborhood Association; Cathie McCammon, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Alex Pujo; Paul Hernadi, Michael Gray, and Mary Louise Days, Citizens Planning Association; Kellam de Forest, Historic Resources Element Task Force; Mickey Flacks, Santa Barbara For All and Santa Barbara County Action Network; Takashi Wada, Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

Public Comment Closed:

9:57 a.m.

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Subject: Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB) General Plan Update (Cont'd)**Discussion:**

Staff described key policies and programs of the General Plan Update, including: Growth Management, the concept of living within limited resources while allowing commercial growth to occur; the new Historic Resources Element; the Average Unit Size Density Incentive Program, which replaces the Variable Density Program and encourages smaller unit sizes and buildings, with incentives focused in the Downtown, CM Zone and Milpas Street; and the Circulation Element, which recognizes the key relationship circulation has to future residential growth. Also explained were the components of the environmental review associated with the General Plan Update; these included two levels of impacts, the analysis of alternatives, and mitigation monitoring and reporting. Finally, Staff outlined the public review and comment process followed in developing the General Plan Update documents, as well as the proposed resolution and required environmental findings for adoption of the Plan.

Motion:

Councilmembers Francisco/Hotchkiss to approve recommendation B; Resolution No. 11-079.

Vote:

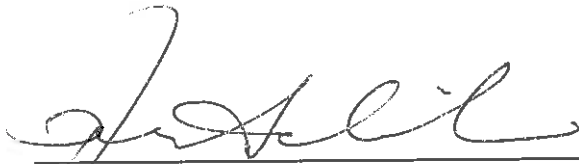
Unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSAN TSCHUCH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK