



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (9:33 a.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon (9:31 a.m.), Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

RECESS

Mayor Rowse recessed to closed session at 9:33 a.m. and stated that no reportable action is anticipated.

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1. Subject: Conference with City Attorney--Anticipated Litigation -- Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) (160.03)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider significant exposure to litigation (one potential case) pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) and take appropriate action as needed.

The anticipated litigation is based upon significant exposure arising out of a letter dated January 27, 2025, through the law firm of Janean Acevedo Daniels; a copy is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Scheduling: Duration: 30 mins; 9:30 a.m.

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- February 4, 2025, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Report:

- No report made.

2. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation and Anticipated Litigation – Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2) & (e)(3) (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to confer with the City Attorney regarding existing and anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2) and (e)(3), and take appropriate action as needed.

The existing litigation authorized for closed session by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) is:

- 1210 Cacique St., LLC v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:23-cv-08152
- Joan Armontrout v. City of Santa Barbara; SBSC Case No. 23CV01882
- Laura Bessa v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 22CV05026
- Pamela Boucher v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV07195
- P. Boring, et al. v. Cathy Murillo, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:21-cv-07305
- Bruce Boyer, et al. v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:23-cv-06828
- Sandra Castro v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV06183
- City of Santa Barbara v. Cynthia Dee Howard, et al.; SBSC Case No. 22CV02058
- City of Santa Barbara v. Maria Giordani; SBSC Case No. 23CV01937
- City of Santa Barbara v. 2735 De La Vina St., LLC, et al.; SBSC Case No. 22CV02059
- City of Santa Barbara v. 3M Company, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:22-cv-00993 (PFAS)
- Stephen Cordero v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV07182
- Maria Daniel v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 20CV03516
- Janean Daniels, et al. v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV02596

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- Disney Platform Distribution, Inc., et al. v. Keith DeMartini, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV02313
- John Gibbs v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV07333
- Maria Giordani v. City of Santa Barbara; SBSC Case No. 24CV01663
- Maria Hernandez v. County of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV02573
- Shane Howland v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV01969
- Jane Doe v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV04521
- Nina Johnson v. City of Santa Barbara; SBSC Case No. 23CV01612
- Keep the Funk, Inc. v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 25CV00387
- David Matthew Kilrain v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 22CV01222
- David Matthew Kilrain v. State of California, et al.; SBSC Case No. 22CV02856
- David Matthew Kilrain v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV01175
- James Knapp v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV03988
- Brian Larson v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; USDC Case No. 2:24-cv-07914
- LeeAnn Morgan v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV00706
- Angela J. Nelson v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV00550
- Ana Rivera v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; VTASC Case No. 2024CUPA029997
- Santa Barbara Cemetery Association v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV05052
- Mayerling Weston v. City of Santa Barbara; SBSC Case No. 24CV00407
- Brian Whitaker v. City of Santa Barbara, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV06870
- Erika Zarate, et al. v. Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, et al.; SBSC Case No. 24CV01672

The pending litigation claims authorized for closed session by Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3):

- Claim of Jacob Ainciart
- Claim of Anne Burgeson
- Claim of Gregory Carroll and Kara Ruppert
- Claim of Barbara Laing, Judith and Alfred Haskell
- Claim of William Short
- Claim of Toro Enterprises, Inc.

2. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation and Anticipated Litigation – Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1), (d)(2) & (e)(3) (160.03) (CONT'D)

Scheduling: Duration, 90 minutes; 10:00 a.m.

Report: None Anticipated

Document:

- February 4, 2025, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 9:52 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.

Report:

- No report made.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No one wished to speak.

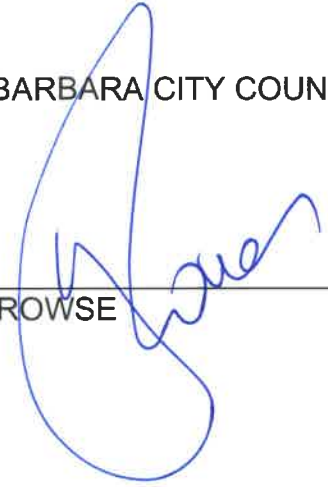
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 25, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER