



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2014
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 24, 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 Public Works Department of their Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budget.

Documents:

- April 31, 2014, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

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WORK SESSIONS (CONT'D)**Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (230.05)
(CONT'D)****Speakers:**

- Staff: Public Works Director Rebecca Bjork, City Engineer / Assistant Public Works Director Pat Kelly, Transportation Manager Browning Allen, Fleet Manager Gary Horwald; Facilities and Energy Manager, Jim Dewey; Acting Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark.
- Public Comment: Matt LaBrie, Downtown Parking Committee; Sharon Byrne, Milpas Community Association; Ethan Shenkman.

Discussion:

Public Works Director Rebecca Bjork and staff presented the Public Works Department recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2015 which included administration, facilities, engineering, transportation, fleet and wastewater and water resources divisions. She reported the department expects to bring in a total revenue of about \$105 million for the next fiscal year with about half of those funds coming from the water and wastewater divisions. City Engineer and Assistant Public Works Director Pat Kelly outlined plans to repair roadways throughout the city next year. He reported that upgrading all roads would cost about \$12.9 million but the department only has \$3 million in its current budget to address said needs. Transportation Manager Browning Allen reported that upgrading traffic signals and pedestrian walkways with high accident rates is the division's top priority. Fleet Manager Gary Horwald reported the current budget reflects additional funding for the Fleet Division which includes replacing Police Department vehicles as they reach their life expectancy. Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark reported that wastewater rates are expected to go up by 5 percent. Water rates will also be going up to compensate for increases in costs due to drought conditions. Mr. Haggmark reported that under the proposed rates, staff expects to bring in about \$39 million in revenues, but the proposed water budget is \$46 million. He reported the difference would be made up by budget reserves.

Councilmembers discussed the items, made comments, and their questions were answered.

Councilmember White left the meeting at 5:25 p.m. and returned at 5:38 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

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