



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez (2:07 p.m.), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: Assistant City Administrator René Eyerly, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 – 11.)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon / Friedman to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez).

1. Subject: Minutes (000.00)

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 16, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

2. Subject: Proposed Lease Agreement for 920 State Street with Estrella Emporium LLC, dba Game Seeker [Ordinance Introduction, Agreement] (330.04)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Five-Year Lease Agreement with One, Five-Year Option with Estrella Emporium LLC, doing business as Game Seeker of Santa Barbara, for the 1,200 Square Foot Retail Space at 920 State Street Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,790 (September 30, 2025, report from the City Administrator; proposed Ordinance).

3. Subject: Adoption of Resolutions and Authorization of Cooperative Agreement for Increasing Secure, Convenient, and Accessible Bicycle Parking [Resolution; Agreement] (670.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. 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 State Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 Metropolitan Planning Organization Grant Funds for the Increasing Secure, Convenient, and Accessible Bicycle Parking in Santa Barbara Project;
- 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 Coastal Resource Mitigation Fund Grant Funds for the Increasing Secure, Convenient, and Accessible Bicycle Parking in Santa Barbara Project;
- C. Authorize the Sustainability and Resiliency Director to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara for the Increasing Secure, Convenient, and Accessible Bicycle Parking in Santa Barbara Project;

- D. Find it to be in the City's best interest to approve equipment standardization for public bicycle parking rack standard equipment for the next five-year period and authorize the acquisition of the listed equipment in accordance with Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (l);
- E. Authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Huntco Site Furnishings in the amount of \$77,942 according to the Sole Source provisions of Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 4.52.060 (G) to fund the cost of grant-funded public bicycle parking racks, and authorize the City's General Services Manager to issue additional Purchase Orders with Huntco Site Furnishings as needed through Fiscal Year 2030;
- F. Amend the City Parking and Access Standards to include two new bike rack designs; and
- G. Find the Increasing Secure, Convenient, and Accessible Bicycle Parking in Santa Barbara Project meets the criteria for exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c) and 15303 Installation of Facilities (j) and authorize the filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15062.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution Nos. 25-107, 25-108; Agreement No. 28,791 (September 30, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

4. Subject: Approval of a 401(a) Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan [Resolution] (430.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Establishment of a 401(a) Deferred Compensation Retirement Plan for City Employees and Authorizing the Finance Director to Execute All Necessary Documents.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-109 (September 30, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

5. Subject: Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of State Local Housing Trust Fund Program Conditional Award [Resolution] (660.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara, Authorized to Act as Manager of the City of Santa Barbara Local Housing Trust Fund, Authorizing Execution of Application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development Local

Housing Trust Fund, Standard Agreement and any Subsequent Amendments or Modifications Thereto; and

- B. Authorize the City Administrator to accept the Terms and Conditions of a Local Housing Trust Fund Program, Round 5 Conditional Award of \$1,042,476.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-110 (September 30, 2025, report from the City Administrator's Office; proposed Resolution).

6. Subject: Award of Design of Taxiways E, A3, and A5 Pavement Repairs Project [Resolution; Agreement] (560.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$290,630 for engineering design services, and authorize \$29,063 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$319,693; and
- 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 the Award of Design of Taxiways E, A3, and A5 Pavement Repairs Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-111; Agreement No. 28,792 (September 30, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: August 2025 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the August 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (September 30, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

8. Subject: Agreement for Employee Exposure Monitoring – Noise [Agreement] (210.01)

Recommendation: That City Council approve and authorize the Finance Director to execute an agreement with Yorke Engineering to conduct noise level surveys at various employee worksite locations throughout the City over a period of four years, at a total cost not to exceed \$150,000.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,793 (September 30, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

9. Subject: Community Development Director Employment Agreement [Agreement] (170.01)

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and confirm the employment agreement for Community Development Director.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,794 (September 30, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

10. Subject: Approval of Benefit Plans Effective January 1, 2026 (430.06)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the renewal rates for the CalPERS Health Plans; Delta Dental Plans; Vision Service Plans; Employee Assistance Program (EAP); Health and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) benefits, and Term Life and Disability Insurance Plans from the Standard Insurance Company; and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to execute any necessary contracts or any amendments to agreements or contracts.

Action: Approved the recommendations (September 30, 2025, report from the Human Resources Director).

11. Subject: Environmental Determination for the Eastside Active Transportation Improvements Project for Notice of Exemption (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council determines that the Santa Barbara Eastside Active Transportation Improvements Project meets the criteria for exemption under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c) and directs the filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines 15062.

Action: Approved the recommendation (September 30, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- Members of the public: Michael Holliday.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Sneddon: 1. Historic Landmark Commission; 2. SBCC Presidents' Circle Reception 3. Nuclear Age Peace Foundation 3. Community Environmental Council Green Gala 4. Grand Opening of Art Labbe; 5. Grace Fisher Anniversary Event.
- Councilmember Friedman: 1. Central Coast Water Authority; 2. Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards.
- Mayor Rowse: 1. Grand Opening of Art Labbe; 2. Brian Wilson Benefit concert; 3. Santa Barbara Beautiful Awards.

Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez arrived at 2:07 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on October 14, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER