



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 15, 2024  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rowse.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez (1:11 p.m.), Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht, Acting City Attorney Tava Ostrenger, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Downtown Parking Budget Recommendations (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the City Administrator's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2025 for the Downtown Parking Program, including proposed changes to Downtown Parking's funding model and an alternative proposal for General Fund and Measure C funding; and
- B. Approve a hybrid plan that reflects an alternative proposal in the Fiscal Year 2025 budget and allows for a phased implementation of changes to parking rates in City garages and surface lots, and on City streets within specified areas.

**Documents:**

- May 15, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Public Works Director Cliff Maurer; Public Works Manager Sarah Clark; Downtown Plaza and Parking Manager Edward France; Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Parking Supervisor Meghan Salas
- Members of the Public: Joanna Kaufman; Anna Marie.

**Discussion:**

- Discussion topics included the structural deficit, the funding gap, budget planning, and projected reserves. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

**Speakers (cont'd):**

- Members of the Public: Patricia Owens; Trey Pinner; Michael Chiacos; Angela Miller-Bevan; Jenna Berg; Joanna Kaufman; Anna Marie Gott.

Councilmember Harmon was excused at 4:20 p.m.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to bring back the following for consideration: 1. Employee passes; 2. Local passes; 3. Consideration of cost savings in not owning and maintaining the hardware but consider other funding sources; 4. 90-minute free parking in the garages and surface lots, and 75-minute free parking on the street; 5. No paid street parking.

**Vote:**

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember O. Gutierrez; Absent: Councilmember Harmon.)


**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 11, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER