



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2025**

**735 ANACAPA STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; AND
HIGHLAND RESORT AND SPA, PRIMROSE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR, 5
CHOME-6-1 SHINNISHIHARA, FUJIYOSHIDA, YAMANSHI 403-0017,
JAPAN**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference as Councilmember Gutierrez is participating remotely from the address noticed on the agenda. (The Ordinance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Finance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet this day).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez (remote), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:03 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Caitlin Colyer

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (120.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to express the City's appreciation to employees who are eligible to receive service award pins for their years of service through October 31, 2025.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all City employees that were recognized on this day.

2. Subject: Fire Prevention Week (120.04)

Action: Mayor Randy Rowse presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Chris Mailes, Fire Marshal Ryan DiGuilio, Fire Public Education Coordinator Lilianna Encinas, and Kathy Wright.

3. Subject: Hispanic Heritage Month 2025 (120.04)

Action: Mayor Randy Rowse presented the proclamation to Carlos Jarquin of Oaxacreations Monos de Calenda.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 4-12)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

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

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

4. Subject: Minutes (000.00)

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special and regular meetings of September 23, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

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

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Deputy 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 1,320 Square Foot Retail Space at 920 State Street Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6192; Agreement No. 28,790 (October 7, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

6. Subject: Amending Municipal Code Title 10, Section 10.44.152 - Regulation of Parking Upon Municipally Owned and/or Operated Parking Lots [Ordinance Introduction] (550.01)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 10.44.152 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Regarding Regulation of Parking Upon Municipally Owned and/or Operated Parking Lots.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (October 7, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

7. Subject: Adoption of Resolution Amending the City's Records Retention Policy and Procedures to Include the Sustainability & Resilience Department's Records Retention Schedule [Resolution] (160.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the City of Santa Barbara Records Management Policies and Procedures Manual to Include the Sustainability & Resilience Department's Records Retention Schedule.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-112 (October 7, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; Proposed Resolution).

8. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Richards Watson & Gershon (COSB v. Giordani) [Resolution; Agreement] (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute a fourth amendment to the legal services agreement with Richards Watson & Gershon, a professional corporation, relating to litigation to enforce City waterline easements by increasing the agreement not to exceed amount by \$25,000 (from \$430,000 to \$455,000), to be paid from funds appropriated from the Water Resources Department; 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 Small Tunnel Air Binding Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-113; Agreement No. 28,437.4 (October 7, 2025, report from the City Attorney; Proposed Resolution)

9. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the One Month Ended July 31, 2025 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the one month ended July 31, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (October 7, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

10. Subject: Fourth Contract Amendment with RRM Design Group for Final Design and Construction Documents for the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project [Agreement] (630.02)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a fourth contract amendment with RRM Design Group in the amount of \$87,000 for soils testing and playground safety audits during construction of the Dwight Murphy Field Renewal Project for a new not-to-exceed dollar amount of \$1,339,441 for all services.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,009.4 (October 7, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

11. Subject: Replacement Subordination Agreement and Loan Amendment for Housing Authority Project Located at 3055 De La Vina Street [Agreement] (660.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a Subordination Agreement with Banc of California with respect to a senior loan in a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,000,000 to the Housing Authority for construction of the affordable housing project at 3055 De La Vina Street and an amendment to Loan Agreement to substitute the Banc of California loan as the senior indebtedness under City Loan Agreement No. 28,471, as approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,795 (October 7, 2025, report from the City Administrator).

12. Subject: Approval of Mills Act Historic Property Tax Reduction Contracts (610.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Grant exceptions to the Mills Act contract threshold for assessed property valuation, pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code §30.157.145.C.4.m., for the following historic properties:
 - 1. 20 East Los Olivos Street (APN 025-242-004);
 - 2. 18 Calle Alamo (APN 053-332-001);
 - 3. 234 Canon Drive (APN 053-171-006);
- B. Grant renewals of the Mills Act contracts for the following historic properties:
 - 1. 212 West Valerio Street (APN 027-091-012);
 - 2. 2012 Anacapa Street (APN 025-321-012); and
- C. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute the three new Mills Act historic property contracts and to renew the two existing contracts.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (October 7, 2025, report from the Community Development Director).

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Committee Chair Sneddon reported that the Committee voted to forward to Council a proposal to amend the Santa Barbara Municipal Code to allow pay by plate parking in Waterfront parking lots.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Jenna Berg; M.J.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

13. Subject: Access Advisory Committee - Annual Report (640.03)

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on the recent activities and achievements of the Access Advisory Committee.

Documents:

- October 7, 2025, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint Presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Brian D'Amour
- Members of the Public: M.J.; Adelaide and Marvel; Barry Remis; Karen Lockett.

Discussion:

- Discussion topics included history of the Access Advisory Committee, ADA compliance, the ADA Transition Plan, AAC ceremonial recognitions of Rick Boller of the Santa Barbara Bowl, Sklar, Adelaid and Marvel, Chris Bennedict aka "DJ Chris" with Gary Atkins and Rochelle Baiocchi, and Karen Lockett of AAC, capital projects, goals, and priorities.

Councilmember Harmon exited the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

-Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Sister Cities Dinner; 2. First Thursday at the Trust for Historic Preservation; 3. MAPS Show; 4. Santa Barbara High 150 Years; 5. Open House for The Space.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

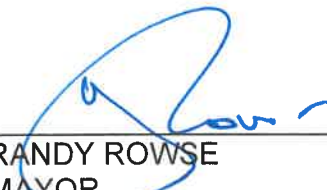
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on October 21, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER