



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference and all members of the City Council are participating electronically from various locations. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which generally meets at 12:30 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murillo.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Murillo.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (410.01)

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 May 31, 2020.

Action: City Administrator Paul Casey listed the names of the service award pin recipients.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Blake Stok; Griselda Villalpando; John Douglas; Katie Mickey; Lee Heller; Melissa Cunningham; Miriam Lindbeck; Robert Else; Suzanne Elledge; Cassandra Cornish; Dan Collie; Jeff Havlik; Abe Powell.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2-5)

The title of the Resolution related to the Consent Calendar was read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. Subject: Minutes

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes of the regular meetings of March 3, March 10, March 17, April 7, April 14, and April 21, 2020, and the minutes of the special meetings of March 10, March 24, April 21, 2020.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

3. Subject: Set A Date For Public Hearing Regarding Renewal Of Levy For Fiscal Year 2021 For The Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment (520.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring its Intention to Continue the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment Within the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones; Declaring the Work to be of More Than General or Ordinary Benefit and Describing the District to be Assessed to Pay the Costs and Expenses Thereof; Preliminarily Approving the Updated Engineer's Report; Stating Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2021 and Establishing a Time of 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, in the City Council Chambers for a Public Hearing on the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 20-031 (May 12, 2020, report from the Fire Chief; proposed Resolution).

4. Subject: March 31, 2020, Investment Report And March 31, 2020, Fiscal Agent Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council:

A. Accept the March 31, 2020, Investment Report; and

B. Accept the March 31, 2020 Fiscal Agent Report.

Action: Approved the recommendations (May 12, 2020, report from the interim Finance Director).

5. Subject: Vision Zero Restriping: Restriping Anacapa Street (Mission Street To Micheltorena Street) To One Lane (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council receive a report and presentation on the Anacapa Street Restriping Project and direct staff to include the proposed striping option as a part of the Fiscal Year 2020 Streets Maintenance Project.

Documents:

- May 12, 2020, report from the Public Works Director.
- May 5, 2020, letter from Robert A. Curtis.
- May 6, 2020, letter from Erika Inscoe.
- May 6, 2020, letter from Natasha St. Clair.
- May 6, 2020, letter from Rebecca Tucker.
- May 7, 2020, letter from Monte Fligsten.
- May 8, 2020, letter fromCarolynn Johnson.
- May 8, 2020, letter from Deborah Rogow.
- May 8, 2020, letter from Deji Olukotun
- May 11, 2020, letter from James and Anne Chen
- May 11, 2020, letter from Carolyn Fitzgerald
- May 11, 2020, letter from Ben Tucker
- May 11, 2020, letter from Carolina Starin
- May 11, 2020, letter from Chris Thrash
- May 11, 2020, letter from Aniko Kim
- May 11, 2020, letter from Lucila Serra
- May 11, 2020, letter from Sarita Bhatt & Elizabeth Scharpf
- May 11, 2020, letter from Jane Fleischman
- May 11, 2020, letter from Whitney Ellis
- May 11, 2020, letter from Howard Winant
- May 11, 2020, letter from Valeska Voiges
- May 11, 2020, letter from Peter Slowik
- May 11, 2020, letter from Milton Love
- May 11, 2020, letter from Nati Smith
- May 12, 2020, letter from Mindy Wolfe
- May 12, 2020, letter from Adrienne Koroshec
- May 12, 2020, letter from Suzanne Austin
- May 12, 2020, letter from Randy Langel
- May 12, 2020, letter from Betty Jeppesen

Action: Approved the recommendation (May 12, 2020, report from the Public Works Director).

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Friedman reported that the Finance Committee reviewed preliminary numbers for the upcoming budget, discussed how reserve funds may be used for the current fiscal year and for next fiscal year. Enterprise fund fees were also reviewed.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

6. Subject: Wastewater Collection System Annual Report (540.13)

Recommendation: That Council receive a report from staff on calendar year 2019 wastewater collection system maintenance and management activities.

Documents:

- May 12, 2020, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Wastewater System Manager Amanda Flesse; Wastewater Collection System Superintendent Bradley Rahrer.
- Members of the Public: Kira Redmond; Hillary Hauser.

Discussion:

- Wastewater System Manager Amanda Flesse and Wastewater Collection System Superintendent Bradley Rahrer provided an overview of the wastewater collection system. A history of sanitary sewer overflows, an overview of progress made with overflows, sewer system maintenance and capital improvement programs to help reduce the amount of sewer spills were presented. Costs and funding for the program and future goals were discussed. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

CITY ATTORNEY

7. Subject: Temporary Eviction Moratorium Ordinance No. 5941: Discussion Of Alternatives And Possible Action On Extension And Payback Terms (160.01)

Recommendation: That Council provide direction on the possible extension and deferred rent payback terms of Ordinance No. 5941, an Uncodified Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Enacting a Temporary Moratorium on Evictions for Nonpayment of Rent by Residential and Commercial Tenants Who Have Been Harmed Financially as a Result of COVID-19.

Documents:

- May 12, 2020, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Draft Ordinance.
- May 11, 2020, letter from Mariah Clegg
- May 12, 2020, letter from Max Golding
- May 12, 2020, letter from Holly Gil
- May 12, 2020, letter from Loy Beardsmore
- May 12, 2020, letter from Betty Jeppesen
- May 12, 2020, letter from Valeryee Jimenez
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Speakers:

- Staff: City Attorney Ariel Calonne; Housing and Human Services Manager Laura Dubbels; City Administrator Paul Casey.
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; Ana Rosa Rizo-Centino; Betty Jepsen; Brad Smith; Heather Hagen; Isabella Restrepo; Maggie Burke; Matt Lowe; Patrick Fleming; Dora Maria Perez; Gabriela O'Neal; Jim Knell; Loy Beardsmore; Stanley Tzankov; Alejandra Melgoza; Linda Honikman
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RECESS

4:25 p.m. – 4:41 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to make Ordinance 5941 co-terminus with the extensions of the state order the Governor may put in place, using a six and twelve month payback bracket with the provision that owners and tenants could agree to shorter payback terms if they wished; with the ordinance reflecting that payments are monthly in equal amounts to lead to payback within the period; with opportunities to return to City Council with briefs on additional options as the economy reopens; with the ability to communicate by text message; including the opportunity for mediation requested by either owner or tenant to address repayment. Additionally, the City Attorney's Office is directed to establish a bilingual phone line to take questions and provide technical assistance the public.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

8. Subject: COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force Update (180.02)

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on the COVID-19 Business Advisory Task Force.

Documents:

- May 12, 2020, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Economic Development Manager Jason Harris.
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott, David Landecker, Patricia Owens

Discussion:

- The Governor's Stay at Home Order stay and recent modifications of the order for businesses were reviewed. The Business Advisory Task Force website and email address were presented. An update of Task Force's actions was provided, which included a review and commenting on Santa Barbara County's Reopening Guide and recommendations to support business activity. Next steps for the Task Force were introduced.

9. Subject: Coronavirus Update (150.04)

Recommendation: That Council receive a Coronavirus update.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Paul Casey; Fire Public Education Coordinator Liliana Encinas; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator; Nina Johnson, City Attorney Ariel Calonne.
- Members of the Public: Anna Marie Gott; David Landecker; Patricia Owens.

Discussion

- City Administrator Paul Casey introduced Fire Public Education Coordinator Liliana Encinas who presented an update on communication outreach efforts being made to the Spanish speaking community regarding Coronavirus related information. Senior Assistant to the City Administrator; Nina Johnson discussed a dedicated area of the City's website to provide information in Spanish, including a service to request regular email updates in Spanish,.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. UCSB Webinar on COVID-19 Impacts on Local Business and the Economy; 2. Made reference to the REM song "It's The End Of The World As We Know It."
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Cachuma Conservation Release Board; 2. De La Guerra Revitalization Advisory Committee; 3. Coast Village Cash Mob.
- Mayor Murillo attended the following meetings or events: 1. REACH discussion on economic recovery; 2. U.S. Conference of Mayors discussion on Federal response; 3. Downtown Santa Barbara Board Meeting; 4. Virtual birthday party for a community member.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on August 18, 2020.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



CATHY MURILLO
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER