



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 7, 2026
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 (2:05 p.m.), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:05 p.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Poetry Month 2026

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Poet Laureate George Yatchisin.

2. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

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 April 30, 2026.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all City employees that were recognized on this day. Mayor Rowse presented a proclamation to Administrative Assistant Carol Lupo.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 4, 6 – 10)

The titles of the ordinances and resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to approve the consent calendar, excepting items 3 and 5.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

4. Subject: Adoption of Ordinance Authorizing a Utility Easement to Southern California Edison at 51 Crestview Lane [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute a Utility Easement to Southern California Edison and Related Maintenance Agreement for Property Located at 51 Crestview Lane.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6215.

6. Subject: Resolution Amending the Schedule of Penalties, Fees and Service Charges to Incorporate Mid-Year Updates [Resolution]

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 Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Service Charges.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-021 (April 7, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

7. Subject: Resolution Authorizing a California Department of Housing and Community Development Prohousing Incentive Program Grant Application [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing Application for, and Receipt of, Prohousing Incentive Program Funds through the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-022 (April 7, 2026, report from the City Administrator.)

8. Subject: February 2026 Investment Report

Recommendation: That Council accept the February 2026 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 7, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

9. Subject: First Amendment to Lease Agreement 28,723 for Office Space at the Franklin Neighborhood Center [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a first amendment to lease agreement 28,723 for office space at the Franklin Neighborhood Center to correct a clerical error in the Base Rent.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28723.01 (April 7, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

10. Subject: First Amendment to Agreement 28,379 with On Duty Health, LLC. [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Fire Chief to Execute the First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement 28,379 with On Duty Health, increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$50,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$274,820 for the provision of health and wellness assessments of Fire Department personnel.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28379.01 (April 7, 2026, report from the Fire Chief).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Dylan Mancuso; John McKinney; Amanda Greene.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

3. Subject: Adoption of an Ordinance Adjusting Tax Rates of Cannabis Businesses [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adjusting Tax Rates of Cannabis Businesses Pursuant to Santa Barbara Municipal Code Section 5.42.250 and Rescinding Ordinance No. 5831.

Documents:

- Proposed Ordinance.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Jordan to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Ordinance No. 2026-6216.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Santamaria).

5. Subject: Amendment to the Position and Salary Control Resolution [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 2026-013, the Position and Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2026, Affecting Certain Classifications, Titles, Bargaining Unit Assignments, and Salaries.

Documents:

- April 7, 2026, report from the Human Resources Director
- Proposed Resolution.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Jordan to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution No. 2026-020.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Subject: Annual Presentation from Visit Santa Barbara

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation from Visit Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- April 7, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by consultant.

Speakers:

- Visit Santa Barbara: Kathy Janega-Dykes; Vanessa Bechtol; Jennifer Reyes.
- Members of the Public: Chris Cline.

Discussion:

- Visit Santa Barbara gave Council a presentation.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

12. Subject: Public Participation Plan for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation and provide input on the proposed public participation plan for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Documents:

- April 7, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Jill Zachary; Project Planner Bronwyn Bradbury.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff gave Council a presentation
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

13. Subject: Replace March 31, Cesar Chavez Day, with an Alternative Holiday and Request to Rename Calle Cesar Chavez

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Provide policy direction to staff regarding Cesar Chavez recognition;
- B. Replace March 31, Cesar Chavez Day, with an alternative holiday, subject to applicable meet-and-confer obligations with recognized employee organizations; and
- C. Initiate a process, including community engagement and required approvals, to consider the request to rename all of Calle Cesar Chavez between East Gutierrez Street and East Cabrillo Boulevard.

Documents:

- April 7, 2026, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo.
- Members of the Public: Michael Montenegro; Jaqueline Inda.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Councilmember Harmon was excused from 4:10 – 5:02 p.m.

14. Subject: Update on Development of a Rent Stabilization Program and Final Policy Direction from Council for Ordinance Draft - Est. time 5:00 p.m.

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a status update on the Rent Stabilization Program Work Plan, including the outcomes of the community focus groups conducted in February and March 2026;
- B. Provide final direction to staff on the key policy components that are necessary to begin drafting a Rent Stabilization Ordinance; and
- C. Confirm the updated project Work Plan timeline targeting ordinance adoption in July 2026 and full program launch in January 2027.

Documents:

- April 7, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen; Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke.
- RSG Solutions: Tara Broughton; Sara Court.
- Members of the Public: Brian Johnson; Jaqueline Inda; Loy Beardsmore; Barry Capello; Rick Morse; Betty Jeppesen; Monte Wilson; Andrea Moore McCormick; Alexander Ian Kellett; Rick Morse; Randy Gillespie; Karine Anderson; Angeliza Samenez; Alicia Edwards; Bryndan Callaway; Nicole La Quinto; Ian Fiedler; Sarah Dahl; Kari Weber; Corina; Elijah Wright; Reyna Angel; Ana Arce; Liz Newman; Stanley Tzankov; Dora Perez; Mary Michael; Miles Hagin Anthony; Gina Quiroz; Doro Perez; Zoila Cabrera; Barbara Parmet; Andrew Chafos; Gerardo Lopez; Rick Lang; Don Katich; Estela Montano; Sonny Chehl; Darian Bleacher; Teresa Curry; Mimi Greenberg; Craig Griffith; Gigi Albers; Hannah Cohen; Matthew Larkins; Cressida Silvers; Gavin Spencer; Linda Honikman; Michele Detorie; Anastasia Senavsky; Chelsea Lancaster; Ana Garcia; Andrew Hawkins.

RECESS

4:13 p.m. – 5:02 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Gutierrez for a limit of annual rent increase to one time within a twelve month period 60% of CPI with maximum of 3 percent whichever is lower.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to not include rent banking in the ordinance.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to apply exemptions only where mandated by state law.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, No: Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon to include a comprehensive petition framework, including multiple petition types: for landlord petitions, fair return and capital improvements limited to habitability and for tenant petitions, improper rent increases, reduced housing services, and habitability.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to have as the initial decision maker on petition determinations an independent hearing officer with an appeal to a board or commission to be determined.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/ Santamaria to require expanded protections to improve transparency and access (e.g., required notices and standardized disclosures.)

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/ Santamaria to not specify mediation in the ordinance and offer as a resource.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to establish a hybrid approach of governance, e.g., staff administration with periodic board review or oversight functions.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to include a comprehensive registry (e.g. detailed unit, tenancy, and rent data).

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon for cost recovery through annual registration fees with petition costs included.

Vote:

Vote fails: roll call vote (Abstain Harmon, Rowse, Jordan, Friedman)

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to explore cost recovery through annual registration fees with petition costs included and to explore cost recovery through multiple program fees (e.g., annual registration and as-needed petition fees).

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Gutierrez to not establish a subsidy program alongside the ordinance.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, Rowse)

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to continue to explore housing provider status and long term tenancy incentives as part of the ordinance, including specifically protecting mom and pop local landlords.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Friedman, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to reopen Vote 3 regarding exemptions.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Santamaria, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to exempt deed restricted affordable housing, Section 8, or other housing that locks in below-market rates.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmembers Santamaria, Rowse).

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to bring back the discussion of the Housing Authority letter.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Santamaria).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

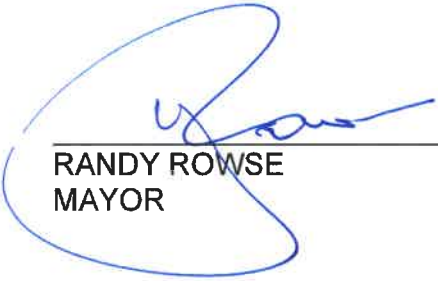
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m. in the memory of John Self.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on July 28, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER