



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Randy Rowse.

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Peace Corps Week February 25 - March 2, 2024 (120.04)

Action: Proclamation presented by Mayor Pro Tem Jordan and received by Naomi Kovacs, Millie Brother; Rose Wills; Michael Marzolla.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Interim City Administrator Knecht announced that Item 4 will be pulled from the agenda to be heard at a later date.

4. Subject: Lease Amendment with Sanbros, LLC DBA The Harbor Restaurant, Located at 210 Stearns Wharf [Ordinance Adoption; Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Execute the Amendment to Lease Agreement No. 20,493 with Sanbros, LLC, Deferring Three Months Base Rent with Lease Terms Ending December 31, 2028, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 1-3, 5, 7-12)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/A. Gutierrez to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 – 3, 5, 7 - 12 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Mayor Rowse).

2. Subject: Minutes

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meeting of October 24, 2023.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

3. Subject: Amend Street Improvement and Permitting Requirements [Ordinance Adoption]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 22.44 Relating to Street Dedication and Improvement Requirements, Chapter 22.60 Relating to Permits for Work on Street and Sidewalks, Chapter 22.32 Relating to Building Numbering, Section 22.64.010 Relating to Gates Adjacent to Streets or Sidewalks, Section 27.08.010 Relating to Subdivision Requirements for Streets and Sidewalks, Section 10.56.010 Relating to Obstruction of Sidewalks, and by the Addition of Chapter 22.46 Relating to Acquisition of Property for Public Improvements.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6143.

5. Subject: Corrected Headers in Table 30.20.030.B and Corrected Section Number 30.25.030 in Title 30 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Pertaining to the Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program [Ordinance Introduction] (110.01)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code to Correct Clerical Errors in the Headers in Table 30.20.030.B and Section Number 30.25.030 Pertaining to the Average Unit-Size Density Incentive Program.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 27, 2024, report from the Community Development Director; proposed Ordinance).

7. Subject: January 2024 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the January 2024 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 27, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

8. Subject: Second Contract Amendment with Architectural Resources Group in the Amount of \$20,400 for the Plaza del Mar Band Shell Repair Project [Agreement] (160.01)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Architectural Resources Group for the Plaza del Mar Band Shell Repair Project, Contract No. 26,895, in the amount of \$20,400 for a total project expenditure authority of \$121,250.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,895.2 (February 27, 2024, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

9. Subject: Third Amendment to the Workplace Investigations Services Agreement [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a third amendment to Agreement No. 22300249/28,381 for special investigation services with Aisha Shelton Adam of Adam Investigations Counsel, P.C. to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$130,000 to \$155,000 for services related to existing personnel matters.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,381.2 (February 27, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

10. Subject: HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Grants [Agreement] (610.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve a new agreement with New Beginnings Counseling Center in the amount of \$500,000 using federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funds to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance services;
- B. Approve a new agreement with Transition House in the amount of \$200,000 using HOME Funds to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance services;
- C. Approve a new agreement with the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara in the amount of \$250,000, using HOME Funds to continue providing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance services; and
- D. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute such agreements, amendments, and related documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,481, 28,482, and 28,483 (February 27, 2024, report from the Community Development Director).

11. Subject: City Administrator Employment Agreement [Agreement] (440.03)

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement with Kelly McAdoo to serve as the permanent City Administrator effective May 20, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,484 (February 27, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director).

12. Subject: Accept Donations from One805 for Thermal Imaging Cameras, Extrication Equipment, and Socks (520.03)

Recommendation: That Council accept donations from the One805 charity organization for thermal imaging cameras; a \$10,000 donation for a battery-operated extrication tool; and a donation of 106 socks; for fire personnel.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 27, 2024, report from Police Chief).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair A. Gutierrez stated that the Committee received the presentation on water and wastewater rate studies revenue requirements, agreed on Item 2, and requested an analysis to reduce the reserve to alleviate the costs of water and wastewater.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Rick Hansen; Bob Ludwick; Anthony Del Bello.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

6. **Subject: Rescission of the Prohibition of Natural Gas in New Construction [Ordinance Introduction]**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Repealing Chapter 22.120 Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings; and
- B. Direct staff to return to Council with recommendations for alternative pathways to achieve the City's climate action goals for new buildings.

Acting City Attorney Ostrenger noted that the Ordinance title should be: "Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Repealing Chapter 22.110 Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings."

The corrected title of the Ordinance was read.

Documents:

- February 27, 2024, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/A. Gutierrez to approve the recommended action with the title correction.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Mayor Rowse).

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Councilmember O. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Sister Cities Committee meetings; 2. Arts Advisory Committee meeting; 3. Fire and Police Commission meeting.
- Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Monthly League of Cities Coastal Cities group; 2. Library Board.
- Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Water Commission; 2. COMB meeting; 3. State Street Advisory Committee.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

13. Subject: Water and Wastewater Rate Studies Revenue Requirements (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a presentation on the City's water and wastewater rate studies and the required rate revenue increases; and
- B. Direct staff to complete a cost-of-service analysis and return with a proposed rate notice.

Documents:

- February 27, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark; Water Resources Financial Officer Gabrielle Cook.
- HDR Consulting: Shawn Koorn.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve the recommended action of option 2.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Mayor Rowse).

RECESS

4:19 p.m. – 4:36 p.m.

14. Subject: Monthly Update on State Street Interim Operations (650.05)

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on State Street Interim Operations and discuss, evaluate, and direct pilot program activities.

Documents:

- February 27, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Manager Sarah Clark; Principal Traffic Engineer Derrick Bailey; Assistant City Attorney Daniel Hentschke.
- Historic Landmarks Commission: Anthony Grumbine.
- Access Advisory Committee: James Marston.
- Members of the Public: Leslie Hollis-Lopez; Richard Yates; Bob Stout; Karen Lockett; Elizabeth Sorgman.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to direct the City Administrator to prepare alternative vehicular configurations on the 1300 block with clarity that any outdoor dining facilities would meet the safety and design guidelines for new facilities.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers A. Gutierrez, Friedman; Absent: Mayor Rowse.)

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember O. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Chinese New Year; 2. Sister Cities meeting; 3. Council retreat; 4. Black is Beautiful event by Healing Justice; 5. Ribbon Cutting for Dunamais House grand opening by Turner Foundation; 6. Remembering Dane Angus.
- Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. League of Cities Channel Division quarterly dinner; 2. Congratulated BJ Jones on celebration at local bookstore.
- Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Black is Beautiful event by Healing Justice; 2. Chris Potter Celebration of Life.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 4, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER