



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 1, 2025**

**20 PEASES POINT WAY NORTH, #7, EDGARTOWN, MA 02539  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **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 Harmon is participating remotely from the address noticed on the agenda (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, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### **1. Subject: Parks Make Life Better Month - July 2025 (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Kathy McGill and Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Jazmin LeBlanc.

### **2. 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 July 31, 2025.

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

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3- 5, 7 - 11)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

### Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Gutierrez to approve items 3 – 5 and 7 – 11 of the consent calendar as recommended.

### Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**3. Subject: Authorize Execution of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Installment Sale Agreement and Appropriate Loan Funds for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project [Ordinance Adoption] (540.1)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Execution of the Installment Sale Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project (Agreement No. D2502003).

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6182; Agreement No. D2502003.

**4. Subject: Ordinance Amending High Fire Hazard Area Zones [Ordinance Adoption] (520.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones as Recommended by the California State Fire Marshal.

Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6183.

**5. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Renewal of Levy for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District [Resolution] (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 2026 and Establishing a Time of 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, in the City Council Chambers for a Public Hearing on the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-074 (July 1, 2025, report from the Fire Chief; proposed Resolution).

**7. Subject: May 2025 Investment Report (260.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the May 2025 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (July 1, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

**8. Subject: Approval of Five-Year Pre-Qualified Professional Engineering Firms for Water Resources Facilities Support [Agreement] (540.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve pre-qualifying professional engineering firms to provide on-call engineering services for the Water Resources Division's water and wastewater facilities for five years, expiring July 30, 2030; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute fourteen, five-year Master Agreements with the selected firms in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 each.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,726; 28,727; 28,728; 28,729; 28,730; 28,731; 28,732; 28,733; 28,734; 28,735; 28,736; 28,737; 28,738; 28,739; (July 1, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**9. Subject: Adoption of Five-Year Consolidated Plan Including Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Annual Action Plan for Use of Federal CDBG and HOME Funds (660.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan for program years 2025–2029 and the Annual Action Plan for Program Year 2025–2026 for submittal to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to sign all necessary documents to submit the City's Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD.

Action: Approved the recommendations (July 1, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director).

**10. Subject: Standard Traffic and Street Lighting Equipment List (530.05)**

Recommendation: That Council find it to be in the City's best interest to approve a list of Standard Traffic and Street Lighting equipment for a five-year period through June 20, 2030, in accordance with Section 4.52.070 (k) and (l) of the Municipal Code.

Action: Approved the recommendation (July 1, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**11. Subject: Water Supply Update (540.11)**

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on the City's water supply condition.

Action: Approved the recommendation (July 1, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Lindsey Black; Karen Spechler; Ted Schneider; Christian H.; Tara Wright; Heather Fiore; Stephanie Boumedien; Ross; Kerry Kelly; Joseph Vasquez; Johnny D. Watkins; Laura La Greca; Hannah Bedwell; Melinda Maysonet; Deirdre Gitau; Leticia Trujillo; Jen Lemberger; Kit McMillian; Larry Behrendt; Maureen Ellenberger; Landon Ranck; Debra Barber; Christopher Reilly; Rev. Sarah Thomas; Joyce Berg; Hannah Rael; Claire Mitchell; Stephanie Drake; Larry Severance; Robert Kooyman; Marie Corbin; Amber Scouras; Rachel Sucavagle; Dan Shank; Mary Turley; Wayne Mellinger; Gabriel Zahony.

## **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

### **6. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Jarvis Fay, LLP [Resolution; Agreement] (160.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute a second amendment to the legal services agreement with Jarvis Fay, a Limited Liability Partnership, by increasing the agreement not to exceed amount by \$50,000 (from \$200,000 to \$250,000); 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 FY 2026, to Appropriate \$50,000 of General Fund Reserves into the City Attorney's Office Operating Budget in FY 2026.

Documents:

- July 1, 2025, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Resolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman stated that he was recusing himself from consideration of this item due to his ownership of relevant stock.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Gutierrez to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution No. 25-075; Agreement No. 28,581.1.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Friedman).

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

**12. Subject: Amending Chapter 22.70 of the Municipal Code Regarding Sign Regulations [Ordinance Introduction] (640.02)**

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 Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 22.70 Pertaining to Sign Regulations.

**Documents:**

- July 1, 2025, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Ordinance.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney John Doimas,
- Members of the Public: Brian Johnson.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the recommendation as made by staff.

**Vote:**

Majority roll call vote (No: Councilmember Gutierrez).

## **COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Library Advisory Committee; 2. League of Cities Coastal Cities Group meeting; 3. Central Coast Water Authority meeting.
- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Westside and Lower Westside community outreach meeting at La Cumbre Junior High; 2. Atlantic Aviation Juneteenth barbeque; 3. Pride at Airport; 4. Fiesta Ranchera at Stow House; 5. CommUnify executive committee meeting; 6. Summer Solstice parade; 7. Dali Llama 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; 8. Maricela's restaurant celebration at the Ritz Carlton; 9. Westside resident Paul Lopez's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday; 10. Santa Barbara County Action Network fundraiser; 11. Life Chronicles fundraiser; 12. Dem Women beer garden social; 13. Visit Santa Barbara meeting re: July 10th hospitality and immigration meeting; 14. Alexander Gardens ribbon cutting ceremony; 15. Youth Wellness meeting; 16. Mexican California stories at De La Guerra Casa; 17. CAUSE roundtable; 18. Santa Barbara Immigration Defense Council event; 19. Women Who Lead mixer; 20. Great Quake events.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Cachuma Operation and Management Board meeting; 2. Fire Safe Council; 3. Ribbon Cutting for Alexander Gardens Assisted Living Facility; 4. Women Who Lead meeting; 5. CAUSE committee round table on rent stabilization; 6. Block party regarding earthquake commemorations; 7. Presented the proclamation to the interfaith commemoration for the earthquake.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Spoke for CA Transportation Commission for SBCAG; 2. Roger and Sarah Chrisman event for Granada Theater Commemoration.

Councilmember Harmon was excused from the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**13. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1) (160.03)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(1) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed.

The pending litigation is The Mission LLC v. City of Santa Barbara, SBSC Case No. 25CV03180.

Scheduling: Duration 45 mins; anytime  
Report: None anticipated

Document:  
- July 1, 2025, report from the City Attorney.

Time:  
- 3:55 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

No report made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at p.m. in memory of local architect Henry Lenny.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on July 29, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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MAYOR

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