



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2022
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez (6:15 p.m), Oscar Gutierrez (6:26 p.m.), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Subject: Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hear and consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee based on the Committee's review of certain aspects of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Recommended Budget;
- B. Approve certain adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget identified by staff as detailed in the Schedule of Recommended Adjustments;

- C. Provide final direction to staff based on the Finance Committee's recommendations and Council's review of the Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget over the last several weeks which included seven budget hearings; and
- D. Direct staff to develop a program to address commercial vacancy and draft an ordinance for the Central Business District.

Public Hearing opened: 6:02 p.m.

Documents:

- June 8, 2022 Council Agenda Report and attachments
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac; Human Resources Director Wendy Levy; Community Development Director Eli Isaacson; Public Works Director Clifford Maurer.
- Members of the Public: Rob Fredericks, Lauren Trujillo, Jim Jackson.

Discussion:

- Topics of discussion included vegetation management, affordable housing funding, and fees. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Public hearing closed: 2:52 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to approve the staff recommended General Fund adjustments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Council Agenda Report, the staff recommended Special & Enterprise Fund adjustments as outlined in Attachment 1 of the Council Agenda Report, the General Fund fee changes as proposed in the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget, and Enterprise Fund fee changes (except for the Solid Waste shopping cart and Waterfront slip and mooring fees) as proposed in the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote

Councilmember Friedman announced that he was recusing himself from consideration of the proposed Solid Waste shopping cart fee due to his employment. Councilmember Friedman was excused from the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the solid waste shopping cart fee as proposed in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Recused: Councilmember Friedman)

Councilmember Friedman returned to the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Rowse announced that he was recusing himself from consideration of the Waterfront slip and mooring fees due to his use of a slip.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Friedman to approve the Waterfront slip and mooring fees as proposed in the recommended Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Recused: Mayor Rowse)

Mayor Rowse returned to the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to direct staff to develop a program to address commercial vacancy and draft an ordinance for the Central Business District.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (No: Mayor Rowse)

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/A. Gutierrez to direct the Finance Committee to consider the following as part of its fiscal sustainability efforts: affordable housing resources and a permanent funding source for affordable housing.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to direct the Finance Committee to consider the following as part of its fiscal sustainability efforts: funding sources for fire management.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to increase funding for vegetation management throughout the City with one time funding of \$200,000.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmember Sneddon to reallocate the ARPA funding that was allocated for the rent control study of \$200,000 to be redirected to the Housing Authority for the creation of affordable housing.

The motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/A. Gutierrez to reduce the allocation for the Visit Santa Barbara agreement by \$338,600 and send the savings to the General Fund.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to direct the Waterfront to fund the \$50,000 grant match for the Commercial Fisherman of Santa Barbara to address infrastructure needs in the commercial fishing fleet and promote the local seafood industry.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/A. Gutierrez to reallocate \$200,000 of the ARPA funds for rent control study to address revenue loss in the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2022.

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion:

Councilmember Friedman/Mayor Rowse to reduce the ARPA allocation from \$650,000 to \$250,000 for Eastside Library Branch and return \$400,000 to the General Fund to offset revenue loss.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers O. Gutierrez, Sneddon).

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to pass the credit card processing fees onto utility bill payers and approve of a new credit card processing fee.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Public Hearing closed: 8:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 28, 2022.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

