



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2026
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which normally meets 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 John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Arbor Week 2026

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Kerry Methner and George Yatchisin.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced there were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 8)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/ Sneddon to approve the consent calendar.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. Subject: Power Purchase and Battery Energy Storage Service Agreement with Staten Solar Corporation at the New Police Station [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 Sustainability and Resilience Director to Execute a Power Purchase and Battery Energy Storage Services Agreement with Staten Solar Corporation to Develop, Own, Operate, and Maintain a Solar Photovoltaic Generation and Battery Energy Storage System at the City of Santa Barbara Police Station, Located at 601 Santa Barbara Street, and Sell All Power Generated and Battery Energy Storage Services to the City.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 2026-6214; Agreement No. 28855.

3. Subject: Best Interest Waiver for Purchase of Fire Vehicles [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize a Best Interest Waiver for formal solicitation for the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$1,288,737.70 to South Coast Fire Equipment for the purchase of a Pierce fire engine (Type 1);
- B. Authorize a Best Interest Waiver for formal solicitation for the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$738,117.70 to South Coast Fire Equipment for the purchase of a Boise Mobile Equipment fire truck (Type 3); and
- C. 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 Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Available Fleet Replacement Fund Reserves for the Purchase of Fire Vehicles.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-014 (March 10, 2026, report from the Fire Chief and the Public Works Director).

4. Subject: Amendment to the Management Performance and Compensation Plan Resolution [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Amended Management Performance and Compensation Plan Applicable to Certain Unrepresented Safety, Non-Safety Managers, and Professional Attorneys.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-015 (March 10, 2026, report from the Human Resources Director).

5. Subject: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Recommendation: That Council accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year (FY) ended June 30, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (March 10, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

6. Subject: Feasibility Analysis for State Street Alternative Storm Water Compliance Project [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Sustainability & Resilience Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Geosyntec Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$158,448 to prepare a Feasibility Analysis for State Street Alternative Storm Water Compliance Project; and authorize up to \$17,983 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$175,570.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28856 (March 10, 2026, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

7. Subject: Franceschi Park Resident Caretaker [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Franceschi Park with Monique O'Conner, commencing April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2027.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28857 (March 10, 2026, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

8. Subject: Contract for Design of the Islay Street Bridge Replacement Project [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Consor North America, Inc. in the amount

of \$1,617,676 for design services for the Islay Street Bridge Replacement Project and authorize \$161,767 for potential extra services, which may result from necessary changes in the scope of work, for a total expenditure authority of \$1,779,443.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28858 (March 10, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

9. Subject: Five-Year Measure A Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2027 Through 2031 Public Hearing [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Five-Year Measure A Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2027 Through 2031.

Mayor Rowse opened the Public Hearing at 2:10 p.m.

Documents:

- March 10, 2026, report from the Public Works Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: None.
- Members of the Public: None.

Mayor Rowse closed the Public Hearing at 2:12 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendation; Resolution No. 2026-016.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Friedman reported on the proceedings of the Finance Committee.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Pedro Toscano; John McKinney; Mark Redmond.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

10. Subject: Review of Options for Waterfront Adaptation Plan and Adoption of a Resolution Supporting Legislation for a California Climate Superfund [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive an update on coastal erosion and flooding hazards at the Waterfront and potential adaptation options to be studied further in the upcoming Waterfront Adaptation Plan; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supporting Legislation for a California Climate Superfund.

Documents:

- March 10, 2026, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Energy and Climate Program Manager Melissa Hetrick; Administrative Analyst Timmy Bolton; Waterfront Director Mike Wiltshire; Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau.
- Members of the Public: Lauren Leland; Catherine Gaultier; Izzi Sisteck; Hunter Maher; Jared Umphress; Alex Borgas; Michal Lynch; Nate Irwin; Katie Davis; Ethan Madry; Mar Lopez; Craig Lewis.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the staff recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-017.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Subject: Bloomberg Asphalt Art Grant Award Update

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Accept the \$100,000 Bloomberg Asphalt Art Initiative Grant and appropriate funds for expenditure; and
- B. Receive an update on the City's Bloomberg Asphalt Art Initiative Project.

Documents:

- March 10, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: State Street Master Planner Tess Harris, Executive Director of Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture Sarah York Rubin.
- Members of the Public: Sharon Rich.

Councilmembers' questions were answered.

RECESS

4:51 p.m. – 5:02 p.m.

12. Subject: Resolution and Statement of Values to Re-Affirm the City's Response to Federal Immigration Enforcement Activities and Commitment to Community Policing [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council:

- Re-Affirm the City's previously adopted Resolution Condemning Aggressive and Nontransparent Federal Immigration Enforcement Tactics and Reaffirming the City's Commitment to the California Values Act and to Providing a Safe and Welcoming Community for All Residents, Visitors, and Workers;
- Receive a statement of values that re-affirms the commitment of the Santa Barbara Police Department in community policing and protecting the life and safety of all residents regardless of immigration status; and
- Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Promoting Community Safety, Diversity, and Public Trust Through Locally Guided Practices in Response to Federal Immigration Enforcement.

Documents:

- March 10, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, Police Chief Kelly Gordon,
- Members of the Public: Hilary Licht; Ian Paige; Larry Behrent; Eric Beesser; Maria Cincotta; Kym Pascage; Ana Garcia, Katie Sanders, Chelsea Lancaster, Lennea Lopez, Katie Joseff; Karen Rice; Caroline Owens.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria / Gutierrez to direct staff to return with this item at a future meeting, including the most recent audit of the FLOCK camera system for discussion along with other alternatives that may be explored with the intent to understand statistics and crime solving capabilities of those systems and how they operate.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Jordan).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Comment on Ryan Quinn.
- Councilmember Santamaria attended the following meetings or events: 1. 2026 Youth Speak Out with Youth Council; 2. Civil Service Commission; and 3. Housing Authority Commission.
- Mayor pro tem Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Sustainability Council Committee; 2 CCRB meeting; 3. Sierra Club First Fridays; 4. Riveria Association; 5. Neighborhood Advisory Council; and 6. Acknowledge Ryan Quinn (SB Class of 1989).

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 12, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER