



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2025**

**735 ANACAPA STREET, SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA; AND
HOTEL NEW OTANI TOKYO, 4-1 KIOICHO, CHIYODA CITY, TOKYO
102-8578**

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 Gutierrez is participating remotely from the address noticed on the agenda (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee met at 12:00 p.m.).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez (remote), Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (2:04 p.m.), 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.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Arts & Humanities Month (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Kai Tepper of the Children's Creative Project.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 2-13)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Jordan to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. **Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular and special meetings of October 7, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

3. **Subject: Adoption of Ordinance for Water Metering for Adaptive Reuse Projects [Ordinance Adoption] (610.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Section 14.08.150 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Water Meters for Adaptive Reuse Projects.

Speaker: Members of the public: Steven Johnson.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6190

4. **Subject: Municipal Code Amendments to Incentivize Adaptive Reuse Projects [Ordinance Adoption] (610.04)**

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 Adding Section 30.185.045 Pertaining to Regulations for Adaptive Reuse Projects.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6191

5. **Subject: Proposed Amendment to Santa Barbara Municipal Code 17.36.010 to Allow Pay-by-Plate in Waterfront Parking Lots [Ordinance Introduction] (570.03)**

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 ("SBMC") by Amending Section 17.36.010 to Allow Pay-by-Plate in Waterfront Parking Lots.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (October 21, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director; Proposed Ordinance).

6. Subject: Appropriation of Downtown Parking Capital Improvement Funds and Best Interest Waiver for a Purchase Order for 916-920 State Street Utility and Maintenance Upgrades Project [Resolution] (550.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Reallocate Available Expenditure Appropriations in the Downtown Parking Capital Improvement Program Funds for the 916-920 State Street Utility and Maintenance Upgrades Project; and
- B. Approve a Best Interest Waiver under Santa Barbara Municipal Code 4.52.070, subdivision L, authorizing the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order in the amount of \$140,770 to Consolidated Contracting to implement utility and maintenance upgrades for the Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-119; (October 21, 2025, report from the City Administrator; Proposed Resolution)

7. Subject: Ownership and Bonding of the Beckstead Oil Well No. 1 at 740 Dolores Drive [Resolution] (530.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Ownership of the Abandoned Beckstead Oil Well No. 1 Located at City Property at 740 Dolores Drive, Santa Barbara (APN 035-033-031) in Accordance with the Standards of the California Geologic Energy Management Division, Authorizing the Water Resources Director to Execute Related Documents that may be Required, all Subject to Review and Approval as to form by the City Attorney, and Consenting to the Recordation of the Related Deed in the Official Records, County of Santa Barbara; and
- B. Approve the establishment of and authorize the Water Resources Director to execute a financial assurance bond in the amount of \$25,000, required by the California Geologic Energy Management Division to cover future plugging, abandonment, and site remediation costs.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-120; (October 21, 2025, report from the Public Works Director; Proposed Resolution)

8. Subject: Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the Two Months Ended August 31, 2025 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2026 Interim Financial Statements for the two months ended August 31, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (October 21, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

9. Subject: Contract for Cruise Ship Passenger Shuttle Service with Santa Barbara Airbus [Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Waterfront Director to execute a Professional Service Agreement with Santa Barbara Airbus, Inc. for cruise ship passenger shuttle services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,803 (October 21, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

10. Subject: Proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 26,288 for Fuel Dock Facility located at the Santa Barbara Harbor City Pier, for Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. [Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That City Council approve and authorize the Waterfront Director to execute the Consent to Assignment authorizing the assignment of City of Santa Barbara Lease Agreement No. 26,288 for the Santa Barbara Fuel Dock facility to the proposed buyers of Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,288.A (October 21, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

11. Subject: Proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 26,842 for Office Space Located at 125 Harbor Way Suite #12; for Santa Barbara Fuel Dock Inc. [Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That City Council approve and authorize the Waterfront Director to execute the Consent to Lease Assignment authorizing the assignment of City of Santa Barbara Lease Agreement No. 26,842 for Office Space, Located at 125 Harbor Way Suite #12 to the proposed buyers of Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,842.A (October 21, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

12. Subject: Lease Amendment with Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. for Office Space Located at 125 Harbor Way Suite #12 [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently 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 First Amendment of Lease Agreement No. 26,842, for Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc., Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,842.A.1 (October 21, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director; Proposed Ordinance).

13. Subject: Second Contract Amendment for Environmental Services for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project [Agreement] (700.08)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute the Second Contract Amendment with Rincon Consultants, Inc. for additional environmental services for the Santa Barbara Police Station Project, Contract No. 22500070, in the amount of \$258,398, and to authorize \$25,840 for potential extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work, for a total expenditure authority of \$622,760.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,700.1 (October 21, 2025, report from the Public Works Director).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman reported that the Committee met regarding City's budget and after reviewing over 200 staff recommendations, had discussion and feedback on ideas to prioritize and which to save for another time and will forward recommendations to the full Council.

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Sneddon reported that the Committee heard the 2026 Building and Fire Code for adoption and unanimously forwarded to Council for consideration.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Marie-Christine Kannoglou; Craig Griffiti; Bryndan Callaway; Dave Diaz; Zoila Cabrera; Kim Berthelsen; Max G; Ana; Sullivan Israel; Linda Honikman; Matthew Larkins; Emily Pelstring; Gina Quiroz; Hannah Bangs.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

14. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (140.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold interviews of applicants to various City Advisory Groups.

Document:

- October 21, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to permit remote interviews.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

The following applicants were interviewed:

Access Advisory Committee

Skylar Covich
Barbara Chen
Arielle Goodson

Airport Commission

Levi Maaia
Dan Glaeser
Hovik Yekiazarian
Barbara Chen
Jeff Lovegreen
Arielle Goodson

Arts Advisory Committee

Darrell McNeill
Carole Goodman
Michael Long
Jack Mohr
Justine Forgea
John Bielecki

Civil Service Committee

Michael Dean

Community Development and Human Services Committee

Daniel Johnsen
Jacob Lesner-Buxton
Arielle Goodson

Community Events and Festivals Committee

Benjamin Bhutani Goedert
Hanna Haggerty
Katrina Carl

Downtown Parking Committee

William (Trey) Pinner
Hannah Cohen
Sean Pratt

Harbor Commission

Sigrid Toye
Jonathan Gartner
William "Seth" Anderson
John Stedman
Paul Spieler
Nathan Camp
Spenser Jaimes
Will Sofrin
Arielle Goodson

Historic Landmarks Commission

Keith Butler
Julien Hradecky
Arielle Goodson

Library Board

Amber Caldwell
Donald Patterson
Eileen Smith
Bethany Prince

Neighborhood Advisory Council

Aaron Jones
Rick Burkemper
Daniel Johnsen

Parks and Recreation Commission

Kathy McGill
Rob Nielsen
Sebastian Aldana

Planning Commission
Hovik Yekiazarian
John Baucke
Devon Wardlow

Rental Housing Mediation Board
Diane Pannkuk
Kari Weber
Allison MacPherson
E Howard Green
Daniel Herlinger

Santa Barbara Youth Council
Julia Probstel
Bella Warmerdam
Julia Kramer
Ellie Cogert
Piper McGinnis

Single Family Design Board
Shahab Parsa
Lauren Rolph

RECESS

4:26 p.m. – 4:46 p.m.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

15. Subject: First Amendment to Professional Services Agreement for the Completion of the State Street Master Plan and Appropriation of Measure B Funds for a Stormwater Capture Project on the 700-900 Blocks of State Street [Resolution; Agreement] (170.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the City Administrator to execute the First Amendment to Santa Barbara City Agreement No. 22500182 with Elizabeth Moule & Stefanos Polyzoides, Architects and Urbanists to: increase the total contract amount by \$343,250 for a new amount of \$417,450; extend the term for one additional year; correct a clerical error; and add additional services to the original scope of services to provide consulting services that support the City of Santa Barbara in completing the State Street Master Plan; 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 Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Funds for an Alternative Storm Water Compliance Project.

Documents:

- October 21, 2025, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau; State Street Master Planner Tess Harris.
- Members of the Public: Tristan Miller, Jenna Berg; Sullivan Israel; Hannah Cohen; Robin Elander; David de L'Arbre; Ian Baucke; Michael Montenegro; Trey Pinner; John Baucke, Linda Honikman, Lee Heller, Aron Ashland.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve Recommendation A and Recommendation B, and direct staff to return when the circulation and public safety study is complete, bringing back possible options for interim solutions, and including the new consulting team; Resolution No. 25-121; Agreement No. 28,806.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Once a Don, Always a Don Reception; 2. Planned Parenthood Annual Event; 3. Meeting hosted by Supervisor Roy Lee and Mission Canyon Association; 4. Paseo Nuevo Community Outreach Event; 5. Water Commission Meeting; 6. Elected Leaders Forum on housing and homelessness; 7. No Kings March – thanking public safety and Ms. McAdoo 8. Roosevelt/Hamer Dinner 9. Council Strategic Planning Meeting.
- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. UCSB Sustainability Summit; 2. CALM Board Reunion; 3. Police Department Swearing-in and Promotions; 4. Library Advisory Board Meeting; 5. Harbor Seafood Festival; 6. Wild and Free Film Festival Kickoff.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.


ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on November 18, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER