



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 29, 2025
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon (10:10 a.m.), Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Austin J. Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Members of the Public: None.

RECESS

Mayor Rowse recessed to Closed Session at 10:03 a.m. and stated that a report is anticipated.

1. Subject: Conference with City Attorney--Anticipated Litigation -- Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider significant exposure to litigation (one potential case) pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) & (e)(3) and take appropriate action as needed.

The anticipated litigation is based upon significant exposure arising out of the claim filed on May 15, 2025, through the law firm of Hollister & Brace; a copy is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Scheduling: Duration, 15 mins.

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- July 29, 2025 report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 10:36 a.m. – 10:44 a.m.

Report:

- No report made.

2. Subject: Conference with City Attorney -- Anticipated Litigation -- Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4): Initiation of Litigation on One Matter (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider initiating litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(4) of Section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed. (one potential case- Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem, et al.).

Scheduling: Duration, 30 minutes; anytime

Report: Anticipated

Document:

- July 29, 2025 report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 10:45 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Report:

- City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht reported that Council authorized the City Attorney's Office to file an application to intervene in the aforementioned litigation, and that the vote of Council was 6 in favor 1 opposed, with the dissenting vote coming from Mayor Randy Rowse.

3. Subject: Conference with Labor Negotiator (440.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54957.6 to consider instructions to City Negotiator/ Acting Human Resources Director Rene Eyerly; Labor Relations Manager Sam Ramirez; and Assistant City Attorney John Doimas; Liebert Cassidy Whitmore Attorney Peter Q. Nguyen, Adrianna Guzman; regarding negotiations with: Service Employees' International Union, Local 620, Treatment and Patrol Bargaining Unit; Service Employees' International Union, Local 620, Santa Barbara City Employees' Association (General Bargaining Unit); Fire Management Association; Santa Barbara City Firefighters Association; Police Officers Association; Police Management Association; Santa Barbara City Supervisory Employees; American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees and Unrepresented Managers and Confidential Employees.

Scheduling: Duration, 45 Minutes; anytime

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- July 29, 2025 report from the Interim Human Resources Director.

Time:

- 10:04 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Report:

- No report made.

RECONVENE

Mayor Rowse reconvened the meeting at 11:26 a.m. to announce the report as listed on agenda item no. 2.

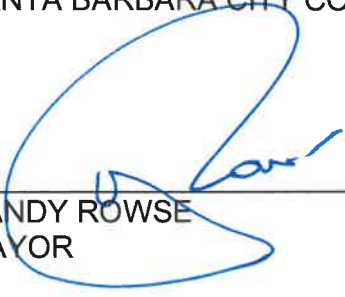
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on August 19, 2025.

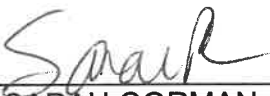
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RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER