



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meet at 12:30 p.m., did not meet this day.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht, Acting City Attorney Tava Ostrenger, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. 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 January 31, 2024.

Action: Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht read the names of employees who received service award pins for their years of service.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 6, 8 – 10.)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/O. Gutierrez to approve Consent Calendar items 2 – 6 and 8 -10 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 23-081 with Updates to Classification and Compensation for Certain Positions [Resolution] (410.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 23-081, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024, to Amend the Established Salary for Certain Positions to Implement Minimum Wage Requirements for 2024, and to Implement a Previously Approved Salary Adjustment for the Police Management Association.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-001 (January 9, 2024, report from the Human Resources Director; proposed Resolution).

3. Subject: Confirm the Board of Directors of the Finance Authority of the City of Santa Barbara, Meeting Schedule and Conflict of Interest Code [Resolution] (210.05)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Finance Authority of the City of Santa Barbara Confirming the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director, Respectively, of the Authority; Establishing the Dates, Time and Place of Regular Meetings of the Authority; and Adopting a Conflict of Interest Code.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-002 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

4. Subject: Acceptance of Parma Park Trust Funds [Resolution] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, to Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$109,860 in the Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Year 2024 Miscellaneous Grants Fund for Parma Park Maintenance and Special Projects.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-003 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

5. Subject: Resolution of Opposition to the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (AG# 21-0042A1) [Resolution] (160.02)

Recommendation: That City Council: adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara in Opposition to Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (AG# 21-0042A1).

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-004 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

6. Subject: Adoption of a Water Management Plan and Authorization for the Public Works Director to Transmit the Water Management Plan to the United States Bureau of Reclamation [Resolution] (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting a Water Management Plan and Authorizing the Public Works Director to Transmit the Water Management Plan to the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Accordance with Contract Requirements for Receiving Cachuma Water Supplies.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-005 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

8. Subject: November 2023 Investment Report (260.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the November 2023 Investment Report.

Action: Approved the recommendation (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

9. Subject: Authorization to Amend Legal Services Agreement with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, PC [Agreement] (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Attorney to increase the not to exceed amount for the legal service agreement with Colantuono Highsmith & Whatley, a professional corporation, for legal services relating to 1210 Cacique Street, LLC v. COSB, et al. USDC Case No. 2:23-cv-08152-PA-RAO in an amount not to exceed \$325,000.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,467 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

10. Subject: Increase in Professional Services Agreement No. 26,871 with Data Ticket, Inc. for Electronic Parking Citation Services [Agreement] (520.04)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the execution of a one-year contract extension of the established Professional Service Agreement No. 26,871 with Data Ticket, Inc., and increase agreement by \$246,000 for electronic parking citation services in FY 2024; this amendment will bring the total value of the three-year agreement to \$971,000.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 26,871.2 (January 9, 2024 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Subject: Agreement to Accept Southern California Edison Funds for Mission Canyon Trailhead Repaving Project [Resolution; Agreement] (530.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the execution of the Mission Canyon Trailhead Repaving Project Funding Agreement; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Funds from Southern California Edison and Amending Resolution No. 23-076, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 for the Mission Canyon Trailhead Repaving Project.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Principal Engineer Adam Hendel; Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht.
- Members of the Public: Selden Edher; Hugh Twimbell; Hutch Axilrod; Nancy Weiss.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the recommended action; Agreement No. 28,464; Resolution No. 24-006 .

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

11. Subject: Amendments to Automated License Plate Recognition Policy (550.01)

Recommendation: That Council approve amendments to the City of Santa Barbara Automated License Plate Recognition Policy to assist public safety in response to critical incidents or investigations and improve customer service at Downtown parking lots.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.

Speakers:

Staff: Public Works Manager Sarah Clark; Assistant City Attorney John Doimas.
Members of the Public: Gabe Escobedo.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Jordan to approve the recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

- Mayor Pro Tem A. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Youth Council meeting.
- Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Water Commission meeting; 2. O. Gutierrez and Sneddon attended Christmas event at Westside Boys and Girls Club for single mothers.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

12. Subject: Appointment Of Mayor Pro Tempore, Ordinance Committee, and Finance Committee (120.03)

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointment of a Mayor Pro Tempore, and Chairs and Members of the Ordinance and Finance Committees.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht; Acting City Attorney Tava Ostrenger.
- Members of the Public: None.

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2:45 p.m. – 2:53 p.m.

12. Subject: Appointment Of Mayor Pro Tempore, Ordinance Committee, and Finance Committee (120.03) (CONT'D)

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Sneddon to appoint Alejandra Gutierrez as Finance Committee Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers O. Gutierrez/Sneddon to appoint Mike Jordan as Ordinance Committee Chair.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Harmon/Friedman to appoint Mike Jordan as Mayor Pro Tem.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

13. Subject: Advisory Groups and Council Liaisons Appointments (120.02)

Recommendation: That Council consider the appointments of Council Liaisons to Advisory Groups and Boards and Commissions.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Discussion:

The following changes were made to the Council Liaison Appointments list:

1. Mayor Pro Tem changed to Jordan;
2. Finance Committee Chair changed to A. Gutierrez;
3. Ordinance Committee Chair changed to Jordan;
4. Downtown Santa Barbara changed to Mayor Rowse as primary, Jordan as alternate;
5. Community Action Commission name changed to CommUnify and Sneddon appointed as alternate; O. Gutierrez remains as primary.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to approve the changes as follows:

1. Mayor Pro Tem changed to Jordan;
2. Finance Committee Chair changed to A. Gutierrez;
3. Ordinance Committee Chair changed to Jordan;
4. Downtown Santa Barbara changed to Mayor Rowse as primary, Jordan as alternate;
5. Community Action Commission name changed to CommUnify and Sneddon appointed as alternate; O. Gutierrez remains as primary.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

14. Subject: Anniversary of January 9, 2018 Debris Flow (520.02)

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation from staff to remember the lives lost during the January 9, 2018 Debris Flow and share some of the proactive steps the City is taking to address these threats and others in response to a changing climate.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Chief Chris Mailes; Police Chief Kelly Gordon; Sustainability and Resilience Director Alelia Parenteau.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

15. Subject: Annual Presentation from Visit Santa Barbara (180.02)

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation from Visit Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Visit Santa Barbara.

Speakers:

- Visit Santa Barbara: Chris Cline; Kathy Janega-Dykes.
- Members of the Public: Stephen Meade.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

CITY ATTORNEY

16. Subject: Local Housing Trust Fund [Ordinance Introduction] (660.01)

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 by Adding Chapter 26.80 Establishing the City of Santa Barbara Local Housing Trust Fund.

The title of the Ordinance was read.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney John Doimas; Housing and Human Services Manager Laura Dubbels; Community Development Director Eli Issacson.
- Members of the Public: Nancy Avoise; Megan Tukley; Corina Svacina; Stanley Tzankov; Maria Navarro; Jessica Wishan; Daisy Beamon.
- Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara: Pat Wheatley

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommended action with an amendment to Section 26.80.020 B that "eligible project" shall have the definitions given in HCD guidelines.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

17. Subject: Tenant Protection Ordinances [Ordinance Introduction] (660.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. 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 by Amending Sections 26.50.010, 26.50.040, 26.50.060, 26.50.070 and by Adding Section 26.50.080 Relating to Just Cause Eviction; by Adding Section 26.50.055 to Provide a Tenant Right of First Refusal to Re-rent Following a No-Fault Just Cause Eviction; by Adding Section 26.50.075 Relating to Occupancy Following a Substantial Remodel, and by Adding Chapter 26.60 Relating to Protection of Tenants from Harassment; and
- B. 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 by Amending Sections 26.40.020 and 26.40.030 Relating to Required One-Year Lease Offers to Residential Tenants.

The titles of the Ordinances were read.

Documents:

- January 9, 2024, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke.
- Members of the Public: Brian Johnson; Austin Herlihy; Chris Parker; Rick Hansen; Silvia Corral; Nick Gonzales; Michael Shaumberg; Teresa Patino; Amber Asher; Miguel Avila; Frederick Lang; Barbara Parnet; Alec Sandoval; John Beardsmore; Pat Wheatley; Rob Hunter; Stanley Tzankov; Carmen Angulano; Daniel Rhoads; Sebastian Aldana, Jr.; Marcella Ortiz; Steven Ley; Dan Katich; Staci Caplan; Michael Araioc; Rachel Sim; Elizabeth Neuman; Joanna Sanchez; Estela Montuno; Jim Henry; Lisa Haworth; Jay Hartz; Betty Jeppesen; Zoila Cabrera; Ronnie Joiner; Storm Hughes; Andrea Speraw; Wendy Santamaria; Tiffany Jolie; Maria Navarro; Mario Rodriguez; Max Golding; Tara Cooper; Nancy Avoce; Tere Jurado; J.B. Alegiani; James Carbone, Daisy Beamon; Deepa Varma; Kym Pascage; Shanti Singh; Michele Carbone; Andrew Kwok; Cressida Silvers; Jack Anderson.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers A Gutierrez to postpone ordinance for more community outreach.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/O. Gutierrez to 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 by Amending Sections 26.50.010, 26.50.040, 26.50.060, 26.50.070 and by Adding Section 26.50.080 Relating to Just Cause Eviction; by Adding Section 26.50.055 to Provide a Tenant Right of First Refusal to Re-rent Following a No-Fault Just Cause Eviction; by Adding Section 26.50.075 Relating to Occupancy Following a Substantial Remodel, and by Adding Chapter 26.60 Relating to Protection of Tenants from Harassment; with the following changes: 1. On page 10, delete paragraph ii; 2. On page 11, section C, correct the second sentence to read: "For purposes of Subsection B.2.a. of this Section, owner also has the meaning defined in Civil Code Section 1946.2(b)(2)(A)(vii)(II); 3. On page 13, delete paragraph 3; 4. Delete Section 9 in its entirety; and 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 by Amending Sections 26.40.020 and 26.40.030 Relating to Required One-Year Lease Offers to Residential Tenants.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Harmon).

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 14, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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