



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 22, 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET &  
SLS BUSINESS BAY, 68<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, MARASI DRIVE, BUSINESS BAY,  
DUBAI UAE

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### 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 Harmon is participating remotely from the address noticed on the agenda. (The Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on this day.)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

Councilmember Gutierrez announced that he would be invoking the Just Cause exemption to the Brown Act due to illness and would be appearing remotely.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Eric Friedman.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS

- Subject: National Poetry Month and Appointment of Poet Laureate George Yatchisin (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to George Yatchisin.

### CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 6, 8 – 12)**

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the consent calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

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

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meeting of March 18, 2025; and for the regular meetings of February 25, 2025, March 4, 2025, March 11, 2025, and March 18, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

### **3. Subject: Introduction of an Ordinance Approving a Third Amendment to the Solar Photovoltaic Power Purchase Agreement with Action Energy to Add Rooftop Solar to 117 Harbor Way [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently 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 Third Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement with Action Energy to Add 117 Harbor Way to the Properties Subject to the Agreement; and
- B. Find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid process as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070(L) and approve the categorical exemption from CEQA.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (April 22, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; proposed Ordinance).

### **4. Subject: Proposed Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 24,741 – Shoreline Beach Café, Located at 801 Shoreline Drive [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 Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Execute the Assignment of Lease Agreement No. 24,741 from Mr. Steven Marsh dba Beachrok, Inc. to Mr. Oliver Pihlar dba Palacinka LLC for the Shoreline Beach Café Located at 801 Shoreline Drive, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (April 22, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director; proposed Ordinance).

**5. Subject: Acceptance and Appropriation of Air Pollution Control District Grant Funds to Purchase Electric Dolly [Resolution] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting Grant Funds and Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Appropriate Grant Funds for the Purchase of an Electric Dolly.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-040; (April 22, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**6. Subject: Update Membership for the Santa Barbara Youth Council [Resolution] (570.08)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 12-018 to Update Membership for the Santa Barbara Youth Council.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-041; (April 22, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**8. Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 25-035 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 25-035, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2025, to Amend the Established Salary for Positions as Listed Effective April 5, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-043; (April 22, 2025, report from the Interim Human Resources Director).

**9. Subject: Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the Eight Months Ended February 28, 2025 (250.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Interim Financial Statements for the eight months ended February 28, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 22, 2025, report from the Finance Director).

**10. Subject: Award of Contract for Development of a Water Loss Control Strategic Plan [Agreement] (540.01)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a contract with E Source Companies LLC in the amount of \$159,360 for the development of a Water Loss Control Strategic Plan and authorize expenditures of up to \$15,936 for potential extra services that may result from necessary changes in the scope of work.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,692; (April 22, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**11. Subject: Waterfront Department Purchase Order with Momentum Work, Incorporated for Marina Janitorial Services (570.03)**

Recommendation: That Council find it in the City's best interest to waive the formal bid procedure as authorized by Municipal Code Section 4.52.070 (L), and authorize the General Services Manager to issue an annual purchase order to Momentum Work, Incorporated for marina janitorial services at the Waterfront Department for Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$446,600 and for Fiscal Year 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$459,800 subject to budget appropriations.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (April 22, 2025, report from the Waterfront Director).

**12. Subject: Proposed Solid Waste Utility Rates (630.01)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set a Public Hearing date for June 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., for consideration of increases to the City's solid waste rates; and
- B. Direct staff to send a Notice of Public Hearing to customers informing them of the Public Hearing and proposed changes to solid waste rates.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (April 22, 2025, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director).

## **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Harmon reported that the Committee received an update regarding an independent review recently conducted on the City's General Fund Multi-Year Forecast Model.

## **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Joseph Bottoms; William Prince; Jacqueline Inda; Natasha Todorovic.

## **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

### **7. Subject: Approving the Management Performance and Compensation Plan [Resolution] (410.01)**

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

Documents:

- April 22, 2025, report from the Acting Human Resources Director.
- Proposed Resolution.

Motion:

Councilmembers Gutierrez/Sneddon to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Santamaria; Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

## **RECESS**

2:40 p.m. – 2:42 p.m.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Water Commission.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. SBCAG.

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**14. Subject: Appointment of Vice-Chair for Ordinance Committee, Finance Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Legislative Committee and Confirmation of Legislative Committee Chair (140.07)**

Recommendation: That Council appoint Vice-Chairs for Ordinance Committee, Finance Committee, Sustainability Committee, and Legislative Committee, and confirm the Legislative Committee Chair.

Documents:

- April 22, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: None.

Ordinance Committee

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to appoint Councilmember Gutierrez as Vice-Chair of Ordinance Committee by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Finance Committee

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to appoint Councilmember Harmon as Vice-Chair of Finance Committee by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Sustainability Committee

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to appoint Councilmember Sneddon as Vice-Chair of Ordinance Committee by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Legislative Committee

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to appoint Councilmember Sneddon as Vice-Chair of Legislative Committee by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to confirm the appointment of Councilmember Harmon as Chair of Legislative Committee by acclamation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the acclamation motions.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

### **15. Subject: City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 and 2027 and Operating and Capital Budget for FY2026;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the FY2026 budget; and
- C. Approve the proposed schedule of Council budget review meetings and Public Hearings related to the City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for FY2026 and FY 2027 and Recommended Budget for FY2026.

Documents:

- April 22, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac; Administrative Analyst Jordan Needle.

Item No. 15 to be continued after Item No. 13.

- Members of the Public: Cinnea Dubbels; Amanda Cobb; Rob Fredericks; Lizzie Rodriguez; Rich Appelbaum; Dianne Black; Linda Honikman.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **13. Subject: Interviews for City Advisory Groups (Estimated Time: 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.) (140.05)**

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

Document:

- April 22, 2025, report from the City Administrator.

The following applicants were interviewed:

Community Development and Human Services Committee

Joseph Evers

Housing Authority Commission

Pat Wheatley

Mosquito and Vector Management District Board

Teri Jory

Neighborhood Advisory Council

Sally Foxen

Genevieve Taft

Santa Barbara Youth Council

Carlos Vazquez

Rumi Jahangir-Arshad

Single Family Design Board

Kathryn Gerpheide

## **RECESS**

4:26 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**15. Subject: City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 (230.05) (CONT'D)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026 and 2027 and Operating and Capital Budget for FY2026;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the FY2026 budget; and
- C. Approve the proposed schedule of Council budget review meetings and Public Hearings related to the City Administrator's Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for FY2026 and FY 2027 and Recommended Budget for FY2026.

Documents:

- April 22, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac; Administrative Analyst Jordan Needle.

Speakers (cont'd):

- Members of the Public: Cinnea Dubbels; Amanda Cobb; Rob Fredericks; Lizzie Rodriguez; Rich Appelbaum; Dianne Black; Linda Honikman.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Jordan to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

CITY ATTORNEY

**16. Subject: Amending Chapter 26.50 Regarding Tenant Protection [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 Municipal Code by Amending Sections 26.50.040, 26.50.055, and 26.50.070 and the Addition of Section 26.50.090 Relating to Just Cause Evictions; and
- B. Provide direction to staff regarding potential additional amendments to Chapter 26.50.

Documents:

- April 22, 2025, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Ordinance.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke.
- Members of the Public: Jacqueline Inda; Rick Lang; Bety Jeppesen; Ewy Axelsson; Rich Appelbaum; Angeliza Sanchez; Ana Arce; Amber Asher; Hilary Kelger; Sarah Veeck; Corina Suacina; Sandy Hawtrey; Summer Howatt; Dora Perez; Kristian Nunoz; Samantha Ireland; Whitney Rubison; Kathleen Rogers; Hilary Kleger; Stephanie Lanam; Veronica Strauss; Stephen Sharp Queener; Sebastian Aldana, Jr.; Loy Beardsmore; John Beardsmore; Ana Luisa Rios; Lanny Ebenstein; Nico Gonzales; Eva Maria Catala; Jose Martin; Stanley Tzankov; Kathryn Henry; Kim Berthelsen; Hannah Cohen; Ian Baucke; John Esteban; Lisa Haworth; Elliot MacDougal; Nancy Avoce; Gabriel Ochoa; Kim Passage.

**16. Subject: Amending Chapter 26.50 Regarding Tenant Protection [Ordinance Introduction] (660.01) (CONT'D)**

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Santamaria/Sneddon to:

1. Add three uncodified intent sections from January 2024 ordinance and 2-person memo, as follows:

SECTION 5. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to proceedings to terminate a tenancy or recover possession of a unit that have not been fully completed before the effective date of this Ordinance. If a final judgment awarding possession of a unit has not been entered or the owner has not otherwise lawfully obtained possession of a unit under Chapter 26.50 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code as it existed before the effective date of this Ordinance, then the owner must comply with the provisions of this Ordinance, including giving a new notice of termination, before termination of the tenancy or recovery of possession of a unit.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Chapter or any part hereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter or any part hereof. The City Council declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 7. The City Council finds that, on the basis of the whole record and exercising its independent judgment, this Ordinance is not subject to environmental review pursuant to the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act Sections 15060(c)(3) pertaining to activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect change to the environment and 15061 (b)(3) because this Ordinance has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment directly or indirectly in that it merely regulates existing physical development.

2. Introduce, and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Municipal Code by Amending Sections 26.50.040, 26.50.055, and 26.50.070, and the Addition of Section 26.50.090, Relating to Just Cause Evictions;
3. Return with the proposed ordinance for the April 29, 2025 consent calendar; and
4. Direct staff to research an appeals process and return with an appeals process proposal at a later date.

**Vote:**

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Jordan, Mayor Rowse; Absent: Councilmember Friedman).

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

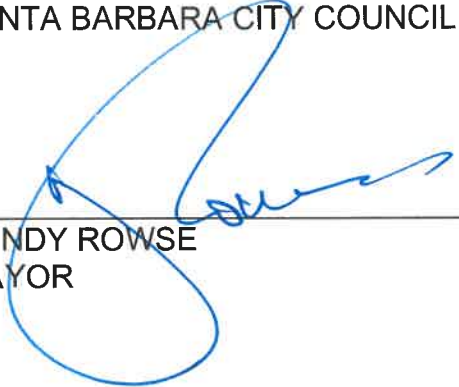
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 6, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER