



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 25, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cathy Murillo called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and announced that the meeting is being held via teleconference and all members of the City Council are participating electronically from various locations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Murillo.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

City Attorney Ariel Calonne reported out from Closed Session.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/A.Gutierrez to authorize the City Attorney to petition for review and in the alternative e-publication, by the Supreme Court in the case of Kracke vs. City of Santa Barbara.

Vote:

Motion passed by majority roll call vote (Noes: Sneddon).

CITY ATTORNEY

1. Subject: Consideration Of Emergency Actions To Abate Encampments In Fire-Prone Areas (120.09)

Recommendation: That Council consider the above-captioned topic.

Documents:

- May 25, 2021 Council Agenda Report and any attachment(s)
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Chief Chris Mailes, Interim Police Chief Bernard Melekian, Acting Sustainability & Resilience Co-Director Rene Eyerly, Fire Marshall Joe Poire, Assistant City Administrator Rebecca Bjork
- Members of the Public: Jeff Schaefer, Barbara Anderson, Marge Cafarelli, Lizzie Rodriguez, Rob Fredericks, Sharon Byrne, Ana Marie Gott, Kristine Pete, Liz Allen, Mary Turley, Mary Weather-Clark, Robin Elander, Patricia Crisman, Natasha Torodovic, Max McClain, Bonnie Donovan, Brad Fieldhouse

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to have staff return at next Council meeting for Council to take action for State of Emergency for fire prone areas, as defined; Pilot program through end of September to identify up to three locations (City Parking Lots, Warren Showgrounds, Sears Building, Staples Parking Lot and others), council must engage and select locations; could be more, possible city controlled sites: City Hall Parking Lot, neighboring jurisdictions, County of Santa Barbara, PATH bed capacity expansion, Community Engagement Plan for Neighborhoods and whole community to bring the community along; Type of services at locations would include the wrap-around services, security, regional navigation, security for the neighborhood and the homeless in the area; a plan for how to abate encampments along Highway 101, Union Pacific Railroad Space, and other fire corridors, including parks and beaches; development and implement fire vegetation management program for fire prone areas; identify non-general fund funding sources and identify full cost; during pilot program, plan to how it shall expire; Directions to Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan, and O. Gutierrez to reach out to other elected State Legislators, County Leaders to look for funding or other shared responsibilities.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor adjourned meeting in memory of former Mayor Hal Conklin.

Mayor Murillo adjourned the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on March 29, 2022.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

