



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins

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 February 28, 2023.

Action: City Administrator Bjork read the names of employees who received service award pints for their years of service.

2. Subject: Black History Month February 2023 (120.04)

Proclamation presented to by Mayor Rowse and received by Jordan Killebrew of Juneteenth SB, Leila Richardson of Santa Barbara City College, and Akil Hill of Santa Barbara City College.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public: Michael Baker; Cecilia Fabulich; Aron Ashland; Lauren Trujillo; Brett Garrett; Eplanet Thunderstriker.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for Special Counsel Services [Agreement] (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Attorney to execute an amended legal services agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC, to increase the not-to-exceed amount from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for special counsel services related to the Boring case.

Documents:

February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/A. Gutierrez to approve the recommended action; Agreement No. 28,251.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Jordan.)

8. Subject: New City Administrator Employment Agreement [Agreement] (170.01)

Recommendation: That Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute a new employment agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and Rebecca Bjork, to adjust base salary in Agreement No. 28,031, and amend the method for future salary adjustment percentage to be ½ (one half), but no more than 5% annually, of any increase to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the preceding June through May twelve month period.

Documents:

February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Friedman to approve the recommended action; Agreement No. 28,253.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Jordan.)

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items No. 3 – 5, 7)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Harmon to approve Consent Calendar items 3 – 5 and 7 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

3. Subject: Water Efficient Landscape Standards Ordinance Adoption [Ordinance Adoption] (540.05)

Recommendation: That City Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Repealing Chapter 22.80 and Amending Sections 14.23.005, 28.80.150, and 30.185.440 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Water Efficient Landscape Standards.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6101.

4. Subject: Second Amendment to the Solar Photovoltaic Power Purchase Agreement at the Granada Garage [Ordinance Adoption, Agreement] (630.06)

Recommendation: That Council 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 Second Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement with SB Granada Garage Solar LLC to Increase the Energy Purchase Rates for the Renewable Energy System at the Granada Garage.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6102; Agreement No. 26,603.2.

5. Subject: Establish Low-Income Homeowner Rehabilitation Pilot Program for City Residents through Habitat for Humanity with \$50,000 Allocation from Inclusionary Housing Reserve Funds [Resolution; Agreement] (660.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve the establishment of a new Low-Income Homeowner Rehabilitation Pilot Program by providing up to \$50,000 in grant funding to Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County to operate the program, and authorize the Community Development Director to execute such agreements and related documents, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, as necessary; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 22-059, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2023, to Approve an Increase in Fiscal Year 2023 Expenditure Appropriations in the General Fund in the Amount of \$50,000 Funded by General Fund Inclusionary Housing Reserve Funds to Fund the Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Rehabilitation Program.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 23-011; Agreement No. 28,250 (February 7, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

7. Subject: Professional Services Agreement with SummitWest Environmental Inc. for Biological Services Associated with the Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Project [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Professional Services agreement with SummitWest Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$95,927 to complete biological services associated with Phase 1 of the Hazardous Fuels Mitigation Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,252 (February 7, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

9. Subject: Water Supply Update and Annual Water Supply Management Report (540.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive an update on the Three-Year Water Supply Strategy; and
- B. Approve and adopt the City of Santa Barbara Water Supply Management Report for the 2022 Water Year, finding that the groundwater resources are in long-term balance in accordance with the conjunctive management element of the City's Enhanced Urban Water Management Plan.

Documents:

- February 7, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachment(s)
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark; Water Supply and Services Manager Dakota Corey.
- Members of the Public: Eplanet Thunderstriker.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING RULES APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Subject: Appeals of Planning Commission's Approval of a Coastal Development Permit at 2315 Edgewater Way (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- Consider the appeals of Mahesh Balakrishnan and Jill Ryan of the Planning Commission's Approval of a Coastal Development Permit at 2315 Edgewater Way and the determination that the project is exempt from further environmental review under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and
- Direct staff to return to Council with a Decision and Findings Resolution reflecting the outcome of the appeal hearing.

Documents:

- February 7, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments
- Written correspondence regarding this item was received and acknowledged.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Bjork; Assistant City Attorney Tava Ostrenger
- Appellant: Beth Collins.
- Applicant #1: Mahesh Balakrishnan.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/A. Gutierrez to continue the appeal to April 25, 2023.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Chamber annual awards; 2. Augie's restaurant opening 3. Mosaic Therapy opening.

Councilmember O. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Puerto Vallarta Sister Cities event; 2. SB Act walk; 3. Ribbon cutting for new therapy center; 4. South Coast Chamber annual meeting; 5. Ribbon cutting for Augie's restaurant on State Street; 6. Golden eagle screening at natural history museum 7. Elected leader's Forum on homelessness; 8. Sister Cities Toba discussion at library regarding internment camps; 9. Coffee with a Black Guy; 10. Holocaust Remembrance March in Isla Vista.

Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Chamber of Commerce annual awards; Elected Leader's Forum on homelessness; and 3. Friendship Center fundraiser; 4. Noted upcoming events through the Black Culture House.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

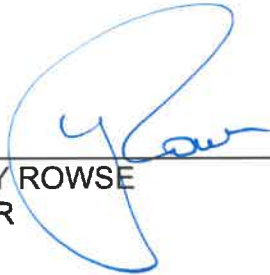
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on February 28, 2023.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

