



## **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 12, 2026  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee, which normally meet at 12:00 p.m., did not meet this day).

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rowse.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

### **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

- 1. Subject: National Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Police Chief Kelly Gordon.

### **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7 – 9)**

The titles of the ordinances and resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

**Motion:**

Councilmembers Jordan/Sneddon to approve the consent calendar, excepting items 4 and 6.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote.

**2. Subject: Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions**

Recommendation: That Council waive the reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda and authorize reading by title only, pursuant to City Charter Section 511, unless otherwise requested by a member of the City Council; this waiver shall not apply to emergency ordinances, which shall be read in full as required by Section 511.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**3. Subject: Minutes**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the special meetings of March 3, March 17, April 7, April 14, and April 21, 2026; and the regular meetings of February 24, March 3, March 10, and March 17, 2026.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

**5. Subject: Contract for Construction of the Hope School District Crosswalk Safety Project [Resolution; Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council

- A. Award a contract to Lash Construction, Inc. in their low bid amount of \$262,735 for the construction of the Highway Safety Improvements Program Cycle 12 Hope School District Crosswalk Safety Project, Bid No. 5113; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve expenditures up to \$72,410 to cover any cost increases that may result from contract change orders for extra work and differences between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities measured for payment, for a total expenditure authority of \$335,145; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Funds for the Highway Safety Improvements Program Cycle 12 Hope School District Crosswalk Safety Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-032; Agreement No. 30033 (May 12, 2026, report from the Public Works Director; Proposed Resolution).

**7. Subject: Professional Services Agreement Extension with Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., for Actuarial Services [Agreement]**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Finance Director to approve and execute a professional services agreement extension with Foster & Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc., to perform actuarial services in connection with the City's Post-Retirement Health Benefits, Sick Leave Benefits, and Article XV and XVA Safety Retirement Plans covering Fiscal Years 2025/2026 to 2028/2029, in an amount of \$95,200 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$223,200.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 52073.03 (May 12, 2026, report from the Finance Director).

**8. Subject: Best Interest Waiver for East Beach Mooring Installation**

Recommendation: That Council find it in the City's best interest to authorize a Best Interest Waiver in an amount of \$288,725 for Castagnola Tug Service, Inc. to install seventeen new moorings east of Stearns Wharf.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. (May 12, 2026, report from the Waterfront Director).

**9. Subject: Increase to Purchase Order Authorization with UtiliQuest for Water and Wastewater Utility Locating and Marking Services**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the General Services Manager to increase the base amount of annual purchase orders to UtiliQuest, LLC, for underground utility locating and marking services for Water Distribution and Wastewater Collections to an amount of \$320,000 each for services in Fiscal Year 2026, and authorize the Water Resources Director to approve extra services for up to an additional ten percent for each.

Action: Approved the recommendation (May 12, 2026, report from the Water Resources Director).

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Mark Redmond; Joann Olejnik; Barbara Cronin Hershberg; Faizah Dean; Andy Atwater; Molly Pearson; Angelina Dettamanti.

## **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

### **4. Subject: Proposed Amendment to the Ordinance Restricting Parking of Oversized Vehicles [Ordinance Introduction]**

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 Section 10.44.220 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code to Modify Enforcement Procedures for Oversized Vehicle Parking Violations; and
- B. Direct staff to continue coordination with the New Beginnings Safe Parking Program to provide outreach and alternative parking resources for individuals living in oversized vehicles.

Documents:

- May 12, 2026, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Ordinance

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen; Police Chief Kelly Gordon.
- Members of the Public: Molly Pearson.

Motion:

Councilmembers Santamaria/Jordan to approve the recommendations as made by staff.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**6. Subject: Authorization to Amend the Legal Services Agreement with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC; and Appropriate Available General Fund Reserves [Resolution; Agreement]**

**Recommendation: That Council:**

- A. Authorize the City Attorney to execute an amendment to the legal services agreement with the law firm Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC to provide legal services relating to litigation regarding the City's Rent Increase Moratorium and Rent Stabilization Ordinance by increasing the agreement not to exceed amount by \$300,000 for a new contract amount of \$400,000;**
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate Funds for an Increase to the Litigation Services Agreement for the City's Rent Increase Moratorium and Rent Stabilization Ordinance in the Amount of \$400,000; and**
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving the Plan to Replenish Reserves as Required by Resolution No. 23-124, the Policies for Reserves.**

**Documents:**

- May 12, 2026, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Resolutions.

**Motion:**

**Councilmembers Santamaria/Harmon to approve the recommendations as made by staff; Resolution Nos. 2026-033, 2026-034; Agreement No. 30017.**

**Vote:**

**Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan; Mayor Rowse).**

**CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**10. Subject: Affirm Support and Leveraging Grant Match Funds for the Highway 101 Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge Overcrossing from the Eastside to the Waterfront and the Castillo Undercrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvement Projects [Resolution]**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara amending Resolution 24-013 supporting the Highway 101 Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge Overcrossing from the Eastside to the Waterfront Project, and directing staff to apply for a grant to fund design, environmental review, and right-of-way phases;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara amending Resolution 24-038 supporting the Castillo Street Undercrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project and directing staff to apply for a grant to fund design, environmental review, right-of-way, and construction phases; and
- C. Approve the following City leveraging grant matches for Active Transportation Program Cycle 8 grant applications: a) one percent (\$400,000) for the Highway 101 Pedestrian/Cyclist Bridge Overcrossing from the Eastside to the Waterfront Project; and b) one percent (\$150,000) for the Castillo Undercrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project.

**Documents:**

- May 12, 2026, report from the City Attorney.
- Proposed Resolutions.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Public Works Director Brian D'Amour; Principal Transportation Planner Jessica Grant.
- Members of the Public: Ian Baucke.

Staff direction was provided to proceed with a grant application for the State Street project.

**Motion:**

Jordan/Friedman to 1. Table staff recommendation A regarding overpass bridge and direct staff to return to Council in time for current cycle with addition information regarding outreach, match, funding status, and better information from the zoo regarding accepting design as it stands now; 2. Approve staff recommendation B regarding the Castillo underpass; and 3. Adopt staff recommendation C except to table the (a) portion of this recommendation that relates to approving matches now for the overpass bridge.

**Vote:**

Unanimous roll call vote; Resolution No. 2026-035.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

**11. Subject: City Administrator's Recommended Mid-Cycle Budget for Fiscal Year 2027**

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation regarding the proposed FY 2027 budget for General Fund Departments, General Fund Capital Expenditure Fund, and Measure C Fund.

**Documents:**

- May 12, 2026, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Public Hearing opened: 5:07 pm.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Director Natalija Glusac; Finance Analyst Kat Valencia; Administrative Analyst Jordan Needle; Deputy City Administrator Anthony Valdez.
- Members of the Public: Rich Sander.

Public Hearing closed: 7:01 p.m.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Sustainability Committee; 2. Cottage Hospital recognition; 3. UCSB Community Engagement; 4. PAL event; 5. St. Francis Association awards; 6. Bob and Karen Hughes CPR training.

- Mayor Pro Tem Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. City Update Hour with City Administrator McAdoo; 2. Mission Canyon Association meeting; 3. Historic Landmarks Commission meeting; 4. Sustainability Committee meeting; 5. COMB meeting; 6. Mayor's Ride; 7. Riviera Association board meeting; 8. Neighborhood Advisory Committee; 9. Sierra Club meeting; . Blue Economy industry mixer; 10. PAL event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

No one wished to speak.

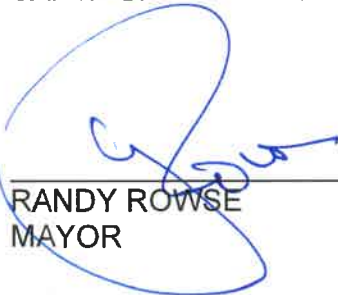
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on July 28, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER