



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
JANUARY 29, 2026
FAULKNER GALLERY, 40 E. ANAPAMU STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria (10:20 a.m.), Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo, City Attorney John S. Doimas, State Street Master Planner Tess Harris, Assistant City Administrator Rene Eyerly.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No one wished to speak.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

1. Subject: Retail Symposium

Recommendation: That Council receive a presentation from California retail experts about the current state of retail in California, how high-quality public spaces shape the retail experience, and strategies to attract a diverse customer base to downtown Santa Barbara.

Documents:

- January 29, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: State Street Master Planner Tess Harris.
- Consultants: Rachel Michelin, Rick Lemmo, and Mark Ingalls.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff gave Council a presentation.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

RECESS

12:55 p.m. – 1:28 p.m.

2. Subject: Council 2026 Procedures and Handbook Update, Advisory Committee Guidelines Update, and Potential Charter Amendment

Recommendation: That Council participates in a facilitated workshop to provide input into a potential Charter Amendment, updating the Council Procedures and Handbook, and updating the Advisory Committee Guidelines.

Documents:

- January 29, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo.
- Consultants: Nancy Hetrick.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Staff gave Council a presentation.
- Councilmembers' made comments and their questions were answered.

Action:

- Mayor Pro Tem Sneddon and Councilmembers Gutierrez/Santamaria volunteered to be on the Ad Hoc Committee.

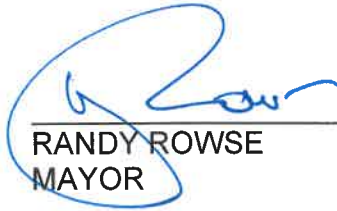
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on March 3, 2026.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER