



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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.

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1. Subject: Conference With City Attorney – Existing Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1) 2 Cases (160.03)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(1) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed.

The pending litigation is People of the City of Santa Barbara and of the County of Santa Barbara, Who Are Unhoused, as a Class Represented by P. Boring, etc. v. Cathy Murillo, et al. USDC No. 2:21-cv-7305-DOC-KES and Committee for Social Justice, et al. v. COSB, et al. SBSC Case No. 20CV02821.

Scheduling: Duration, 1 hour; anytime
Report: None anticipated

Document:

- February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 11:04 a.m. – 11:47 a.m.

No report made.

2. Subject: Conference with City Attorney-- Threatened Litigation – Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider significant exposure to litigation (one potential case) pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and take appropriate action as needed.

The significant exposure to litigation arises from the May 13, 2022 letter from the Law Office of Jack Silver regarding California River Watch - Notice of Violations and Intent to File Suit Under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act).

Scheduling: Duration: 20 minutes

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 12:40 p.m. – 12:42 p.m.

Councilmember Harmon was absent.

No report made.

3. Subject: Conference with City Attorney – Existing Litigation – Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1) (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (d)(1) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed.

The pending litigation is City of Santa Barbara v. James F. Scafide, et al., SBSC Case No. 22CV02154.

Scheduling: Duration 30 mins; anytime

Report: Anticipated.

Document:

- February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 12:46 p.m. – 12:48 p.m.

Councilmember Harmon was absent.

Report:

- City Attorney Knecht reported the settlement of pending litigation of City of Santa Barbara v. James F. Scafide, et al., SBSC Case No. 22CV02154 with a unanimous vote (Councilmember Harmon absent).

4. Subject: Conference With City Attorney--Anticipated Litigation -- Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider significant exposure to litigation (one potential case) pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and take appropriate action as needed.

The significant exposure to litigation arises from the July 8, 2022 letter from the law office of Pachowicz Goldenring, regarding a potential lawsuit.

Scheduling: Duration: 30 minutes; anytime

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- February 7, 2023, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

- 11:47 a.m. – 12:35 p.m..

No report made.

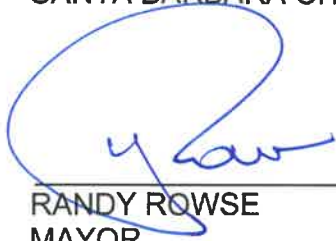
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on March 14, 2023.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER