



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:01 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, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Mike Jordan.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, Deputy City Clerk Naomi Kovacs.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Celeste Barber, Aron Ashland

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 1 – 9)

The titles of the Resolutions and Ordinances were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Friedman to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote

1. Subject: Zoning Ordinance Amendments for Accessory Dwelling Units and Local Coastal Plan Resolution [Ordinance Adoption; Resolution] (640.09)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Amending Section 30.185.040, Pertaining to Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 28.86, Pertaining to Regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a Local Coastal Program Amendment (PLN2022-00391) to Amend Title 28 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 28.86 to Regulate Accessory Dwelling Units in the Coastal Zone.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Ordinance Nos. 6103 and 6104; Resolution No. 23-012 (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

2. Subject: Construction and Operating Agreement and Reciprocal Easements for Chase Palm Park and the Future Waterfront Hotel [Ordinance Introduction] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the City Administrator to execute the Declaration of Construction and Operating Covenants and Reciprocal Easements by and between American Tradition LLC, RGC Santa Barbara Hotel, LLC, and the City of Santa Barbara, a Copy of Which is on File with the Parks and Recreation Department.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Proposed Ordinance (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

3. Subject: Amendment to Position Salary Control Resolution 22-064 with Updates to Classification and Compensation for Certain Positions [Resolution] (410.06)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution 22-064, the Position Salary Control Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023, to Amend the Established Salary for Positions as Listed and Establish the Principal Architect Position.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 23-013 (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

4. Subject: Adopt a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supporting a Grant Application to the California Coastal Commission for Airport Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan [Resolution] (560.09)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supporting a Grant Application to the California Coastal Commission for Airport Sea-Level Rise Adaptation Plan.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 23-014 (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

5. Subject: Agreements for Franceschi Park, Skofield Park, and Hilda McIntyre Ray Park Resident Caretakers [Agreement] (570.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Franceschi Park with Sarah Knowles, commencing March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024;
- B. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Skofield Park with Kristin Bain, commencing March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024; and
- C. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a Caretaker Rental Agreement for Hilda McIntyre Ray Park with Vincent Savelich, commencing March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,255; 28,256; and 28,257 (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

6. Subject: Environmental Discretionary Approval to Improve Resiliency at the Cater Water Treatment Plant by Installing a Second Finished Water Reservoir (540.1)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Determine that the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Guidelines §15301 and §15302; and
- B. Approve submission to the State Water Resources Control Board of the financial assistance application for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project

and direct the filing of a notice of exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guideline §15062.

Action: Approved the recommendations; (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

7. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Single Family Design Board Approval for 1269 Ferrelo Road (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set the date of April 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Rose Wills, Charlie Boss, Derek Booth, and A. Michael Marzolla of the Single Family Design Board Project Design Approval. The proposal is for a substantial redevelopment of the existing non-conforming residence involving partial demolition for a new 3,699 square foot three-story residence conforming to the required setbacks with a 442 square foot garage. Project includes permitting the as-built conversion of floor area at the basement level to habitable, and additional improvements including removal of the existing driveway and curb cut to be replaced with a new curb cut and access bridge at the new garage location, new photovoltaic array infrastructure, a pool, and hardscape and landscape improvements throughout. The proposed total of 3,348 square feet on a 12,197 square foot lot is 84% of the maximum required floor-to-lot area ratio (FAR) (includes 50% floor area reduction for the partially below grade basement). The property is adjacent to a historic resource in the English Vernacular style at 1277 Ferrelo Road; and
- B. Set the date of April 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. for a site visit to the property located at 1269 Ferrelo Road.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

8. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Appeal of Single Family Design Board's Project Design Approval for 101 Santa Cruz Blvd (640.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set the date of April 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Jorene Lopez and Jeffrey Yen of the Single Family Design Board's Project Design Approval; and
- B. Set the date of April 17, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. for a site visit to the property located at 101 Santa Cruz Blvd.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING

9. Subject: Five-Year Measure A Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2024 – 2028 Public Hearing [Resolution] (230.01)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Five-Year Measure A Local Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2024 – 2028.

Public hearing opened: 2:09 p.m.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 23-015 (February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

Public hearing closed: 2:10 p.m.

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Subject: Adoption of Resolution and Public Hearing Modifying the 2022 Management District Plan of the Santa Barbara South Coast Tourism Business Improvement District [Resolution] (290.00)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hold a final public hearing to modify the 2022 Santa Barbara South Coast Tourism Business Improvement Management District Plan and declare results of a majority protest proceeding; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Modifying the 2022 Management District Plan of the Santa Barbara South Coast Tourism Marketing Business Improvement District.

Documents:

- February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments.
- PowerPoint Presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Brandon Beaudette
- Members of the Public: None.

Public hearing opened: 2:11 p.m.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Public hearing closed: 2:15 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/A. Gutierrez to approve the recommendation (Resolution No. 23-016).

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

11. Subject: Update on the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project and Agreements for Architectural and Lighting Design Services [Agreement] (700.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services Agreement with RRM Design Group in the amount of \$865,088 for architectural and design services for the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute the First Amendment to the City's Professional Services Agreement No. 22100065 with Ann Kale Associates in the amount of \$65,599 for lighting design for the De La Guerra Plaza Revitalization Project.

Documents:

- February 14, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments.
- PowerPoint Presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Principal Project Manager Brad Hess.
- Consultant: RRM Design Group Landscape Architecture Principal Lief McKay.
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation (Agreement Nos. 28,258 and 28,259).

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. State Street Interim Operations Committee meeting; 2. Homeless Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 3. Santa Barbara City College Umoja Mural artist talk; 4. Council retreat; 5. Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) site visit; 6. Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee; 7. Democratic Women event.

Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Santa Barbara Beautiful meeting; 2. Hope School Board meeting; 3. Democratic Women event on preventing violence; 4. Sustainability Committee meeting; 5. County Schools Superintendent luncheon; 6. Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for businesses at La Cumbre Plaza; 7. City Library Advisory Board meeting; 8. Santa Barbara International Film Festival; 9. Homeless Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting.

Councilmember O. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Santa Barbara International Film Festival; 2. Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting for Mattress Mike's; 3. Council retreat; 4. Bohnett Park Community Clean Up; 5. Chinese New Year Celebration at Santa Barbara City College; 5. E-Bike Safety Training Course at Santa Barbara City College; 6. Women and Girls Sports Luncheon; 7. Discussion re media inquiries of Councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

CLOSED SESSIONS

12. 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 The Santa Barbara Apartment Association (SBAA), Inc., et al. v. COSB, et al. USDC Case No. 2:22-cv-01315-SK.

Scheduling: Duration 30 mins; anytime

Report: None anticipated

Document:

- February 14, 2023, report from the City Attorney

Time:
- 3:02 – 3:32 p.m.

No report made.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m. in sad recognition of the Michigan State University tragedy.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on March 7, 2023.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER