



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2025  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. (The Ordinance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Finance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet on 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 Sarah J. Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

## **CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

### **1. Subject: National Pollinator Week (120.04)**

Action: Mayor Rowse presented the proclamation to Integrated Pest Control Management Advisory Committee member Kristen LaBonte and Parks and Recreation staff.

## **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

There were no changes to the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 14)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions related to the consent calendar were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Gutierrez to approve consent calendar Items 2 – 14 as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

### 2. **Subject: Minutes (000.00)**

Recommendation: That Council waive reading and approve the minutes for the regular meetings of May 13, 2025, and May 20, 2025.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

### 3. **Subject: Authorize Execution of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Installment Sale Agreement and Appropriate Loan Funds for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution; Agreement] (540.1)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Execution of the Installment Sale Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project (Agreement No. D2502003); and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Appropriate Loan Funds for the Cater Reservoir Resiliency Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-061; Agreement No. D2502003 (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director; Proposed Ordinance).

### 4. **Subject: Design Services for Phase I of the Calle Real and Castillo Trunk Main Wastewater Capacity Improvements Project [Resolution; Agreement] (540.13)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services Agreement with Dudek in the amount of \$634,746 for professional

engineering design services for Phase I of the Calle Real and Castillo Trunk Main Wastewater Capacity Improvements Project and authorize \$63,475 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$698,221; and

- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 24-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, to Allocate Funds for the Calle Real and Castillo Trunk Main Wastewater Capacity Improvements Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 25-062; Agreement No. 28,714 (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director; proposed Resolution).

**5. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Renewal of Levy for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment District [Resolution] (520.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring its Intention to Continue the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment within the Foothill and Extreme Foothill Zones; Declaring the Work to be of More Than General or Ordinary Benefit and Describing the District to be Assessed to Pay the Costs and Expenses Thereof; Preliminarily Approving the Updated Engineer's Report; Stating Intention to Continue Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026 and Establishing a Time of 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, in the City Council Chambers for a Public Hearing on the Wildland Fire Suppression Assessment.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 25-063 (June 17, 2025, report from the Fire Chief; proposed Resolution).

**6. Subject: Construction Management Services for the Cliff Drive Water Main Replacement Project [Agreement] (540.06)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Davis CME in the amount of \$621,980 for construction management and inspection services, and authorize \$62,198 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$684,178 for the Cliff Drive Water Main Replacement Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,715 (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**7. Subject: Contract Administration Support Services for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant Operations [Agreement] (540.1)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc., in the total not-to-exceed the amount of \$377,266, to provide contract administration support services for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Plant operations.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,716 (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**8. Subject: License Agreement with the Santa Barbara Swim Club [Agreement] (570.05)**

Recommendation: That Council authorizes the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a two-year license agreement with the Santa Barbara Swim Club for the use of Los Baños del Mar Swimming Pool.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,717 (June 17, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**9. Subject: License Agreement with Santa Barbara Masters Swimming [Agreement] (570.05)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to execute a two-year license agreement with Santa Barbara Masters Swimming for the use of Los Baños del Mar Swimming Pool.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,718 (June 17, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**10. Subject: Memoranda of Understanding with Santa Barbara Unified School District and Hope Elementary School District for Crossing Guard Services [Agreement] (150.05)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Barbara Unified School District and Hope Elementary School District for school crossing guard services from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,719 (June 17, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**11. Subject: Non-Profit Organization Leases at the Westside and Franklin Community Centers [Agreement] (580.04)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to renew and execute three-year lease agreements for office space at the Westside Community Center for Access Central Coast, and Momentum Work, Inc.; and
- B. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to renew and execute three-year lease agreements for office space at the Franklin Community Center for California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., and the Santa Barbara County Immigrant Legal Defense Center.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28,720; 28,721; 28,722; 28,723 (June 17, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**12. Subject: Twelve35 Teen Center Lease with Santa Barbara Police Activities League [Agreement] (520.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to renew a three-year lease agreement with the Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL) for the Twelve35 Teen Center, with an annual rent of one dollar per year.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Agreement No. 28,724 (June 17, 2025, report from the Parks and Recreation Director).

**13. Subject: Cachuma Conservation Release Board Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Ratification (540.03)**

Recommendation: That Council ratify the Cachuma Conservation Release Board's Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, with the City's proportional share not to exceed \$594,804.

Action: Approved the recommendation (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director).

**14. Subject: Set a Date for Public Hearing Regarding Planning Commission's Approval for 633 E. Cabrillo Blvd. (640.07)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Set the date of September 23, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for hearing the appeal filed by Jordan R. Sisson, UNITE HERE Local 11, of the Planning Commission's approval of the Hilton Santa Barbara Beachfront Resort Project at 633 E. Cabrillo Blvd.; and
- B. Set the date of September 22, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. for a site visit to the property located at 633 E. Cabrillo Blvd.

Action: Approved the recommendations.

**CONSENT PUBLIC HEARING**

**15. Subject: Designation of Proposed Development at 33 East Canon Perdido Street (Lobero Theatre) as a Community Benefit Project (610.01)**

Recommendation: That Council designate the proposed development at 33 East Canon Perdido Street as a Community Benefit Project pursuant to the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 30.170 and allocate a total of 13,042 square feet (net) of nonresidential floor area to the project from the Nonresidential Growth Management Program's Community Benefit Category.

Action: Approved the recommendation; (June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director).

Public hearing opened: 2:08 p.m.

Document:

- June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Community Development Director.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: None.
- Staff: None.

Public hearing closed: 2:10 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve the recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**16. Subject: Public Hearing Regarding Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2026 [Resolution] (550.1)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider any appropriate protests to the Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2026, as required under the California Parking and Business Improvement Law of 1989; and
- B. Adopt by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Fixing and Assessing the Parking and Business Improvement Area Assessment Rates for Fiscal Year 2026, and Approving the Parking and Business Improvement Area Annual Assessment Report for Fiscal Year 2026.

City Attorney Knecht noted that the Resolution Section 3 should provide Fiscal Year 2026 instead of Fiscal Year 2025.

Public hearing opened: 2:10 p.m.

Document:

- June 17, 2025, report from the Interim Public Works Director.
- Proposed resolution.

Speakers:

- Members of the Public: None.
- Staff: None.

Public hearing closed: 2:12 p.m.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Gutierrez to approve the recommended action with the change as noted by Ms. Knecht; Resolution No. 25-064.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

**REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilmember Sneddon reported that Ordinance Committee received a report from staff regarding an ordinance to detach inactive services from the water and wastewater system, gave direction to consult with Santa Barbara Association Of Realtors, and that the item may have minor changes before coming to Council.

## GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Joseph Cortez, Jr.; Stephen Meade.

## PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

None.

## CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**17. Subject: Adoption of the Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and the Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 [Resolution] (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027;
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026 by Appropriating Moneys for the Use and Support of Said City from the Funds and to the Purposes Herein Specified;
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Establishing the City's Appropriation Limitation for Fiscal Year 2026;
- D. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the City of Santa Barbara Schedule of Penalties, Fees, and Services Charges;
- E. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Harbor Slip, Mooring, and User Fees;
- F. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the City of Santa Barbara Abandoned Shopping Cart Recovery Fee;
- G. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing Classified and Unclassified Positions in the City's Service Effective June 28, 2025, and Providing a Schedule of

Classifications and Salaries for the Same in Accordance with the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026;

- H. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Continuation of Capital and Special Project Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2026; and
- I. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute Water Purchase Agreements, in a Form Approved by the City Attorney, and in Accordance with the Appropriation in the Approved Budget as May Be Amended from Time to Time.

Documents:

- June 17, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- Proposed Resolutions.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Budget Manager Natalija Glusac.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Jordan/Harmon to approve Recommendation A; Resolution No. 25-065.

Vote:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Harmon/Santamaria to approve Recommendation B; Resolution No. 25-066.

Vote:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve Recommendation C; Resolution No. 25-067.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmembers Friedman, Jordan).

Motion:26:59 discussion: "once per calendar day per vehicle"  
Councilmembers Sneddon/Santamaria to approve Recommendation D, to strike the "once per day per lot" language on page 81 of the Master Fee Schedule, section 1; Resolution No. 25-068.

Vote:  
Unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Rowse announced he was recusing himself from consideration of Recommendation E because he is a slip owner. He was excused from the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Motion:  
Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to approve Recommendation E; Resolution No. 25-069.

Vote:  
Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Mayor Rowse).

Mayor Rowse returned to the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman announced he was recusing himself from consideration of Recommendation F because of his employment. He was excused from the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Motion:  
Councilmembers Gutierrez/Harmon to approve Recommendation F; Resolution No. 25-070.

Vote:  
Unanimous roll call vote (Abstain: Councilmember Friedman).

Mayor Pro Tem Friedman returned to the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

Motion:  
Councilmembers Harmon/Gutierrez to approve Recommendations G, H, and I; Resolution Nos. 25-071; 25-072; 25-073.

Vote:  
Unanimous roll call vote.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **18. Subject: Ordinance Amending High Fire Hazard Area Zones [Ordinance Introduction] (520.03)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving Updated Fire Hazard Severity Zones as Recommended by the California State Fire Marshal; and
- B. Authorize the City Administrator to engage in the administrative procedure to implement a wildland fire suppression assessment district in the designated Coastal and Coastal Interior High Fire Hazard Areas.

Documents:

- June 17, 2025, report from the Finance Director.
- Proposed Ordinance.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Fire Chief Chris Mailes; Fire Marshal Ryan DiGiulio.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to move recommendations A and B with staff direction to engage in conversation with the engineer of record regarding further assessment regarding the wildland fire assessment district.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

## **RECESS**

3:56 – 4: 19 p.m.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

### **19. Subject: Single-Family Development Streamlining (640.03)**

Recommendation: That Council receive a staff presentation and provide input on proposed conceptual changes intended to streamline single-family residential development.

Documents:

- June 17, 2025, report from the Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

**Speakers:**

- Staff: Project Planner Ted Hamilton-Rolle; Senior Planner Ellen Kokinda.
- Members of the Public: Brian Johnson; Jarrett Gorin; Fred Sweeney.

**Discussion:**

- Council discussion items included revision of the SFDB process.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

- Councilmember Gutierrez attended the following meetings or events: 1. Ribbon cutting by Chamber of Commerce for Best Western; 2. NAACP Zoom meeting; 3. Elected leaders' forum on housing and homelessness; 4. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TVSB; 5. Circus Vargas opening night; 6. No Kings demonstration; 7. Juneteenth; 8. New Vic play, "Justice,"; 9. Webinar for Westside and Lower Westside community outreach meeting.
- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Elected leaders forum on homelessness and housing; 2. No Kings demonstration; 3. Hope for the People event.
- Mayor Rowse attended the following meetings or events: 1. Juneteenth event; 2. Coast Guard changing of commanders; 3. City leadership meeting; 4. Meeting with German students; 5. Foresters opening game.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

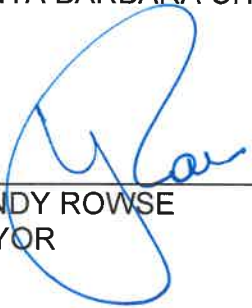
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse recessed the meeting to closed session at 5:32 p.m. in the memory of Bernard Hicks.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on July 29, 2025.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER