



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: National Preparedness Month September 2023 (120.04)

Action: Mayor Rowse read a proclamation that was received by Emergency Services Manager Stacey Rosenberger and Fire Public Education Coordinator Liliana Encinas.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator Rebecca Bjork announced that public comment would be heard before the consent calendar at today's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: Bryan Rosen; Melissa Quigley; Irene Martinez; Edin Enamorado; Aida Valdivia; Richard Bautisa; Revolution Untelevised.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 – 7)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Harmon to approve all Consent Calendar items as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. Subject: Reserve Policy [Ordinance Adoption] (570.03)

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Repealing Chapter 17.40 Pertaining to the Purpose, Accumulation and Use of Funds Within the Harbor Preservation Fund.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6123.

3. Subject: Amendment to Section 16.04.120, Local Limitations on Wastewater Strength of Municipal Code Title 16, Liquid and Industrial Waste Disposal [Ordinance Introduction] (540.13)

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently 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 16.04.120 Relating to Local Limitations on Wastewater Strength.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Proposed Ordinance (September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

4. Subject: Grant of Easement to Southern California Gas Company Related to Existing High-Pressure Gas Line on City Property at Sheffield Reservoir and Stanwood Drive [Resolution; Agreement] (330.03)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Public Works Director to Execute a Utility Easement to Southern California Gas Company on the City Property Adjacent to Sheffield Reservoir and Stanwood Drive Right of Way;
- B. Determine that the project is exempt under California Environmental Quality Act Guideline § 15301 (b); and
- C. Approve the Grant of Utility Easement to Southern California Gas Company on City Property Adjacent to Sheffield Reservoir and Stanwood Drive Right of Way and direct the filing of a Notice of Exemption in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act Guideline § 15062.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 23-116; Agreement No. 28,417 (September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

5. Subject: Bequest from the William Stephen Wagner 1988 Inter Vivos Trust to the City of Santa Barbara for Exclusive Use and Benefit of the Library Department [Resolution] (570.04)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Accept a bequest in the amount of \$100,000 from the William Stephen Wagner 1988 Inter Vivos Trust for children's books;
- B. Accept any residual remainder, approximately \$3,500,000, from the William Stephen Wagner 1988 Inter Vivos Trust for general Library support and special Library projects; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 23-076 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, Increasing Revenue and Expenditure Appropriation in Fiscal Year 2024 in the Amount of \$100,000 in the Library Miscellaneous Trust Fund.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 23-117 (September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

6. Subject: Approval to Subordinate the City's Affordability Covenant on Presidio Park Apartments Located at 420 East De La Guerra Street (640.08)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve a request from Belveron Flagship Fund VII REIT Property Owner, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, to subordinate the City's affordability covenant as necessary for acquisition of the property located at 420 East De La Guerra Street;
- B. Authorize acceptance of City loan payoff in the approximate amount of \$10.8 million secured by the property to be credited to the City's Affordable Housing Fund as a condition to the escrow closing; and
- C. Authorize the Community Development Director to execute such agreements, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney, as necessary.

Speakers:

- Housing and Human Services Manager Laura Dubbels.

Action: Approved the recommendations (September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

7. Subject: Authorization to Purchase Recycled Water Membrane Modules for the El Estero Water Resource Center (540.13)

Recommendation: That Council finds it in the City of Santa Barbara's best interest to waive the formal bidding process as authorized by Municipal Code 4.52.070(L) and authorize the General Services Manager to issue a Purchase Order to Filmtec Corp, a subsidiary corporation of Dupont, in the amount of \$356,895 for the purchase of 150 Dupont IntegraTec™ XP 77 UltraFiltration Membrane Modules for use at the El Estero Water Resource Center; and approve expenditures to cover contract change orders for any additional taxes or shipping-related expenses.

Action: Approved the recommendation (September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments).

REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Ordinance Committee Chair O. Gutierrez reported that Ordinance Committee considered the proposed ordinance regarding the Local Housing Trust Fund; the item will next be considered by the Finance Committee.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

There were no items pulled from the Consent Calendar.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Councilmember Sneddon reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. COMB meeting; 2. Eastside Library 50 year celebration.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

8. Subject: Paseo Nuevo Redevelopment Options

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Hear a presentation and provide input on public benefit preferences to inform staff negotiations with AB Commercial Real Estate Debt Fund (“AB Commercial”); and
- B. Authorize staff to negotiate the terms of a project agreement with AB Commercial and return to Council for approval of the agreement.

Documents:

- September 19, 2023 Council Agenda Report and any attachments.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Community Development Director Eli Issacson; State Street Master Planner Tess Harris; Assistant City Attorney Dan Hentschke; Planning Manager Allison DeBusk.
- Consultant: Dena Beltzer.
- Members of the Public: Robin Elander; Scott San Filippo; Anna Marie Gott; Lee Heller; Frederick Janka.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers’ questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez/Harmon to approve the staff recommendation.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS

Councilmember Friedman reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Eastside Library 50th anniversary celebration; 2. Open House for Noah’s Anchorage.

Mayor Pro Tem A. Gutierrez reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. Encouraged Councilmembers to encourage new members of the public in Chambers.

Mayor Rowse reported on their attendance at the following events or made the following comments: 1. With Councilmember O. Gutierrez, with lunch with Japanese Consul General; 2. Memorial for Ron Liechti.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on October 17, 2023.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK’S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER