



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2026 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

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

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. **Subject: Employee Recognition – Service Award Pins (120.04)**

Recommendation: That Council authorize the City Administrator to express the City's appreciation to employees who are eligible to receive service award pins for their years of service through February 28, 2026.

Action: City Administrator Kelly McAdoo expressed her gratitude towards all city employees that were recognized on this day.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

City Administrator McAdoo announced that there were no changes to the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 - 5, 7 - 10)

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the balance of the consent calendar.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

2. Subject: Introduction of an Ordinance Approving Agreement 202507 with Kenneth Hall, Sole Proprietor, dba Goleta Building Materials, Inc. at the Airport [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Airport Director to Execute Agreement No. 202507 with Kenneth Hall, Sole Proprietor, dba Goleta Building Materials, Inc., a California corporation, for the Premises Located at 91 Frederick Lopez Road, 90 Frederick Lopez Road, and 90-A Frederick Lopez Road, Santa Barbara, CA, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 3, 2026, report from the Airport Director; Proposed Ordinance).

3. Subject: Introduction of an Ordinance Approving Agreement 202501 with M/E Inc, at the Airport [Ordinance Introduction; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Authorizing the Airport Director to Execute Agreement Number 202501 with M/E, Inc, a California Corporation, Located in the Santa Barbara Airport Airline Terminal at 500 James Fowler Road, Commencing Upon the Effective Date of the Enabling Ordinance.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 3, 2026, report from the Airport Director; Proposed Ordinance).

4. Subject: Establish a City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Department [Ordinance Introduction]

Recommendation: That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Title 2 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code by Adding Chapter 2.35 and Amending Section 2.39.040 Relating to the Establishment of a Water Resources Department.

Action: Approved the recommendation (February 3, 2026, report from the Water Resources Director; Proposed Ordinance).

5. Subject: Authorize Execution of the Second Amendment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Installment Sale Agreement for the Braemar Lift Station Rehabilitation Project [Ordinance Introduction; Resolution; Agreement]

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 the Second Amendment to the Installment Sale Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Braemar Lift Station Rehabilitation Project (Project No. 8602-110); and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate the Second Amendment to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan for the Braemar Lift Station Rehabilitation Project.

Action: Approved the recommendation Resolution No. 2026-003 (February 3, 2026, report from the Water Resources Director; Proposed Ordinance; Proposed Resolution).

7. Subject: Authorizing Waterfront Director to Declare Unseaworthy or Dilapidated Vessels as Abandoned Property Pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code Section 522 [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Authorizing the Waterfront Director to Remove, Store, and Dispose of Abandoned Vessels in Accordance with California Harbors and Navigation Code Section 522, and Approving Standardized Procedures for Notice and Disposal, Without Requiring Separate City Council Action for Each Individual Vessel.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-005; (February 3, 2026, report from the Waterfront Director; Proposed Resolution).

8. Subject: Construction Contracts for the Sheffield Pump Station Electrical, Instrumentation, and Controls Replacement Project [Resolution; Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Award a contract to Leed Electric Inc., for their best value proposal of \$1,255,468 for the construction of the Sheffield Pump Station Electrical, Instrumentation, and Controls Replacement Project; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve additional expenditures up to \$125,547 that may result from contract change orders, for a total expenditure authority of \$1,381,015;
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with DCME, Inc. in the amount of \$258,780 for construction management and inspection services for the Sheffield Pump Station Electrical, Instrumentation, and Controls Replacement Project; and authorize \$25,878 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$284,658; and
- C. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate \$250,000 for the Sheffield Pump Station Electrical, Instrumentation, and Controls Replacement Project.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 2026-006; Agreement Nos. 28844; 28845 (February 3, 2026, report from the Public Works Director; Proposed Resolution).

9. Subject: Construction Contracts for the Via Lucero Wastewater Forcemain Replacement Project [Agreement]

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Award a contract to Tierra Contracting Inc., for their best value proposal of \$4,398,445 for construction of the Via Lucero Wastewater Forcemain Replacement Project; and authorize the Public Works Director to execute the contract and approve additional expenditures up to \$439,845 that may result from contract change orders, for a total expenditure authority of \$4,838,290; and
- B. Authorize the Public Works Director to execute a City Professional Services contract with Water Systems Consulting Inc., in the amount of \$445,966 for construction support services for the Via Lucero Wastewater Forcemain Replacement Project and authorize \$44,597 for potential extra services, for a total expenditure authority of \$490,563.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Agreement Nos. 28846; 28847 (February 3, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

10. Subject: Water Supply Update and Annual Water Supply Management Report

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve and adopt the City of Santa Barbara Water Supply Management Report for the 2025 Water Year, finding that the groundwater basins are not in overdraft condition in accordance with the conjunctive management element of the City's Enhanced Urban Water Management Plan; and
- B. Receive an update on the Three-Year Water Supply Strategy.

Action: Approved the recommendations (February 3, 2026, report from the Public Works Director).

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Potential ballot measure was forwarded for Council consideration.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public: David Crocket Williams.

PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

6. Subject: Change of Status of Sister Cities Relationship with Cusco, Peru [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Providing for the Re-establishment of a Sister City Relationship with the City of Cusco, Peru.

Documents:

- February 3, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Mayor Rowse and Councilmember Gutierrez.
- Members of the Public: None.

Motion:

Mayor Rowse/Councilmember Gutierrez to approve the recommendation as made by staff; Resolution No. 2026-004.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

11. Subject: Resolution to Call a Special Election and Approve a Ballot Measure to Amend the City Charter to Modernize Charter Section 521 Relating to Contracts and Leases [Resolution]

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving and Calling for the Submission to the Voters of a City Council Proposed Measure to Amend City Charter Section 521 to Modernize Provisions Relating to City Contracts and Leases of City Property at a Special Municipal Election to be Held in the City on June 2, 2026, and Amending Resolution No. 25-066, Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, to Appropriate \$195,000 of General Fund Reserves.

ALTERNATIVE:

That Council defer action on the proposed resolution and direct staff to prepare and return to Council at the appropriate time a resolution to submit to the voters a City Council proposed measure to amend City Charter Section 521 to modernize provisions relating to City contracts and leases of City property at the general municipal election to be held in November 2026.

Documents:

- February 3, 2026, report from the City Administrator.
- Proposed Resolution.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

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

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Harmon to approve the recommendation with the following two changes made to the Resolution:

1. The Ballot question:

Shall the City's proposed measure to modernize City Charter Section 521 allowing flexibility related to terms and conditions of contracts and leases of City property be adopted?

2. Verbiage of the Charter:

Section 521 Contracts. Restrictions.

No contract or lease by which the City is bound for a longer period than five years shall be valid unless the contract or lease is approved by ordinance or resolution of the City Council. The City has the authority and flexibility to approve contracts for the sale, lease, or use of city property as allowed by the City Charter or the California Constitution. The City may lease property owned, held, or controlled by it with terms established by the City Council. This section shall not apply to any franchise granted pursuant to the provisions of this Charter or to any contract for the furnishing or acquisition of the products, commodities, or services of any public utility.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Resolution No. 2026-007)

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Councilmember Sneddon attended the following meetings or events: 1. Community Development and Community Services meeting; 2. STEM Women's Lunch; 3. Annita Hugh's 100th Birthday; 4. Visit Santa Barbara Tourism Summit; 5. Santa Barbara International Film Festival McHurley Film Center Ribbon Cutting.
- Councilmember Friedman attended the following meetings or events: 1. Visit Santa Barbara Tourism Summit; 2. Santa Barbara City Council Workshop; 3. Annita Hugh's 100th Birthday; 4. Women in Sport Luncheon; 5. Santa Barbara International Film Festival McHurley Film Center Ribbon Cutting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)

No one wished to speak.

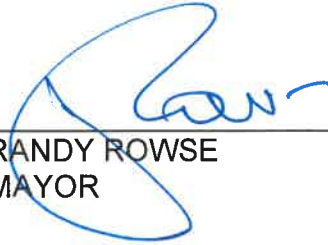
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse commented that the Santa Barbara International Film Festival opens Wednesday February 4th and adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

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

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER