



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2023
CHASE PALM PARK BEACH HOUSE, 236 E CABRILLO BLVD**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Alejandra Gutierrez (1:03 p.m.), Oscar Gutierrez, Mike Jordan, Meagan Harmon (1:32 p.m.); Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Randy Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: Assistant City Administrator René Eyerly, City Attorney Sarah Knecht, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

1. Subject: Budget Schedule and Legislative Update to City Council (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from staff and provide feedback related to the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget hearing schedule and current State legislation.

Documents:

- November 30, 2023, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Finance Director Keith DeMartini; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Brandon Beaudette; Senior Assistant to the City Administrator Barbara Andersen.
- Townsend Public Affairs: Eric O'Donnell; Carlin Shelby
- Members of the Public: None.

Discussion:

- Councilmembers discussed the proposed budget hearing schedule and a proposed additional meeting before the February 29, 2024 meeting. Councilmembers also discussed anticipated issues for 2024, including housing affordability, retail theft, electrical bicycle safety, and homelessness/behavioral health reforms.
- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No one wished to speak.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 25, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE



RANDY ROWSE
MAYOR

ATTEST:



SARAH GORMAN
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER