



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING September 19, 2006 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marty Blum called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. (The Finance Committee met at 12:30 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:30 p.m., did not meet on this date.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Blum.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Brian B. Barnwell, Iya G. Falcone, Roger L. Horton, Grant House, Helene Schneider, Das Williams, Mayor Blum.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen P. Wiley, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Proclamation Declaring September 2006 As Suicide Prevention Month (120.04)

Action: Proclamation presented to Glendon Association representative Joni Kelly and Youth Council member Trisha Bartlett.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Item Removed from Agenda

City Administrator James Armstrong advised that the following notice was being removed from the Agenda due to the withdrawal of the corresponding appeal:

9. A City Council site visit is scheduled on Monday, September 25, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. to the property located at 517 Chapala Street, which is the subject of an appeal hearing set for September 26, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers: Kenneth Loch, Elsa Granados, and Michael Self.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Information:

- Councilmember Horton mentioned his attendance at the following events/meetings: 1) "Chalk for Peace;" 2) "Palette for Palette," sponsored by the Carpinteria Arts Council; 3) The Fund for Santa Barbara's "Bread and Roses" event; and 4) the most recent meeting of the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children & Families Commission, held in Guadalupe.
- Councilmember Schneider commented on the following events/meetings: 1) Looking Good Santa Barbara's "Adopt a Block" program; 2) the sandcastle contest sponsored by the Citizens Planning Association; 3) Surfrider Foundation's "Paddle Out;" 4) the Channelkeeper's Channel Swim; 5) the adoption of the County's Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness; and 6) a meeting of three homelessness committees to discuss various strategies to address the issue.
- Councilmember Williams remarked upon United Way's annual "Day of Caring," a recent meeting of the Ladera Group to consider several neighborhood issues, and an event to hear stories of recovery from children with brain injuries.
- Councilmember Barnwell spoke about 1) the recent meeting of the Harbor Merchants Association; 2) the use of Looking Good Santa Barbara's graffiti removal kits; and 3) this morning's joint session of the Council and Planning Commission regarding housing policy.
- Mayor Blum reported on her hosting of meetings of the Urban Water Council and the Conference of Mayors' Leadership Group; she also commented on a trip to Alaska made by a group of Mayors to observe and discuss the effects of global warming.

CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 - 8)

Motion:

Councilmembers Horton/Schneider to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

2. Subject: Minutes

Recommendation: That Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting of September 1, 2006, and the regular meeting of September 5, 2006 (cancelled due to lack of quorum).

Action: Approved the recommendation.

3. Subject: Increase In Appropriations And Estimated Revenues For The Miscellaneous Grant Fund (580.03)

Recommendation: That Council increase the appropriations and estimated revenues for the Miscellaneous Grant Fund in the amount of \$3,000 from the City of Goleta for the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force, for services provided to residents in the City of Goleta for the period of July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007.

Action: Approved the recommendation (September 19, 2006, Community Development Director's report).

4. Subject: Fiscal Year 2007 Interim Financial Statements For The Month Ended July 31, 2006 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council accept the Fiscal Year 2007 Interim Financial Statements for the Month Ended July 31, 2006.

Action: Approved the recommendation (September 19, 2006, Finance Director's report).

5. Subject: Fund Transfer For Yanonali Street In-Lieu Undergrounding Project (530.07)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Approve a transfer in the amount of \$375,000 from the Fiscal Year 2007 Water Capital Projects Fund to the Fiscal Year 2007 Undergrounding Fund pursuant to the Planning Commission's approval of Coastal Development Permit 06-00010; and
- B. Increase the estimated revenue in the Undergrounding Fund by \$375,000, and appropriate the same to the Fiscal Year 2007 Undergrounding Fund Operating Budget for use on a City undergrounding project within the Coastal Zone.

Action: Approved the recommendations (September 19, 2006, Public Works Director's report).

NOTICES

6. The City Clerk has on Thursday, September 14, 2006, posted this agenda in the Office of the City Clerk, on the City Hall Public Notice Board on the outside balcony of City Hall, and on the Internet.
7. Cancellation of the regular Redevelopment Agency meeting of September 19, 2006, due to lack of business.

8. The public hearing scheduled for September 19, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., to hear appeals of the Planning Commission's approval for 210 Meigs Road has been continued to December 12, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee Chair Roger Horton reported that the Committee reviewed the Interim Financial Statements for the Month Ended July 31, 2006, which were approved by the Council as part of this agenda's Consent Calendar (Item No. 4). The Committee also received a Staff report and accepted the Interim Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006; this matter will be considered by the Council as Agenda Item No. 11.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

10. Subject: Update On Performance Management Program And Fiscal Year 2006 Department Performance Highlights (170.01)

Recommendation: That Council receive a status report on the City's Performance Management Program and a summary of department performance highlights from Fiscal Year 2006.

Documents:

- September 19, 2006, City Administrator's report.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson.

By consensus, the Council received the report and expressed appreciation for Staff's accomplishments in meeting the program's goals.

RECESS

3:24 p.m. - 3:34 p.m. Councilmember Williams was absent when the Council reconvened.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS (CONT'D)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

11. Subject: Interim Financial Statements For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006 (250.02)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive a report from staff on the Interim Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006; and
- B. Accept the Interim Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2006.

Documents:

- September 19, 2006, Finance Director's report.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

Staff: Assistant Finance Director Robert Samario.

Motion:

Councilmembers Horton/Schneider to approve recommendation B.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

12. Subject: Revised Agricultural Water Rates (540.01)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Consider the recommendation of the Water Commission regarding water rates for the agricultural water rate classification; and
- B. Adopt, by reading of title only, A Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Resolution No. 06-056, Establishing Certain City Fees for Fiscal Year 2007, Including Water and Wastewater Rates, Adjusting the Metered Water Charges for Agricultural Water Service.

Documents:

- September 19, 2006, report from the Public Works Director.
- Document entitled "Water Rate Study," submitted by Steven Little.
- Proposed Resolution.

The title of the resolution was read.

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12. (Cont'd)

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Anthony Nisich, Water Resources Manager Steve Mack, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Members of the Public: Steven Little, Harriet Sharp.

Motion:

Councilmembers Horton/House to approve recommendation B; Resolution No. 06-080.

Vote:

Majority roll call vote (Noes: Councilmember Barnwell, Williams).

13. Subject: Granada Garage Anacapa Street Access (550.05)

Recommendation: That Council authorize staff to eliminate on-street parking on the east side of the 1200 block of Anacapa Street and install a separate lane for ingress to and egress from the Granada Garage in addition to the existing two vehicle travel lanes.

Documents:

September 19, 2006, report from the Public Works Director.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Anthony Nisich, Transportation Manager Browning Allen, Principal Engineer John Schoof, Supervising Transportation Engineer Tully Clifford, City Administrator James Armstrong.
- Downtown Parking Committee: Chair Marshall Rose, Member Tom Williams.
- Members of the Public: Dale Francisco and Jim Westby, Santa Barbara Safe Streets; Eric Kelley, The Book Den; Michael Self, Santa Barbara Safe Streets; Krista Fritzen, Coffee Cat; Rich Untermann.

Motion:

Councilmember Williams to direct Staff to return to Council with an option that includes the installation of an entrance/exit lane from the parking garage, retention of the mature trees at the north end of the eastern side of the block, and eliminates a maximum of two on-street parking spaces.

The motion died for lack of a second.

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13. (Cont'd)

Motion:

Councilmembers House/Horton to approve the recommendation, directing Staff to return to Council in January 2007 with cost estimates for the possible relocation of that portion of the 1200 block's easterly curb which is south of the mature trees and the reinstatement of the on-street parking along that block.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Items Continued to Future Meeting

Motion:

Councilmembers Barnwell/Schneider to continue the following items to a future agenda.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

14. Subject: Report on Flexwork Program (450.01)

Recommendation: That Council receive a status report on the Flexwork Program.

15. Subject: Conference With Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed. The pending litigation is Homes on Wheels, et al., v. City of Santa Barbara, et al., Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No. 1112384. Scheduling: Duration, 15 minutes; anytime Report: None anticipated

16. Subject: Conference With Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed. Pending litigation considered is: Daniel Secord v. City of Santa Barbara, WCAB, case number GOL Unassigned. Scheduling: Duration, 10 minutes; anytime Report: None anticipated

17. Subject: Conference With Legal Counsel - Pending Litigation (160.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session to consider pending litigation pursuant to subsection (a) of section 54956.9 of the Government Code and take appropriate action as needed. Pending litigation considered is: Alfred N. Katzenstein v. City of Santa Barbara, WCAB, case number OXN 0129396.
Scheduling: Duration, 10 minutes; anytime Report: None anticipated

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Blum adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

CYNTHIA M. RODRIGUEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

MARTY BLUM
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK