



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING APRIL 16, 2024 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 Finance Committee met at 12:00 p.m. The Ordinance Committee, which ordinarily meets at 12:00 p.m., did not meet this day.)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rowse.

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. **Subject: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 14-20, 2024 (120.04)**

Proclamation presented by Mayor Randy Rowse and received by Police Chief Kelly Gordon.

2. **Subject: Fair Housing Month - April 2024 (120.04)**

Proclamation presented by Mayor Randy Rowse and received by Rental Housing Mediation Supervisor Andrea Bifano.

### RECESS

The Mayor announced that a recess was taken due to technical issues, and the roll call would be taken upon recommencement after the recess.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

### RECONVENE

## ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Meagan Harmon.

Staff present: Interim City Administrator Sarah Knecht, Acting City Attorney Tava Ostrenger, City Clerk Services Manager Sarah Gorman.

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 3 – 8)

The titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions were read.

Motion:

Councilmembers Friedman/Sneddon to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon).

**3. Subject: Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code Relating to Contracting for Public Works Projects [Ordinance Adoption] (530.01)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Amending Sections 4.52.050, 4.52.165, and 4.52.200 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating to Contracting for Public Works Projects Pursuant to Approval by the Voters of the Proposed Amendment to City Charter Section 519.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6150.

**4. Subject: Restructure of Domestic Violence Solutions Loan on Property Located at 521 West Victoria Street [Ordinance Adoption] (610.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, an Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Approving a Restated Loan Agreement in the Amount of \$430,000 with Domestic Violence Solutions Secured by a Restated Deed of Trust and a 90-Year Affordability Control Covenant Imposed on Real Property Located at 521 West Victoria Street, and Authorizing the Community Development Director to Execute Such Agreements, Subject to Approval as to Form by the City Attorney.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Ordinance No. 6151.

**5. Subject: Certification of Election Results for the Special Municipal Election of March 5, 2024 [Resolution] (110.03)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Reciting the Fact of the Special Municipal Election Held on March 5, 2024, and Declaring the Results and Setting Forth Such Other Matters as Required by the State Elections Code.

Action: Approved the recommendation; Resolution No. 24-035 (April 16, 2024, report from the City Administrator; proposed Resolution).

**6. Subject: Accept Grant Funding and Award the Clean Streets, Clean Seas Project [Resolution; Agreement] (630.02)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Accepting a Grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Sea Grant College Program in the Amount of \$590,481, and Amending Resolution No. 23-076 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 to Increase Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations by \$590,481 in the Sustainability and Resilience Department Fiscal Year 2024 Miscellaneous Grants Fund; and
- B. Authorize the Sustainability and Resilience Director to execute a Professional Services Agreement with the University of California, Santa Barbara for microplastic research in support of the Clean Streets, Clean Seas Project in the amount of \$492,281.

Action: Approved the recommendations; Resolution No. 24-036; Agreement No. 28,500 (April 16, 2024, report from the Sustainability and Resilience Director; proposed Resolution).

**7. Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Financial Statements for the Eight Months Ended February 29, 2024 (250.02)**

Recommendation: That Council accepts the Fiscal Year 2024 Interim Financial Statements for the eight months ended February 29, 2024.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 16, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

**8. Subject: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 (220.03)**

Recommendation: That Council accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the Fiscal Year (FY) Ended June 30, 2023.

Action: Approved the recommendation (April 16, 2024, report from the Finance Director).

## **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee Chair A. Gutierrez noted that the Finance Committee recommended that City Council accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the Public: Rob Fredericks.

## **PULLED CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

None.

## **CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS**

### CITY ATTORNEY

#### **9. Subject: Short-Term Rental Enforcement Pilot Program Update and Request for Extension (660.01)**

Recommendation: That Council receive an update on the Short-Term Rental Enforcement Pilot Program and extend the program for another fiscal year. No additional funding is requested.

#### Documents:

- April 16, 2024, report from the City Attorney.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: City Attorney Investigator William Alva; Assistant City Attorney Denny Wei.
- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman for staff recommendation with a notation of the will to extend the program beyond one year in the budget process.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon.)

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

**10. Subject: Request from Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Jordan and Councilmember Eric Friedman to Agendize Discussion on Short-Term Vacation Rental Regulations (660.01)**

Recommendation: That Council consider the request from Mayor Pro Tempore Jordan and Councilmember Friedman to Schedule an Agenda item to Discuss Short-Term Vacation Rental Regulations in the City.

Documents:

- April 16, 2024, report from the City Administrator.

Speakers:

- Staff: Interim City Attorney Knecht; Acting City Attorney Ostrenger.
- Members of the Public: No one wished to speak.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez for the recommended action.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon.)

**11. Subject: Initiation of Proceedings Under Santa Barbara Municipal Code Chapter 4.45 to Establish the Downtown Community Benefit Improvement District [Resolution] (290.00)**

Recommendation: That Council:

- Direct the City Administrator to sign the petitions of City-owned properties within the proposed Downtown Community Benefit Improvement District (Downtown CBID);
- Adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Declaring its Intention to Establish the Downtown Community Benefit Improvement District Pursuant to Chapter 4.45 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code; and
- Set a date for a Public Hearing on June 25, 2024.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- April 16, 2024, report from the City Administrator.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Special Assistant to the Interim Library Director Brandon Beaudette.
- Coast Village Road Association: Trey Pinner, President.
- Members of the Public: Peter Lewis; Janet Garufis; Robin Elander; Geoffrey Carter; Ron Robertson; Kristen Miller; Trevor Large; Jim Knell.

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/Friedman to approve staff recommendation A.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon.)

Motion:

Councilmembers Sneddon/A. Gutierrez to approve staff recommendations B and C; Resolution No. 24-037.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**12. Subject: Castillo Street Undercrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project [Resolution] (530.04)**

Recommendation: That Council adopt, by reading of title only, a Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Barbara Supporting the Castillo Street Undercrossing Bicycle and Pedestrian Facility Improvements Project, and Directing Staff to Apply for a Grant to Fund Design, Environmental Review, and Construction.

The title of the Resolution was read.

Documents:

- April 16, 2024, report from the Public Works Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.
- Proposed Resolution.

Speakers:

- Staff: Supervising Transportation Planner Jessica Grant; Project Planner Chelsey Swanson; Principal Traffic Engineer Derrick Bailey
- Members of the Public: Barry Remis, Alex Gravenor

Discussion:

- Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Motion:

Councilmembers A. Gutierrez /Jordan for staff recommendation; Resolution No. 24-038.

Vote:

Unanimous roll call vote (Absent: Councilmember Harmon.)

**COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**COUNCILMEMBER ENGAGEMENTS**

Councilmember A. Gutierrez attended the following events or made the following comments: 1. Proposed additional uses of the Housing Trust Funds and stated she would provide the proposal to staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (IF NECESSARY)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on May 14, 2024.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

SANTA BARBARA  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE




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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST: 

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CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

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