



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING May 14, 2014 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco, Randy Rowse, Bendy White.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Deborah L. Applegate.

### PUBLIC COMMENT (RELATED TO FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET)

Speakers: Roger Durling, Santa Barbara International Film Festival; Bob Bogle, Casa Esperanza; Fred Sweeney, Single Family Design Board; Jefferson Litten, Community Environmental Council; Dave Harrell and Lia Manfredi, Jodi House.

### WORK SESSIONS

#### **Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from the Community Development Department and the Library Department on their Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budgets.

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## **WORK SESSIONS (CONT'D)**

### **Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05) (Cont'd)**

#### Documents:

- May 14, 2014, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by City Staff.

#### Speakers:

Acting Community Development Director Bettie Weiss, Community Development Business Manager Sue Gray.

#### Discussion:

Community Development Business Manager Sue Gray gave a department overview of the current budget for the Planning and Building and Safety Divisions. Sue Gray reported no major changes in expected spending for the second year of a two-year budget cycle, although both divisions had some minor adjustments to their general fund allocation. Proposed changes to the originally proposed Fiscal Year 2015 Plan included fee changes of 3%, in most line items, service enhancements/restorations and key initiatives and performance objectives. Proposed changes to the original Redevelopment Agency Retirement Obligation and Affordable Housing Funds were presented with performance review goals.

Councilmember White arrived at 1:51 p.m.

Councilmember Rowse arrived at 1:56 p.m.

#### Speakers (Cont'd):

- Library Director Irene Macias, Library Services Manager Central Library Scott Love, Library Services Manager Branch Libraries Margaret Esther.
- Members of the Public: Ethan Shenkman.

#### Discussion (Cont'd):

Library Director Irene Macias reported that the Library Department's general fund allocation increased and provided an overview of the department's budget. She noted a noticeable increase in digital circulation in the last few years. A summary of the total library funding was presented along with proposed fee changes which included elimination of the \$1.00 Holds Fee and an addition of \$10.00 Collection Agency Fee. Library Services Manager Scott Love presented a current accounting of monies being spent in the General Fund including proposed changes to the original plan. Appropriations by major object, such as salaries and benefits, supplies and services, allocated costs and book acquisitions were discussed.

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**WORK SESSIONS (CONT'D)**

**Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)  
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Discussion (Cont'd)

Recommended adjustments to appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2014 to 2015 were discussed along with proposed service enhancements which would add \$30,000 to book acquisitions, enhanced WiFi at the Central and Eastside Libraries, and electrical outlets added to study carrels at the Central Library. Key objectives for the performance review goals include adding electronic screens to display flyers, overseeing final design and construction of the children's section, completing the final design for Library Plaza Improvement Project, raising \$750,000 toward capital campaign goals, and upgrading all 41 computers at City libraries.

Councilmembers discussed the items, made comments, and their questions were answered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

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MAYOR

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