



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING  
October 24, 2012**

**DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Frank Hotchkiss, Grant House.

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

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order, and the meeting continued in joint session.

Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bartlett, John P. Campanella, Michael Jordan, Stella Larson, Deborah L. Schwartz, Addison Thompson, Chair Sheila Lodge.

Planning Commissioners absent: None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one wished to speak.

## **NOTICES**

The City Clerk has on Thursday, October 18, 2012, 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.

## **WORK SESSIONS**

### **Subject: Joint Council And Planning Commission Work Session Regarding Planning Division Program Activities (650.01)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission to receive status reports and discuss major work program activities in the Planning Division, including: Zoning Information and Enforcement; Development and Environmental Review; Design Review and Historic Preservation; and Long Range Planning.

#### Documents:

- October 24, 2012, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

#### Speakers:

- Staff: City Planner Bettie Weiss, Senior Planner Jaime Limón, Principal Planner John Ledbetter.
- Members of the Public: Ginny Brush, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission.

#### Discussion:

City Planner Bettie Weiss discussed the activities of three work areas within the Planning Division, as follows: 1) Zoning Information and Enforcement: the impact of staffing problems, and collaboration with the Association of Realtors regarding the accuracy of Zoning Information Reports; 2) Design Review and Historic Preservation: the recent adoption of the Historic Resources Element and the ongoing work program related to preservation of the City's historic resources; and 3) Development and Environmental Review: staffing and the status of a number of private and public development projects.

Principal Planner John Ledbetter reviewed the progress of projects related to the implementation of the General Plan Update approved by the Council in December 2011.

Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners made comments, and their questions were answered.

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

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