



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING April 28, 2014 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White (3:07 p.m.), Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 24, 2014, 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: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from administrative departments regarding their Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Budgets.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (Cont'd)

Documents:

- April 28, 2014, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Finance Department, Administrative Services, City Attorney's Office, City Administrator's Office and Mayor and Council's Office staff.

Public Comment Opened:

3:01 p.m.

Speakers:

Staff: Finance Director Robert Samario, General Services Manager Bill Hornung, Risk Manager Mark Howard, City Administrator James Armstrong.

Discussion:

Finance Director Samario provided a General Fund financial overview, including proposed budget adjustments for staffing changes, and highlighted several key work efforts for the department. General Services Manager Hornung responded to Council's questions regarding the City's Living Wage ordinance. Risk Manager Howard provided an overview of the self-insurance fund, including recommended changes in the budget for staffing, for the Injury and Illness Protection Program and for development of a cost allocation system for unemployment insurance claim costs. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Speakers:

Staff: Acting Administrative Services Director Kristine Schmidt, Information Systems Manager Robert Badger.

Councilmember Rowse left the meeting at 3:56 p.m. and returned at 4:01 p.m.

Discussion:

Acting Administrative Services Director Schmidt provided an overview of the City Clerk's Office and Human Resources and Information Systems Divisions, including the requested key budget changes for increased staffing, reinstatement of the Educational Reimbursement Program, and ongoing replacement of computer workstations and infrastructure. Performance and work objectives for each division were also discussed. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 Recommended Operating and Capital Budget (Cont'd)

Speakers:

Staff: City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne.

Discussion:

City Attorney Calonne discussed some key budget changes, including requests to restore staffing levels, reinstatement of janitorial services and funding for outside counsel. He also provided some project objectives for Fiscal Year 2015. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant to the City Administrator Nina Johnson, City TV Production Supervisor Tony Ruggieri.
- Members of the Public: Fiesta El Presidente Dennis F. Rickard, Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Ken Oplinger, Ethan Shenkman.

Discussion:

Assistant to the City Administrator Johnson provided an overview of the City Administrator's Office operations, including proposed changes in their budget for staffing, supplies and equipment. She also highlighted Fiscal Year 2015 performance objectives for the City Administrator's Office and City TV. City TV Production Supervisor Ruggieri answered questions regarding high definition cable channel options. Ms. Johnson then provided an overview of the Mayor and Council's Office proposed changes, including a new Arts and Community Promotions Program and a proposed increase in community promotion funding. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

By consensus, the hearing was continued to April 30, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

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ATTEST:

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

SARAH FOX
DEPUTY CITY CLERK