



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
May 29, 2014

CENTRAL LIBRARY, FAULKNER GALLERY, 40 E. ANAPAMU STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Gregg Hart, Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

(Note: This Public Comment was taken after the public comment related to the Work Session item.)

Speakers: Wayne Scoles, Cruzito Herrera Cruz, Mickey Flacks.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, May 22, 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: District Elections And Other Voting System Options (110.03)

Recommendation: That Council review the accompanying discussion, receive public comment, and consider providing direction to staff regarding possible Charter amendments.

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Subject: District Elections And Other Voting System Options (Cont'd)

Documents:

May 29, 2014, report from the City Attorney.

Speakers:

- Staff: City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Administrator James Armstrong.
- Members of the Public: Ted Tedesco; Wayne Scoles; Mickey Flacks; Isaac Garrett; Cruzito Herrera Cruz; Bonnie Raisin; Milt Hess; Lanny Ebenstein; Lucas Zucker, CAUSE; Jacqueline Inda; Sebastian Aldana, Jr.; Jason Colbert; Sheila Lodge; Robin Morse.

Motion:

Councilmembers Hotchkiss/Rowse to direct Staff to engage a demographic expert to present to Council information regarding the determination as to whether racially polarized voting exists in Santa Barbara.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (Absent: Councilmember Francisco).

Motion:

Councilmembers Murillo/Hart to place an item on a future Council agenda for the formation of an ad hoc Council subcommittee which will discuss the issue of district elections with the committee from the community supporting this change to the City's election system.

Vote:

Majority voice vote (Noes: Councilmember Hotchkiss; Absent: Councilmember Francisco).

Motion:

Councilmember Murillo/Mayor Schneider to place a measure on the November 2014 election ballot to ask the voters whether the City should change its election system to a configuration in which 6 Councilmembers are elected by district and the Mayor is elected at large.

Vote:

Failed to carry by voice vote (Ayes: Councilmembers Murillo, White, Mayor Schneider; Noes: Councilmembers Hart, Hotchkiss, Rowse; Absent: Councilmember Francisco).

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK