



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING May 18, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Pierre Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers: Howard Green.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, May 14, 2015, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Subject: Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan For Fiscal Years 2016 And 2017
(230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from the Public Works Department on their Fiscal Year 2016 Recommended Budget as contained in the Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

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Documents:

- May 18, 2015, report from the Acting Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Rebecca Bjork, Facilities and Energy Manager James Dewey, City Administrator Paul Casey, Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Pat Kelly, Fleet Manager Gary Horwald, Transportation Manager Browning Allen, Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark.
- Members of the Public: Jefferson Litten, Community Environmental Council; John Broberg; Bill Marks, Santa Barbara League of Women Voters.

Discussion:

Public Works Director Bjork briefly reviewed the department's structure, including the current number of employees and a request for an increase in the number of positions. She also outlined the functions of the Administration Division.

Facilities and Energy Manager Dewey described the programs of this division, with an emphasis on proposed capital projects to improve existing City facilities. He also explained the concept of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), a program established by one or more local jurisdictions allowing consumers to choose the source of their electrical power. Mr. Litten of the Community Environmental Council also made a presentation regarding CCA.

Motion:

Councilmembers White/Hart to direct Staff to place on a future Council agenda recommendations for moving forward with Community Choice Aggregation in the City.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote (Absent: Councilmember Francisco).

Discussion (Cont'd):

City Engineer Kelly outlined the five programs of the Engineering Division. Included were descriptions of major capital projects to be undertaken during the next fiscal year, how capital projects are "delivered" to the community, and the role of traffic engineering in the promotion of traffic safety and flow.

Fleet Manager Horwald detailed the responsibilities of the Fleet Management Division, including maintenance and repair of the City's fleet of motor vehicles, the infrastructure to refuel those vehicles, and the timely replacement of all vehicles. He also described a planned project to replace the City's in-ground diesel fuel tank.

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Discussion (Cont'd):

Transportation Manager Allen reviewed the six programs of the Transportation Division, which include Transportation Planning, Alternative Transportation, Transportation/Drainage Systems Maintenance, Street Sweeping, Downtown Parking, and the Neighborhood Improvement Task Force. He described each program's functions. Some focus was directed to the Downtown Parking Program, which has a number of capital projects planned for Fiscal Year 2016.

Water Resources Manager Haggmark presented an overview of the programs within two major funds, Wastewater and Water; he also provided comparisons of the rates charged by the City for both wastewater and water services with those of other jurisdictions.

Councilmembers' questions regarding the Public Works Department's budget were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK