



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING April 19, 2011 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. (The Finance Committee and Ordinance Committee met at 12:30 p.m.)

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schneider.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Grant House, Randy Rowse, Michael Self, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: None.

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

### CEREMONIAL ITEMS

1. Subject: Proclamation Declaring April 2011 As Department Of Motor Vehicles/Donate Life California Month (120.04)

Action: Proclamation presented to heart donor recipient Joe Darga.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Speakers: Kenneth Loch.

### CONSENT CALENDAR (Item Nos. 2 - 8)

Motion:

Councilmembers Hotchkiss/Francisco to approve the Consent Calendar as recommended.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

2. Subject: Minutes

Recommendation: That Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 5 (cancelled), and the special meeting of April 7, 2011.

Action: Approved the recommendation.

3. Subject: Increase In Construction Change Order Authority And Extra Services For The Escondido And Bothin Pump Stations Rehabilitation Project (540.06)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Authorize an increase in the Public Works Director Change Order Authority to approve expenditures for extra work for Escondido and Bothin Pump Stations Rehabilitation Contract No. 23,500 with Taft Electric Company (Taft) in the amount of \$94,243, for a total Project expenditure authority of \$1,608,977; and
- B. Authorize an increase in the Extra Services amount with AECOM Technical Services, Incorporated (AECOM), for construction support services for the Escondido and Bothin Pump Station Rehabilitations Project (Project), Contract No. 23,501, in the amount of \$16,449, for a total Project expenditure authority of \$65,560.

Action: Approved the recommendations (April 19, 2011, report from the Public Works Director).

## NOTICES

- 4. The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 14, 2011, 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.
- 5. Cancellation of the Redevelopment Agency meeting of April 19, 2011, due to lack of business.
- 6. The Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, including the Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, was filed with the City Clerk's Office on April 19, 2011.
- 7. Received a letter of resignation from Rental Housing Mediation Task Force Member Roger Simpson; the vacancy will be part of the current City Advisory Groups recruitment.

8. Recruitment for City Advisory Groups:
  - A. The City Clerk's Office will accept applications through Monday, May 16, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. to fill 30 vacancies on various City Advisory Groups, including four scheduled vacancies on the Living Wage Advisory Committee and Single Family Design Board with term expiration dates of June 30, 2011, one scheduled vacancy on the Housing Authority Commission with a term expiration date of August 6, 2011, and unscheduled vacancies resulting from resignations received in the City Clerk's Office through Wednesday, April 27, 2011;
  - B. The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time), and Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. (Estimated Time); and
  - C. The City Council will make appointments to fill the vacancies on various City Advisory Groups on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

Mayor Schneider announced the opening the City's semiannual recruitment for City advisory groups and encouraged members of the public to apply for appointment.

This concluded the Consent Calendar.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Finance Committee Chair Dale Francisco reported that the Committee met to review the proposed schedule of special Committee meetings for the proposed Two-Year Financial Plan; the Committee approved the schedule.

#### **REPORT FROM THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ordinance Committee Chair Grant House reported that the Committee met to hear a report and discuss four options for reducing the distribution of single-use bags within the City: 1) take no further action; 2) recommend an ordinance mandating an expansion of the existing "Where's Your Bag?" Program; 3) recommend a ballot measure to impose a tax on single-use bags; and 4) recommend an ordinance to prohibit the distribution of single-use plastic bags by retailers with a complementary fee for paper bags. The Committee voted to take no further action at this time.

## CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

### FINANCE DEPARTMENT

9. Subject: Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan For Fiscal Years 2012 And 2013 (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive the Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, including the Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2012;
- B. Hear a report from staff in connection with the filing of the Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013; and
- C. Approve the proposed Schedule of Council Budget Review Meetings and Public Hearings of the Recommended Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013.

Documents:

- April 19, 2011, report from the Finance Director.
- April 19, 2011, Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013, and Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.
- Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Schedule of Penalties, Fees and Service Charges.
- April 19, 2011, PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

Speakers:

Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong; Finance Director Robert Samario.

By consensus, the Council approved the recommendations. Staff responded to the Councilmembers' questions. Mayor Schneider stated that the first public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at 1:30 p.m.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

10. Subject: Plan Santa Barbara Ad Hoc Subcommittee Recommendations (650.05)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Receive Subcommittee recommendations to date;
- B. Hold discussion to determine full Council positions on Subcommittee recommendations; and
- C. Provide direction to Subcommittee and staff on next steps.

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Documents:

- April 19, 2011, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director.
- April 14, 2011, email communication and attachments submitted by Staff.
- April 19, 2011, PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- April 19, 2011, vote sheet prepared and submitted by Councilmember Self.
- April 18, 2011, letter from Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc.
- April 19, 2011, letter from Allied Neighborhoods Association.

Speakers:

- Staff: Principal Planner John Ledbetter, City Planner Bettie Weiss.
- Members of the Public: Debra Slaght, League of Women Voters; Sheila Lodge; Kellam de Forest; Mickey Flacks, Community Coalition; Cathie McCammon, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Paul Hernadi, Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc.

Discussion:

Staff made a presentation on the progress of the Subcommittee to date. Councilmembers provided their feedback on the recommendations. There was not a consensus on the issue of density. The Subcommittee will continue meeting to discuss outstanding issues, including items listed on the vote sheet submitted by Councilmember Self, and prepare recommendations for presentation to the Council at a future date.

## **COUNCILMEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

Information:

- Councilmember Rowse reported on his attendance at a special meeting of the Downtown Parking Committee, where the Committee's future direction and its presentation to the City Council during a future budget hearing were discussed.
- Councilmember House spoke about the Legislative Committee meeting on April 13, where they discussed employee relations, revenue and taxation, the Airport and City administration. The Committee has two additional meetings scheduled and will present a report to the Council after the meeting of April 26.
- Councilmember Hotchkiss mentioned that he attended the first meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Council, where they elected the Chair and Vice-Chair.
- Councilmember White reported that the Planning Commission unanimously approved the Valle Verde Retirement Community project last week.
- Mayor Schneider spoke about the Earth Day Festival where approximately 38,000 people were in attendance.

**RECESS**

Mayor Schneider recessed the meeting at 4:50 p.m. in order for the Council to reconvene in closed session for Item No. 11. No reportable action is anticipated.

**CLOSED SESSIONS**

11. Subject: Conference With Labor Negotiator (440.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session, per Government Code Section 54957.6, to consider instructions to City negotiator Kristy Schmidt, Employee Relations Manager, regarding negotiations with General, Treatment and Patrol, and Supervisory bargaining units and regarding discussions with unrepresented management about salaries and fringe benefits.

Scheduling: Duration, 30 minutes; anytime

Report: None anticipated

Documents:

April 19, 2011, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Administrative Services Director.

Time:

4:55 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

No report made.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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MAYOR

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