



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING May 2, 2011 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, April 28, 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.

CITY COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE AND ATTORNEY REPORTS

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

Recommendation: That Council hear presentations from the Community Development and Library departments on their recommended budgets as contained in the Proposed Two-Year Financial Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013.

Documents:

- May 2, 2011, report from the Finance Director.
- PowerPoint presentations prepared and made by Community Development and Library Departments Staff.

Public Comment Opened:

1:31 p.m.

Speakers:

- Staff: Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director Paul Casey, Housing and Redevelopment Manager Brian Bosse, Administrative Services Manager Sue Gray, City Administrator James Armstrong, City Planner Bettie Weiss, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Rental Housing Mediation Task Force: Members Robert Burke, Lynn Goebel, Barbara Smith-Sherrill and Silvio DiLoreto.
- Members of the Public: ; Mark Alvarado, PUEBLO; Toni Schultheis, League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara; Kyle Tahn; Emily Allen; Ellen Goodstein, Legal Aid Foundation; Hilary Kleger, Santa Barbara Rental Housing Roundtable; Patricia Flores; Sharon Rose.

Discussion:

Community Development Department Staff described programs administered by the Department's Planning, Building & Safety and Administration divisions, the strategy to close a budget shortfall and the impacts of that strategy, and the status of development activity within the City and of the Plan Santa Barbara General Plan Update. The Housing and Redevelopment Division of the Department presented information related to its budget and programs, including the proposed elimination by the State of California of all redevelopment agencies as part of its next budget, the status of the Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency's Capital Program and of funding for affordable housing, and the proposed discontinuation of the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force Program.

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1. (Cont'd)

Recess: 3:40 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Councilmember Hotchkiss returned to the meeting at 3:51 p.m.

Speakers (Cont'd):

- Staff: Library Director Irene Macias, Library Services Manager Roger Hiles, Library Services Manager Scott Love.

Discussion:

Library Director Irene Macias presented overviews of library services, funding reductions being proposed by the state and county governments, and service level changes made during Fiscal Years 2009-2011 and to be made during Fiscal Year 2012. Library Services Manager Roger Hiles discussed in detail the library programs funded by the City's General Fund (for the Central and Eastside branches), and Library Services Manager Scott Love did the same for services and projects funded by the County Library Fund (for the Goleta Library and small branches). Councilmembers' questions were answered.

By consensus, the public hearing was continued to May 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m.

RECESS

Mayor Schneider recessed the meeting at 4:25 p.m. in order for the Council to reconvene in closed session for Agenda Item Nos. 2 and 3, and she stated that no reportable action is anticipated.

CLOSED SESSIONS

2. 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

(Continued from April 26, 2011, Item No. 9)

Documents:

April 26, 2011, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Administrative Services Director.

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2. (Cont'd)

Time:

4:30 p.m. - 4:38 p.m. Councilmember Self was absent.

No report made.

3. Subject: Conference With Real Property Negotiators - 319 W. Haley Street (330.03)

Recommendation: That Council hold a closed session pursuant to the authority of Government Code Section 54956.8 in order to provide direction to the City Administrator and to the City Attorney regarding the possible City disposition of the real property known as 319 W. Haley Street. Property: 319 W. Haley Street. City Negotiator: City Transportation Planning Manager and the City Attorney's office. Negotiating Party: Santa Barbara County Association of Governments. Under Negotiation: Price, terms of payment, possible exchange terms.

Scheduling: Duration, 20 minutes; anytime

Report: None anticipated

(Continued from April 26, 2011, Item No. 10)

Documents:

April 26, 2011, report from the City Attorney.

Time:

4:40 p.m. - 4:43 p.m. Councilmember Self was absent.

No report made.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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ATTEST:

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK