



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING September 8, 2011 COUNCIL CHAMBER, 735 ANACAPA STREET

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:30 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, September 6, 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

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Subject: *Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB)* General Plan Update (650.05)

Recommendation: That Council consider the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended amendments to the *PlanSB* General Plan Update Elements and provide direction to staff.

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Subject: *Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB)* General Plan Update (Cont'd)

Documents:

- September 8, 2011, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Community Development Director.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- August 30, 2011, letter from Naomi Greene.
- September 7, 2011, letter from Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc.
- September 8, 2011, letter from the Allied Neighborhoods Association.
- Undated letter from the Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST).

Speakers:

- Staff: City Planner Bettie Weiss, Principal Transportation Planner Rob Dayton, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.
- Planning Commission: Vice Chair Sheila Lodge, Commissioner Bruce Bartlett.
- Members of the Public: Jean Holmes, League of Women Voters; Fermina Murray, Historic Resources Element Task Force; Debbie Cox Bultan, Coastal Housing Coalition; Courtney Seepel, The Towbes Group; John Campanella; Megan Birney, Community Environmental Council; Barbara Fosbrink, California State Parks; Michael Chiacos; Gil Barry, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Mark Bradley, Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST); Mary Louise Days and Paul Hernadi, Citizens Planning Association; Cathie McCammon, Allied Neighborhoods Association; Alex Pujo, Santa Barbara For All; Lee Moldaver; Dave Davis, Community Environmental Council.

Discussion:

Staff's presentation included information regarding the General Plan Update process since late 2010, the sustainability framework of the General Plan as outlined in the Plan's Introduction, the amendments recommended by the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee for the Land Use, Housing, and Circulation Elements, and the policy issues related to those three elements for which Staff requires direction from the Council.

Recess: 5:40 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.

Discussion (Cont'd):

Councilmembers stated their views regarding the issues of growth management, residential density, and parking.

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Subject: *Plan Santa Barbara (PlanSB)* General Plan Update (Cont'd)

Motion:

Councilmembers White/Rowse to implement an Average Unit Density Program as recommended by the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee; approve the Staff recommendation to eliminate the Tier 2 density from the C-M Zone of the Program; require a minimum of one parking space per developed unit; and set a timeframe for the Program of 8 years or 250 units (this number to be applied to all units in projects developed with Tier 2 and 3 densities), whichever occurs sooner, at which time the Program would sunset back to the current Variable Density Program.

Vote:

Failed to carry by roll call vote (supermajority of five affirmative votes required) (Ayes: Councilmembers Francisco, Rowse, White, Mayor Schneider; Noes: Councilmembers Hotchkiss, House, Self).

Motion:

Councilmember Hotchkiss to implement an Average Unit Density Program as recommended by the Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee; approve the Staff recommendation to eliminate the Tier 2 density from the C-M Zone of the Program; require a minimum of one parking space per developed unit; and set a timeframe for the Program of 8 years or 250 units (this number to be applied to all units in projects developed with Tier 2 and 3 densities), whichever occurs sooner, at which time the Program would sunset to an Average Unit Density Program with Tier 1 density.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmembers Self and Hotchkiss changed their votes on the original motion, and therefore the action proposed thereby was approved.

Motion:

Councilmembers Hotchkiss/Self to continue this item to the regular meeting of September 13, 2011.

Vote:

Unanimous voice vote.

