



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL MEETING March 7, 2012 CHASE PALM PARK RECREATION CENTER 236 EAST CABRILLO BOULEVARD

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Dale Francisco, Frank Hotchkiss, Grant House, Cathy Murillo, Randy Rowse, Bendy White (2:11 p.m.), Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator James L. Armstrong, City Attorney Stephen Wiley.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

### NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, March 1, 2012, 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: PERS Options Special Work Session (430.08)**

Recommendation: That Council hold a work session regarding the CalPERS pension program and reform options being considered by various municipalities.

#### Documents:

- March 7, 2012, report from the Assistant City Administrator/Administrative Services Director.
- March 7, 2012, binder entitled "PERS Options, Special City Council Work Session, List of Reference Documents," which includes the PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.

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## **PERS Options Special Work Session (Cont'd)**

### Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator James Armstrong, Employee Relations Manager Kristine Schmidt, Finance Director Robert Samario.
- Members of the Public: George Green, Director of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 620; Terry Tyler; Bruce Corsaw, Executive Director of the SEIU Local 620.

### Discussion:

City Administrator James Armstrong briefly spoke about the purpose of the work session, which is to provide an overview of public employee pensions in California, the funding status of the City's pension plans, and reform activities related to state and local pension plans.

Staff presented background information about public pension plans, a history of changes made to them, and how PERS (Public Employees Retirement System) pensions are funded. Staff reviewed the funding status of the City's pension plans. Pension reform approaches and highlights of the Governor's proposed plan were presented. Staff stated that any changes to the City's pension plans must be bargained for in good faith under the law, and added that the current Memorandums of Understanding for Public Safety employees are effective through June 2013, and those for Miscellaneous employees will expire between July 2012 and December 2013. Staff responded to questions from the Councilmembers.

Councilmember White left the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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MAYOR

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