



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
February 18, 2015**

DAVID GEBHARD PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, 630 GARDEN STREET

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, Deputy City Clerk Susan Tschech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, February 12, 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.

WORK SESSIONS

Subject: Fiscal Year 2016 Special Budget Work Session (230.05)

Recommendation: That Council hold a special work session on the Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 financial plan.

Documents:

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

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Subject: Fiscal Year 2016 Special Budget Work Session (Cont'd)

Speakers:

- Staff: City Administrator Paul Casey, Acting Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Robert Samario, Public Works Director Rebecca Bjork, Fire Chief Pat McElroy, Police Chief Camerino Sanchez.
- Members of the Public: Cynthia Goena, Service Employees International Union Local 620.

Discussion:

City Administrator Casey began Staff's presentation by stating that the City's budget is in good shape overall and by setting out several competing priorities for restored funding. Finance Director Samario reviewed the current state of the City's finances, represented by both the General Fund and the various Enterprise Funds. He also presented a long-term forecast for General Fund expenditures and revenues, and he explained key points, caveats and risks to be mindful of for the future. City Administrator Casey then described in detail priorities identified by both Council and Staff for the allocation of increased revenues. The presentation was concluded with a demonstration of the use of OpenGov, an online tool providing user-friendly access to the City's financial data. Councilmembers' questions were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

SUSAN TSCHECH, CMC
DEPUTY CITY CLERK