



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING February 28, 2015 FAULKNER GALLERY, CENTRAL LIBRARY, 40 E. ANAPAMU

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Helene Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Frank Hotchkiss, Cathy Murillo, Bendy White, Mayor Schneider.

Councilmembers absent: Dale Francisco, Gregg Hart, Randy Rowse.

Staff present: City Administrator Paul Casey, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, City Clerk Services Manager Gwen Peirce.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one wished to speak.

NOTICES

The City Clerk has on Thursday, February 19, 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: Public Hearing On Proposal To Establish District Boundaries (110.03)

Recommendation: That Council:

- A. Open a public input process on the establishment of district elections; and
- B. Hold a public hearing pursuant to California Elections Code Section 10010 to consider a proposal to establish district boundaries.

Documents:

- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by Staff.
- Draft Plans to divide the City into 6 geographical zones and public comment forms prepared by the consultant. (Cont'd)

Subject: Public Hearing On Proposal To Establish District Boundaries (Cont'd)

Speakers:

- Staff: Administrative Services Director Kristine Schmidt, City Attorney Ariel Calonne.
- National Demographics Corporation: President Douglas Johnson.
- Members of the Public: Barry Cappello; Hillary Blackerby; Susan Shank, League of Women Voters; Mary O’Gorman; Diane Fox; Dick Flacks, CAUSE; Robert Burke; Greg Freeland, CAUSE; Lucas Zucker, CAUSE; Matthew Kramer; Sharon Byrne; Shane Stark; Bonnie Raisin; Mickey Flacks; Lindsay Baker; Lanny Ebenstein; Joie McKay.

Discussion:

City Attorney Calonne provided a history of the current District Election process, including an explanation of the lawsuit, *Banales, et.al. v. The City of Santa Barbara*. He gave an overview of the civic engagement process that the City is undertaking and provided the key points of the settlement agreement with the plaintiffs in the case. Douglas Johnson explained the process and requirements for drawing district boundaries, and outlined what criteria can be considered when creating districts. He provided instructions on how to utilize the online districting tool, where users can use existing templates or start from scratch to draw their own proposed district boundary maps and submit them for consideration. Questions from the public were answered.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schneider adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

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HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
GWEN PEIRCE, CMC
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER