



## **CITY OF SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 25, 2022  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 735 ANACAPA STREET;  
320-A WEST ORTEGA STREET**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Randy Rowse called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rowse.

### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez (9:10 a.m.), Meagan Harmon participated electronically from 320-A West Ortega Street, Mike Jordan, Kristen W. Sneddon, Mayor Rowse.

Councilmembers absent: Alejandra Gutierrez.

Staff present: City Administrator Rebecca Bjork, City Attorney Ariel Calonne, Deputy City Clerk Naomi Kovacs.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ROLL CALL**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Subject: Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Operating And Capital Budget (230.05)**

Recommendation: That Council hear a presentation from the Public Works Department and the General Fund / Measure C Capital Program regarding their Fiscal Year 2023 Recommended Budget.

Public Hearing opened: 9:02 a.m.

Documents:

- May 25, 2022, Council Agenda Report and attachment from the Public Works Department and the General Fund / Measure C Capital Program.
- PowerPoint presentation prepared and made by staff.

Speakers:

- Staff: Public Works Director Cliff Maurer, Business Manager Michael Pease, Interim City Engineer Ashleigh Shue, Streets Operations & Infrastructure Manager Jim Dewey, Jessica Grant, Parking Supervisor Sarah Clark, Facilities Manager Angela Oslund, Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark, City Administrator Rebecca Bjork.
- Members of the Public: Downtown Organization Executive Director Robin Elander.

Staff presentation:

- Discussion topics included a department overview, pandemic resiliency efforts, personnel turnover and staffing, new Public Works Downtown Division (prior: Transportation Planning and Parking Division), merger of Fleets and Facilities Divisions, and an overview of each division within the department (Administration, Engineering, Streets Operations and Infrastructure, Streets Operations, Downtown (Downtown Parking, Transportation Planning), Transportation Planning, Facilities Management, Fleet Management, Water Resources) and General Fund and Measure C Capital, including revenue, expenditures, revenue loss, service level impacts FY23, proposed revenue and expenditures, staffing and position changes, programs and program highlights, projects, proposed fees and rates, and five-year plans.

Discussion:

- Discussion topics included sidewalk repairs, bicycle storage, State Street cleanliness, Business Improvement Districts, Active Transportation grants and Cliff Drive project and Cycle 5 vs Cycle 6 matching funds, fees for downtown dining and status of parklets on the road including ADA access issues, projected reserves and proposed fee increase for downtown parking, parking rates and permit programs, schedule for re-opening of the Los Patos/Highway 101 on- and off-ramp, process for handling stop sign requests from community members, speed cameras, challenges related to recruitment and retention of engineers, staffing shortages, re-establishing a waterfront shuttle and potential State Street transportation service opportunities, Measure C priorities, police station funding, streets maintenance funding, live theaters exclusion from parking assessment and potential change to this, State Street promenade maintenance/cleaning and hours of Ambassadors' presence, graffiti service and possibility of community members being able to utilize this service for a fee at full cost recovery, traffic signals/lead pedestrian intervals (LPI), Louise Lowry Davis Center parking, downtown parking reserves and ARPA backfill, reinstatement of sidewalk dining fees, Police/Fire/Public Works radio communications cost and what is included in this program, staff retention and salaries. Councilmembers' questions were answered and staff direction was provided.

Public Hearing closed: 11:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Rowse adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m. in recognition of the tragedy that occurred in Texas.

Approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara on June 14, 2022.

SANTA BARBARA CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

  
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RANDY ROWSE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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SARAH GORMAN  
CITY CLERK SERVICES MANAGER

