



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

Closed Session 4:30 P.M./Regular Meeting 5:30 PM
City Hall, Council Chambers
130 Cremona Drive
Goleta, California

Members of the City Council

Mayor Paula Perotte
Mayor Pro Tempore Stuart Kasdin, District 4
Councilmember Luz Reyes-Martín, District 1
Councilmember James Kyriaco, District 2
Councilmember Jennifer Smith, District 3

Robert Nisbet, City Manager
Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk
Isaac Rosen, Acting City
Attorney

4:30 P.M. - CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perotte called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith

ABSENT: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION AT 4:31 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9(d)1 to confer with its legal counsel with regard to the following matter of pending litigation:

- Goleta v. Santa Barbara Nissan, LLC, et al., Santa Barbara Superior Court, Case No. 19CV03339

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Potential initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) with regard to one potential case.

5:30 P.M. - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Perotte called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith
ABSENT: None

INTRODUCTION OF SPANISH INTERPRETERS/INTRODUCCIÓN DE INTÉRPRETES DE ESPAÑOL

Mayor Perotte introduced the Spanish language interpreters for the meeting.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney, reported on closed session matters as follows:

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Action: No reportable action.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Kristen Miller, President/CEO Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce; Randy Berg, Chair of the Board Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce; Anne

Pazier, Santa Barbara Gift Baskets; Lizzie Rodriguez, Restorative Community Network; Kathy Odell, CEO Emeritus of Women's Economic Ventures; Francois DeJohn, Hayes Commercial Group; Mark Ingalls, Camino Real LLC; and Laurel Sykes, Executive Vice President American Riviera Bank, spoke in support of increased investment in economic development and shared comments regarding the continued implementation of the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORT

Robert Nisbet, City Manager, provided a demonstration of the "City Assist" program on the City's website, www.cityofgoleta.org.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025

[Approve the City Council Meeting minutes of April 1, 2025.](#)

[Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2025](#)

MOTION: Councilmember Reyes-Martín/Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin to approve the City Council Meeting minutes of April 1, 2025.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.2 Ratification of Mayoral Appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Library Advisory Commission

[A. Ratify the mayoral appointments of Dave Callanan and Marcos Aguilar to the Library Advisory Commission \(Unincorporated Service Area of the Goleta Valley\) for terms ending June 30, 2027; and](#)

[B. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Leigh Anne Riedman to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending February 1, 2029.](#)

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MOTION: Councilmember Reyes-Martín/Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin to: A. Ratify the mayoral appointments of Dave Callanan and Marcos Aguilar to the Library Advisory Commission (Unincorporated Service Area of the Goleta Valley) for terms ending June 30,

2027; and B. Ratify the mayoral appointment of Leigh Anne Riedman to the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term ending February 1, 2029.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.3 Agreement with University of California Santa Barbara Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration for the Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Phase 1 Implementation

Authorize the City Manager to execute a Research Agreement with the University of California, Santa Barbara Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration for continued habitat restoration and monitoring services, not to exceed \$64,788, with a termination date of December 31, 2025.

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VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.4 Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2024-097 with BAE Urban Economics for Housing Element Implementation Services

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2024-097 with BAE Urban Economics for Housing Element Implementation Services, increasing the contract amount by \$15,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$81,100, updating rates, and amending tasks.

Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement 2024-097 with BAE Urban Economics for Housing Element Implementation Services

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increasing the contract amount by \$15,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$81,100, updating rates, and amending tasks.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.5 Updates to the City of Goleta Community Garden Operation Policy

Review and approve updates to the City of Goleta Community Garden Operation Policy.

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MOTION: Councilmember Reyes-Martín/Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin to review and approve updates to the City of Goleta Community Garden Operation Policy.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.6 Acknowledge Megan Garibaldi for Her Years of Service to the City as City Attorney and Appoint Isaac Rosen of Best Best & Krieger, LLP (BB&K) to Serve as City Attorney Under the City's Existing Contract with BB&K

A. Acknowledge with gratitude Megan Garibaldi for her several years of distinguished service to the City as City Attorney.

B. Adopt Resolution No. 25-_____ entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Appointing Isaac Rosen as City Attorney and Authorizing Amendment No. 5 to City's Existing Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services."

C. Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 5 to a Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services between the City of Goleta and Best Best & Krieger LLP

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MOTION: Councilmember Reyes-Martín/Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin to: A. Acknowledge with gratitude Megan Garibaldi for her several years of distinguished service to the City as City Attorney. B. Adopt Resolution No. 25-11 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Appointing Isaac Rosen as City Attorney and Authorizing Amendment No. 5 to City's Existing Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services." C.

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 5 to a Professional Services Agreement for Legal Services between the City of Goleta and Best Best & Krieger LLP

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

A.7 Proposed Contract Classes & Contract Camp Program

A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Division to implement a Contract Classes & Contract Camp Program; and

B. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreement(s) with independent contractors to provide contract classes or camp programming at city facilities.

Proposed Contract Classes & Contract Camp Program

MOTION: Councilmember Reyes-Martín/Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin to: A. Authorize the Parks and Recreation Division to implement a Contract Classes & Contract Camp Program; and B. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreement(s) with independent contractors to provide contract classes or camp programming at city facilities.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

B. PRESENTATION

B.1 A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming the Month of April 2024 as DMV/Donate Life Month

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming April 2025 as DMV Donate Life Month

Councilmember Kyriaco presented a proclamation proclaiming the month of April 2024 as "DMV/Donate Life Month" in the City of Goleta to Scott Burns.

Public Speakers:
None

B.2 Certificate of Recognition - Malava "Ava" Canfield, 2025 Edison Scholar

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Mayor Perotte presented a certificate of recognition to Malava "Ava" Canfield, 2025 Edison Scholar.

Public Speakers:
None

C. PUBLIC HEARING

C.1 Annual Adjustments for User Fees and Charges for FY 2025/26

A. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed User Fees and Charges; and
B. Adopt Resolution No. 25-12 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Rescinding Resolution 24-23, Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 User Fees and Charges."

Annual Adjustments for User Fees and Charges for FY 2025-26

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to A. Conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed User Fees and Charges; and B. Adopt Resolution No. 25-12 entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Rescinding Resolution 24-23, Approving and Adopting the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 User Fees and Charges."

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:16 P.M.

Staff Speakers:
Luke Rioux, Finance Director
Tony Gonzalez, Accounting Manager, provided a presentation titled, "User Fees and Charges Updated," dated April 15, 2025 (presentation on file).

Public Speakers:
None

CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:49 P.M.

RECESS 6:50 P.M. - 6:55 P.M.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

D.1 Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee

Provide direction on the formation of a proposed Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee of the City Council.

Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee

Public Comment Received

Staff Speaker:
Jaime Valdez, Assistant City Manager

Public Speakers:
Robert Zaida questioned how to engage the public in general.
Gemma Jimenez spoke in support of community involvement on transportation issues.

All public comments received posted online:
Robert Bernstein, George Relles

MOTION: Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin/Mayor Perotte to direct staff to return to the City Council with a feasibility/benefits/cost report, as well as a recommendation regarding the creation of a Transportation and Circulation Standing Committee of the City Council or Transportation and Circulation Commission.

VOTE: Motion approved by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mayor Perotte, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin, Councilmembers Kyriaco, Reyes-Martín, and Smith. Noes: None.

RECESS 7:57 P.M. - 8:03 P.M.

D.2 FY 2025/26 and 2026/27 Two-Year Budget Workshop

Receive a presentation on the Preliminary Operating Budgets for Fiscal Years 2025/26 and 2026/27 and provide direction, if any, regarding items to be addressed or included in recommended budget

FY 2025/26 and 2026/27 Two-Year Budget Workshop

Staff Speakers:

Luke Rioux, Finance Director, and Robert Nisbet, City Manager, provided a presentation titled, "FY 2025/26 & 2026/27 Preliminary Operating Budget Review," dated April 15, 2025 (presentation on file).

Public Speakers:

Robert Zaida asked about weed abatement technologies.

The City Council received the presentation and provided feedback to staff.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS/ STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Kyriaco reported that at the Economic Development & Revitalization Standing Committee meeting of April 2, 2025, the Committee reviewed the Pride of Place (POP) Grants and made recommendations to improve economic vitality. Those recommendations will return to the Council for consideration in May.

Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin reported that at the Homelessness Issues Standing Committee meeting of April 3, 2025, the Committee discussed people living in vehicles and funding considerations for surveys of those living in their vehicles. The Committee also made funding recommendations which will return to the City Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember Smith reported that at the Finance and Audit Standing Committee meeting of April 7, 2025, the Committee reviewed the User Fees adopted by the City Council today. Councilmember Smith also announced that on Saturday morning, May 3, 2025, Coffee with a Councilmember in District 3 at Home Plate.

Councilmember Reyes-Martin announced Earth Day at Evergreen Park, April 19, 2025, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

F. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

ADJOURNED AT 9:52 P.M.

GOLETA CITY COUNCIL

PAULA PEROTTE,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK