



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

Closed Session 4:30 PM/Regular Session 5:30 PM
City Hall
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
Megan Garibaldi, 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

CLOSED SESSION

Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney, read into the record the closed session matter as follows:

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 one matter of pending litigation:

- Shelby Family Partnership L.P. v. City of Goleta, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV00548

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS CLOSED SESSION MATTERS

None

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

5:30 P.M. - REGULAR AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Perotte called the meeting to order at 5:32 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:

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 one matter of pending litigation:

- Shelby Family Partnership L.P. v. City of Goleta, et al., Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 24CV00548

Action: No reportable action

PUBLIC FORUM

Eva Inbar spoke regarding traffic incidents on Hollister Avenue and asked the City Council to consider adding a crosswalk and additional lighting at the intersection of Hollister Avenue and Magnolia Avenue.

Alex Adan spoke regarding La Casa de la Raza and its event on January 25, 2025.

AMENDMENTS OR ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None

CITY MANAGER/STAFF REPORT

California's Daylighting Law (Assembly Bill 413)

Robert Nisbet, City Manager, provided background Assembly Bill 413 and introduced Andrew Fuller, Principal Civil Engineer, and Sargent Noel Rivas who provided a presentation on California's Daylighting Law (Assembly Bill 413, effective January 1, 2025), which prohibits parking within 20 feet of any marked or unmarked crosswalk to improve safety by increasing visibility at intersections.

Robert Nisbet, City Manager, announced the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Storke Road and Whittier Drive.

RECESS 5:57 P.M. - 5:57 P.M.

Fire Preparedness

Mr. Nisbet provided background on Fire Preparedness and introduced JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director, Autumn Glaeser, Assistant Public Works Director, Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Chief, and Natalie Yanez, Regional Representative from Southern California Edison, to share information regarding fire preparedness.

JoAnne Plummer, Neighborhood Services Director, shared information regarding the City's emergency action plans and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training programs for community members. Ms. Plummer reminded residents to sign up for alerts at the County's website, www.readysbc.org for emergency information.

Autumn Glaeser, Assistant Public Works Director, spoke regarding the City's hazardous fuel reduction efforts throughout the city and shared that interested residents can join in "Fire Wise" meetings with Public Works and County Fire Department staff to learn what they can do to mitigate fire risks.

Mark Hartwig, Santa Barbara County Fire Chief, shared information on the "Ready, Set, Go!" emergency preparedness plan, and shared information on how residents can reduce their fire risk. Chief Hartwig also provided a link for residents to find additional information on the County's website, www.readysbc.org for emergency information.

Natalie Yanez, Regional Representative from Southern California Edison (SCE), a link for residents to find information on Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) and power outage preparation tips on SCE's www.sce.com/outage.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

A.1 Approval of the December 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

Approve the City Council meeting minutes of December 17, 2024.

Approval of the December 17, 2024 City Council Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to approve the City Council meeting minutes of December 17, 2024.

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 Acceptance of the November 2024 Check Register

Accept the check register for the month of November 2024.

Acceptance of the November 2024 Check Register

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to accept the check register for the month of November 2024.

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 Authority to Sign Estate Documents and Approval of Donation

A. Authorize the City Manager or Designee to execute estate documents related to the Acceptance and Approval of Accounting and Release of Trustee for the Laura Vondracek Living Trust; and

B. Authorize the City Manager to accept a donation, currently estimated at approximately \$156,709.19 from the Laura Vondracek Living Trust for the Goleta Valley Library through approval of the Donation Acceptance Form and authorization to sign any necessary or incidental documents thereto.

Authority to Sign Estate Documents and Approval of Donation

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to: A. Authorize the City Manager or Designee to execute estate documents related to the Acceptance and Approval of Accounting and Release of Trustee for the Laura Vondracek Living Trust; and B. Authorize the City Manager to accept a donation, currently estimated at approximately \$156,709.19 from the Laura Vondracek Living Trust for the Goleta Valley Library through approval of the Donation Acceptance Form and authorization to sign any necessary or incidental documents thereto.

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 Approval of the 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System

Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta.

Approval of the 2024-2025 Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an Agreement for Operation of a Free Countywide Library System for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 between the County of Santa Barbara and the City of Goleta.

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 Update to the 2023 Pre-Authorized Consultant List

Approve the update to the established 2023 Pre-Authorized Consultant List for various Professional Services.

Update to the 2023 Pre-Authorized Consultant List

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to approve the update to the established 2023 Pre-Authorized Consultant List for various Professional Services.

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 Approval of Amendment 1 to Professional Design Services Agreement with DKS Associates, Inc., for preparation of the 2024 Development Impact Fee Nexus Study Update

Authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the Professional Design Services Agreement No. 2024-091 with DKS Associates, Inc., increasing the agreement amount by \$70,000 for an expanded scope for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$345,700.

Approval of Amendment 1 to Professional Design Services Agreement with DKS Associates, Inc.,

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to authorize the City Manager to execute Amendment 1 to the Professional Design Services Agreement No. 2024-091 with DKS Associates, Inc., increasing the agreement amount by \$70,000 for an expanded scope for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$345,700.

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 Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Improvements to and Maintenance of the San Jose Creek Channel and Fish Passage Modification Project

Authorize the City Manager to approve Amendment No.1 to the Cooperative Agreement with Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Improvements to and Maintenance of the San Jose Creek Channel and Fish Passage resulting from the City's Hollister Avenue Bridge Project and San Jose Creek Channel Fish Passage Modification Project.

Amendment No. 1 to Cooperative Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Smith to authorize the City Manager to approve Amendment No.1 to the Cooperative Agreement with Santa Barbara County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for Improvements to and Maintenance of the San Jose Creek Channel and Fish Passage resulting from the City's Hollister Avenue Bridge Project and San Jose Creek Channel Fish Passage Modification Project.

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 January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Mayor Perotte presented a Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month to Tiffany Carty, Victim Witness Program Supervisor for the Santa Barbara County District Attorney's Office.

Public Speakers:
None

B.2 A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming January 21-25, 2025, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming January 21-25, 2025, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week

Mayor Perotte presented a Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming January 21-25, 2025, as E-Bike Safety Awareness Week to Gemma Jimenez, MOVE Santa Barbara County.

Public Speakers:
Rosie Monreal spoke regarding the bike lane infrastructure on Hollister Avenue at Fairview Ave.

Aaron Bonfilio, Director of Multimodal Programs at Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, thanked the City and MOVE Santa Barbara County for promoting E-bike safety awareness and noted CylceMAYnia will take place in May 2025.

Carol Gemberling Stewart encouraged E-bike riders to use safe riding practices and to wear proper helmets. She also shared comments regarding E-bike riders at parks.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

C.1 First Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.12 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Exempt Hospitals from the EV Reach Code

Introduce and conduct the first reading by title only, waiving further reading of Ordinance No. 25-__ entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.12 (Green Building) of the Goleta Municipal Code Exempting Hospitals from the Electric Vehicle Reach Code and Finding the Amendment to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act."

First Reading of Ordinance Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.12 of the Goleta Municipal Code to Exempt Hospitals from the EV Reach Code

Staff Speakers:

Dana Murray, Sustainability Manager, and Angeline Foshay, Management Analyst, provided a presentation titled, "Amendment to EV Reach Code," dated January 21, 2025 (presentation on file).

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Reyes-Martín to introduce and conduct the first reading by title only, waiving further reading of Ordinance No. 25-__ entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Amending Title 15, Chapter 15.12 (Green Building) of the Goleta Municipal Code Exempting Hospitals from the Electric Vehicle Reach Code and Finding the Amendment to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act."

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

C.2 Economic Development Strategic Plan - Old Town Initiatives

A. Initiate the Old Town Pride of Place Grant Program and provide direction to staff on any other economic development initiatives.

B. Find that the Old Town Pride of Place Grant Program is not a gift of public funds.

Economic Development Strategic Plan - Old Town Initiatives

Staff Speakers:

Shannon Kirn, Assistant to the City Manager, provided a presentation titled, "Economic Development - Old Town Initiatives," dated January 21, 2025 (presentation on file).

Public Speakers:

Jaqueline Inda, Greater Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of the Pride of Place (POP) Grant Program. Ms. Inda also shared that the Greater Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce can act as a third party to support business owners applying for the proposed program.

Kristen Miller, CEO Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce, spoke in support of implementing the remaining initiatives of the 5-year Economic Development Strategic Plan and shared comments regarding various initiatives of the plan including the childcare initiatives, the equity investment fund, and Techtopia initiative.

- MOTION: Councilmembers Kyriaco/Reyes-Martín to: A. Initiate the Old Town Pride of Place Grant Program and provide direction to staff on any other economic development initiatives. B. Find that the Old Town Pride of Place Grant Program is not a gift of public funds.
- 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 8:25 P.M. - 8:34 P.M.

C.3 Selection of City Council Representatives to Regional Agencies and City Council Subcommittees

- A. Approve the Mayor's appointments of City Council representatives and alternates to various regional intergovernmental organizations; and
B. Confirm membership on the City Council's existing standing and ad-hoc subcommittee members.

Selection of City Council Representatives to Regional Agencies and City Council Subcommittees

Staff Speakers:

Deborah S. Lopez, City Clerk
Blake Markum, Public Records Specialist
Jaime Valdez, Assistant City Manager

The 2025 Mayoral appointments to Regional Agencies shall be as follows:

- Beach Erosion Authority for Clean Oceans and Nourishment Board (BEACON), Primary Councilmember Kyriaco and Alternate Councilmember Smith
- California Joint Powers Insurance Authority Primary Councilmember Smith, and Alternate Councilmember Kyriaco
- Center for Urban Agriculture at Fairview Gardens, Primary Councilmember Reyes-Martín and Alternate Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Central Coast Community Energy (CCCE), Primary Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- CommUnify, Primary Councilmember Kyriaco
- Foundation for Girsh Park, Primary Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Goleta Valley Community Center Board of Directors, Primary Councilmember Kyriaco
- Regional Integrated Waste Management Reporting Authority, Primary Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Alternate Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Board, Primary Mayor Perotte and Alternate Councilmember Smith
- Santa Barbara Airport Commission (Council Liaison), Primary Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Alternate Councilmember Smith
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Primary Mayor Perotte and Alternate Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD), Primary Mayor Perotte
- South Coast Affordable Housing Task Force, Primary Councilmember Smith and Alternate Councilmember Kyriaco
- South Coast Youth Safety Partnership, Primary Councilmember Kyriaco
- Southern California Edison (SCE) Government Advisory Panel, Primary Councilmember Smith
- Visit Santa Barbara Board of Directors Liaison, Primary Councilmember Reyes-Martín and Alternate Councilmember Kyriaco

The 2025 City Council appointments to Standing Committees shall be as follows:

- Economic Development and Revitalization Standing Committee, Councilmember Kyriaco and Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Energy/Green Issues Standing Committee, Councilmember Kyriaco and Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Finance and Audit Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Smith
- Goleta Beach Park Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Homelessness Issues Standing Committee, Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Human Services Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Reyes-Martín

- Naming Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Kyriaco
- Ordinance Review Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Smith
- Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness Standing Committee, Mayor Perotte and Councilmember Reyes-Martín
- Town and Gown Standing Committee, Councilmember Reyes-Martín and Councilmember Smith
- Watersheds and Waste Reduction Standing Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Reyes-Martín

The 2025 City Council appointments to Ad Hoc Committees shall be as follows:

- Fire Station Development Ad Hoc Committee, Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin and Councilmember Smith
- Legislative Issues Ad Hoc Committee, Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Personnel Committee, Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Revenue Neutrality Agreement Ad Hoc Committee, Mayor Perotte and Mayor Pro Tempore Kasdin
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan Committee, Councilmember Reyes-Martín and Councilmember Kyriaco

MOTION: Councilmembers Reyes-Martín/Smith to: A. Approve the Mayor's appointments of City Council representatives and alternates to various regional intergovernmental organizations; and B. Confirm membership on the City Council's existing standing and ad-hoc subcommittee members.

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

C.4 Proposed First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

Adopt Resolution No. 25- entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Approving the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement Between the City of Goleta and Robert Nisbet" following an oral report by the Acting City Attorney summarizing the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, consistent with the Brown Act.

Proposed First Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

Staff Speaker:

Isaac Rosen, Acting City Attorney

Public Speakers:

None

MOTION: Councilmembers Reyes-Martín/Kyriaco to adopt Resolution No. 25-01 entitled, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Approving the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement Between the City of Goleta and Robert Nisbet" following an oral report by the Acting City Attorney summarizing the salaries, salary schedules or compensation paid in the form of fringe benefits, consistent with the Brown Act.

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

D. COUNCIL COMMENTS/ STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Kyriaco acknowledged the passing of Goleta resident Richard Hernandez.

E. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.

GOLETA CITY COUNCIL

PAULA PEROTTE,
MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH S. LOPEZ
CITY CLERK