



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
February 24, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager

Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Subject: Minutes for Approval

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of December 1, 2025 (closed), January 20, 2026 (closed and regular), January 27, 2026 (special and regular).

CONTACT PERSON

Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Attachments:

1. January 20, 2026 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. January 20, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting
3. January 27, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
4. January 27, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

4:00 P.M.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027 BANCROFT WAY, APT D, BERKELEY, CA
94710

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:02 p.m.

Present: Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:29 p.m.

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:52 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 0 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, Maricar Dupaya Budget Manager, Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources Director, Monica Walker, Human Resources Manager

Employee Organizations: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Fire EMS Professionals Association, Berkeley Police Association; SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-Time Recreation Activity Leaders, SEIU 1021 Maintenance and Clerical, IBEW Local 1245, Public Employee Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOV. CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2):

- a. 2425 Durant Ave - ZP2024-0162
- b. 2298 Durant Ave & 2360 Ellsworth St - ZP2024-0126
- c. 2029 University Ave - ZP2024-0181; ZP2024-0182

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

- a. *Erol Menda v. John Sanford-Leffingwell* et al., Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV025532

Action: No reportable action taken.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

- a. *Berkeley People's Alliance et al. v. City of Berkeley et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV064980; Cal. Court of Appeal Case No. A172245

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Reports of actions taken pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on January 20, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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6:00 PM

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:13 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: None

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognition of New Berkeley Poet Laureate Hanan Masri, and Outgoing Poet Laureate Aya de Leon

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 9 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: None

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 13 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Tregub) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated.

Vote: All Ayes.

Recess Items

- 1. Contract No. 32100053 Amendment: Orsolya Kuti, DVM to Provide On-site Veterinary Services for Berkeley Animal Care Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to amend Contract No. 32100053 with Orsolya Kuti for on-site veterinary services for Berkeley Animal Care Services (BACS), increasing the contract amount by \$45,000 for a new total not to exceed amount of \$273,000, and extending the contract term to June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,079–N.S.
- 2. Ratification of City Manager Action to Execute a Contract with Lake Research Partners for Community Survey Services in Support of Potential November 2026 Ballot Measures**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during Council recess to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 with Lake Research Partners to develop and administer up to two community surveys of registered Berkeley voters in support of potential ballot measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, with a contract term of January 5, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,080–N.S.
- 3. Ratification of City Manager Action to Accept a Grant from Americans for the Arts (AFTA) for \$20,000 to Support the “Arts Programs” Grants Category**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager to accept a grant from the Americans for the Arts (AFTA) National Arts Relief fund during recess to receive \$20,000 for the Civic Arts grants program, and to execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,081–N.S.

Recess Items

- 4. Revenue Agreement: Alameda Alliance for Health Provider Recruitment Initiative**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to accept a grant award, and execute any resultant agreements and amendments, in the amount of \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2026, from the Alameda Alliance for Health Provider Recruitment Initiative to support the development of the City of Berkeley's Health, Housing, and Community Services Department's Community Health Worker (CHW) Program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,082–N.S.
- 5. Contract No. 32500142 Amendment: Azul Works, Inc. for the Ohlone Park Restroom and Lighting Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during the City Council recess to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32500142 with Azul Works Inc. for the Ohlone Park Restroom and Lighting Project, increasing the contract amount by \$39,000, for a total amended amount not to exceed \$921,278.
Financial Implications: Measure T1 Fund - \$921,278
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,083–N.S.
- 6. Contract No. 32600020 Amendment: Throne Lab Portable Toilet Pilot Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute an amendment to contract 32600020 with Throne Lab, Inc. to extend the pilot program by four months with one portable toilet unit for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$130,000.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$130,000
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,084–N.S.

Recess Items

7. **Contract: Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc. for Adeline Street Landscaping Improvements Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess: 1. Approving the plans and specifications for the Adeline Street Landscaping Improvements Project; and 2. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Bauman Landscape and Construction Inc.; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with Bauman Landscape and Construction Inc. for the Adeline Street Landscaping Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$357,000 which includes a contract amount of \$297,500, and a 20% contingency in the amount of \$59,500.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$357,000
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,085–N.S.

Consent Calendar

8. **Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Allow the Retail Sale of Alcohol in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial (C-T) Zoning District**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,996-N.S. amending the BMC Title 23 Section 23.204.020 to allow the retail sale of alcohol in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial (C-T) zoning district.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,996–N.S.
9. **Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 14.68 – Bicycle Registration and Licensing**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance repealing Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 14.68, Sections 14.68.020–100 (bicycle licensing and registration), Article II (bicycle establishment permits and dealer reporting), and Article III (general licensing regulations), while retaining definitions (§14.68.010) and operating provisions (§14.68.110–200, including sidewalk restrictions).
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,997–N.S. Second reading scheduled for February 10, 2026.

Consent Calendar

- 10. Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Section 14.40.100 – Disability Parking Standards and Accommodations**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (“BMC”) Section 14.40.100 to align the City’s disability parking provisions with the Americans with Disabilities Act and California Vehicle Code § 295.5; clarify that exempt parking privileges apply when a qualifying disabled individual is either the driver or a passenger; and eliminate duplicative local sticker and identification card requirements by deferring to the California Department of Motor Vehicles (“DMV”) for issuance and administration of disability placards and license plates.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,998–N.S. Second reading scheduled for February 10, 2026.
- 11. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on January 20, 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager’s threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 12. 1740 San Pablo Ownership Transfer**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving the transfer of the general partner for 1740 San Pablo, LP from an affiliate of BRIDGE Housing Corporation to Resources for Community Development or their affiliate; and 2. Extending the project’s existing \$4,496,669 reservation of Measure U1 general funds for 24 months; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents to effectuate this action.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,086–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 13. Request for Proposals for Capacity Building for Emerging Nonprofit Affordable Housing Developers**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for \$400,000 (\$200,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028) to support capacity building for emerging nonprofit affordable housing developers.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,087–N.S.
- 14. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2026 Donations from Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting donations in an amount estimated to be up to \$225,000 for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program from the Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) agency, for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY2026).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,088–N.S.
- 15. Reestablish and Revise Job Class Specification and Pay Scale – Animal Services Supervisor (formerly Animal Services Operations Supervisor)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to reestablish and revise the job class specification and pay scale of Animal Services Supervisor (formerly Animal Services Operations Supervisor) with an hourly pay scale of \$48.4266 to \$53.3904 distributed across three steps.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,089–N.S.
- 16. Contract: Clariti Cloud Inc. for a Comprehensive Permit Management System, RFP Specification No. 24-11661-C**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Clariti Cloud, Inc. for the implementation of the Permit Software Procurement (PSP) Project—including software licensing, implementation services, integrations, data migration, training, hosting, and five years of support and maintenance—in an amount not to exceed \$5,359,128.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,090–N.S.

Council Consent Items

17. **Caminos al Éxito: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$250 from Mayor Ishii, \$250 from Councilmember Lunaparra, and \$150 from Councilmember Tregub, to the Multicultural Institute for Caminos al Éxito with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,091–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$150; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250.
18. **Refer to the City Manager the Development of Comprehensive Transportation Design Standards**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the development of comprehensive Transportation Design Standards to enhance safety for all transportation modes, including walking, biking, and transit. Current plans, such as Vision Zero Action Plan, the Berkeley Bike Plan, the Pedestrian Plan, the Berkeley Transit-First Policy Implementation Plan, and the 5-Year Paving Plan should guide an integrated, cross-departmental approach to developing the Standards. The three-to-five-year process should be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process, the five-year Capital Improvement Plan, and the Measure FF Safe Streets planning.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

19. Referral to the City Manager to Allow Tiny Homes on Wheels as Permissible Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to create a permitting process to allow a Tiny Home on Wheels as a legal Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU). Tiny homes on wheels are generally considered to be detached dwellings less than 400 square feet in floor area, providing independent living quarters, including basic functional areas for cooking, sleeping, toileting, and bathing. They can retain their wheels and rest on pads instead of a foundation, and are connected to water, electric, and sewer utilities through RV-style hookups.

The referral should: -Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 23.306, Accessory Dwelling Units, to incorporate tiny homes on wheels as an allowable type of ADU; -Facilitate coordination among City Departments, such as Planning (Land Use and Building and Safety) and Fire to establish a clear set of guidelines, including code requirements and standards for installation; and -Create online resources for homeowners, including a full list of requirements related to fire, safety, and installation as well as potentially pre-approved prefabricated tiny homes on wheels.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: Councilmember Bartlett added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation.

20. City Council Employee Recognition Program

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to institute a City Council led Employee Recognition Program.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,092–N.S.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

21. Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs

(Continued from December 2, 2025) (Item Contains Revised Material)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Berkeley Municipal Code Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Chapter 23.306 Accessory Dwelling Units to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 1033 by establishing local regulations for the separate sale of ADUs as condominiums.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 24 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/O’Keefe) to close the public hearing.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Bartlett, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani (recused for conflict of interest – ADU owner), Tregub (recused for conflict of interest – ADU tenant)

Action: M/S/Failed (Lunaparra/Bartlett) to adopt first reading of the ordinance as reflected in the staff recommendation, except to expand the right of first refusal to purchase to all ADU tenants and reduce the right of first refusal time period from one year to 90 days.

Vote: Ayes – Bartlett, O’Keefe, Lunaparra, Ishii; Noes – Taplin, Blackaby, Humbert; Abstain - None; Absent – Kesarwani (recused for conflict of interest – ADU owner), Tregub (recused for conflict of interest – ADU tenant)

Action: M/S/Carried (Humbert/Blackaby) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 7,999–N.S. as reflected in the staff recommendation and as modified in the supplemental materials submitted by Councilmember Humbert on October 28, 2025. Second reading scheduled for February 10, 2026.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Bartlett, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes - Lunaparra; Abstain - None; Absent – Kesarwani (recused for conflict of interest – ADU owner), Tregub (recused for conflict of interest – ADU tenant)

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

22. Fees: Public Health Vital Statistics Vital Records

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a new fee schedule for Vital Records with a \$2.00 increase in the fee for birth, death, and fetal death certificates to comply with Assembly Bill (AB) 64 and Health & Safety (H&S) Code 103625(f)., effective February 1, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to adopt Resolution No. 72,093–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

23. Changes to Selected Recreation and Camps Facilities and Program Fees

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution approving new fees and increasing current fees for select recreation programs and facility rentals; and rescinding Resolution No. 71,833-N.S. and all amendatory resolutions.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/O'Keefe) to adopt Resolution No. 72,094–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

24. Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to permit by-right approval of qualifying housing projects on sites identified in previous Housing Elements, and revisions related to Design Review

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a first reading of an ordinance amending Title 23 (Zoning) to permit by-right approval of qualifying housing projects on sites identified in previous Housing Elements, and revisions related to Design Review for such projects and for residential projects in the Multi-Use Residential (MU-R) zoning district.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 3 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Taplin) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,000–N.S. as amended in Section 23.406.070 by Councilmember Kesarwani below. Second reading scheduled for February 10, 2026.

23.406.070 Design Review

B. When Required.

1. Design Review is required for:

(a) Projects in all Non-Residential Districts, except for Residential Uses in the MU-R zoning district.

(b) Mixed use and community and institutional projects in the R-3 district within the Southside Plan area. See Figure 23.202-1: R-3 Areas Subject to Design Review; and

(c) Commercial, mixed-use, and community and institutional projects in the R-4, R-SMU, and R-S districts.

2. *Projects Not Requiring a Use Permit.*

(a) For a project that does not require a Use Permit, Department staff conducts Design Review before the Zoning Officer takes action on the required permit or approval.

(b) The Zoning Officer will consider the Design Review recommendations when acting on the required permit or approval. The Zoning Officer may require modifications to the project design as a condition of approval.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

(c) The Department will verify conformance with Design Review recommendations and design-related conditions of approval when issuing a building permit, sign permit, or Zoning Certificate for the project. Final Design Review is not required.

(d) Multi-Unit Residential in the MU-R, and Housing Element Opportunity Site Projects (BMC Section 23.302.070(M)):

1. For projects including 5 or more units, Staff shall schedule a single consultation meeting of the Design Review Committee for non-binding input on design-related issues; and
2. Staff-level design review conducted under this section shall not be subject to the Appeal provisions of 23.406.070(O).

Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

25. Small Sites Program Update

From: City Manager

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Action: Received and filed.

26. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 1929 Martin Luther King Jr. Way/#LMIN2025-0002

From: City Manager

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action: Received and filed.

27. Surveillance Technology Ordinance Report Update

From: City Manager

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 7 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on January 20, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #21: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs

1. Celeste Goyer

BUSD Cell Phone Policy

2. Lori Droste
3. Jennifer Shanoski
4. Carrie Gray
5. Erika Ford Morthel (4)
6. 5 Similarly worded form letters "As a parent in BUSD..."

Housing

7. Margot Smith
8. Heike Helmer

Transportation for Elders

9. Sheila Goldmacher

Third Spaces in Berkeley

10. James Bowden

TBS Today

11. Cac4gente

The Nudge

12. Idea Maker

Long-Term Vacant Housing

13. Richard Pardue

Bancroft and Fulton

14. David Lerman

Food Pantry

15. Carol David
16. Zeph Landau

Street Parking

- 17. Todd Andrew
- 18. Rischa Cole

Upzoning

- 19. Wini Williams
- 20. Margot Smith
- 21. Barbara Gilbert
- 22. Robin Kibby
- 23. Vivian_Dempsey

Holiday Wishes

- 24. Eids TV and Electronics
- 25. Falun Gong Practitioners

2025 Cannabis Policy Scorecard

- 26. Alisa A. Padon on behalf of Getting It Right from the Start

Derby and MLK

- 27. Ashley Boyd

Measure BB

- 28. Matt Wickland

Investigation Inquiry

- 29. Christian Bogado Marsa

Oakland ALPRs

- 30. Blair Bleekman

Ohlone Greenway Project

- 31. Clifford Fred

East Lot Ashby BART Station

- 32. Lynn B. Cooper (2)
- 33. Linda Franklin

Pedestrian Safety

- 34. Shirley Kirsten
- 35. Thijmen de Jong
- 36. Sandra Sanchez
- 37. Zora Kitwana Whitfield

New Year's Greeting Recording

- 38. David Lam on behalf of Epoch Times

Main Library Display Window

39. Reginald Gilder

Oakland Annual General Plan Update

40. Ms. Fowles

Car-Free Telegraph

41. Brandon Yung

Dance Hall Idea

42. Nancy Joachim (2)

Visit Berkeley's Vision

43. Margot Smith

Haste Street

44. Alfred Twu

West Berkeley Amtrak

45. A. Linck

Housing Shaking Concern

46. Edward

Follow Up

47. Stephen Alpert (3)

Middle Housing

48. Stephen Alpert (4)

Solano Ave

49. Judith Bebelaar

50. Holly M. Smith

51. Bianca Zahrai

Safe Streets

52. Christopher LeBoa

Sidewalk Power Wash

53. Nancy Joachim

Housing Concern

54. Hector91 Phuentes (5)

55. Cath Tumulak

Housing Occupancy Data

56. Gregory Kalkanis

Berkeley Taxation

57. Barbara Gilbert

Berkeley Marina

58. Elizabeth Kowal and Constantine Philipides

59. Joan MacQuarrie

Petition for Max

60. Jeff

Holiday Give Away

61. Snuggly Bear

Fire Dept. Reviews

62. Betsy Kopmar

63. Susanne Huttner

Public Health Resources Request for Crossroads

64. Carol Denney

Portable Bathroom

65. Erwan Illian

Outbreak Concern

66. Paw Fund

Berkeley's Harrison Corridor

67. Marianne Riddle

Appeal

68. Laura Watson on behalf of Andrea Matsuoka and Jolene Kramer

High Rise Buildings

69. Anneherrick

Flock Cameras

70. Charlene M. Woodcock

71. Mimi Main

72. Jeremiah Maller

73. Ethan G.

Surveillance

74. Alan Ramo

Home Affordability

75. Joan

Santa Monica Police and Berkeley

76. Senor Gmail

Accountability Report

77. RichardGB Hylton

Stop Signs at Traffic Circles

78. John Rice

Permit Corrections

79. J Nicolis

23 Story Building on University

80. Leanne Hinton

Report

81. Gael Alcock

BMR Processing Team

82. Hekmatullah Ahadi

Bill Error

83. Peter Y. Sussman

Play Slots at Cedar Rose

84. Carmen Padron

HOPS Healthy Checkout Report 2025

85. Monique Blodgett

Plan Bay Area 2050+

86. Susan Kirsch

Rights of Urban Animals

87. Cybersailor

Rezoning

88. Mara Melandry

Cedar and Milvia

89. Nicole Haller-Wilson

Moe's Books and Holiday Faire

90. Doris Moskowitz

Trades Under the Bus

91. John J. Parman

CALGreen Code Amendments

92. Emma Martinez

Sidewalk Repair

93. Nancy Joachim

Delivery Notification

94. Jonnyruel

URL's

95. John J. Parman (2)

96. Russbumper (5)

97. Doris Nassiry

Newsletters

98. Berkeley Art Center (3)

99. Downtown Berkeley Association

Forwards

100. Russbumper (7)

101. Crustyrusty

Middle East Conflict

102. Aviva Lichtenstein

103. Anatole Besman

Elementary Reading Program

104. Lorraine Meehan

Miscellaneous

105. Chester Allen Arthur Williams

E-Scooters

106. Robert Borghese (6)

107. Carson Lepre (8)

108. Wahid Amiri

Corridor Upzoning

109. Linda Klein

110. Hawley Holmes

- 111. Lynn Cooper
- 112. Laurel Coates (2)
- 113. April Gilbert (10)
- 114. 6 Similarly worded form letters “We applaud...”
- 115. 22 Similarly worded form letters “We are writing...”

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #21: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs

- 116. Anabella Gisis

Item #24: Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to permit by-right approval of qualifying housing projects on sites identified in previous Housing Elements, and revisions related to Design Review

- 117. David Shere

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #9: Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 14.68 – Bicycle Registration and Licensing

Item #18: Refer to the City Manager the Development of Comprehensive Transportation Design Standards

- 118. Ben Gerhardstein, on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley

Item #18: Refer to the City Manager the Development of Comprehensive Transportation Design Standards

- 119. Marjorie Alvord, on behalf of 350 Berkeley Climate Hub

Item #21: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs

- 120. David Shere
- 121. John Coveney
- 122. Sam Greenberg, on behalf of East Bay for Everyone
- 123. Hitiksha Bansal, on behalf of ASUC Housing Commission
- 124. 12 Similarly-worded form letters (Support AB 1033 Implementation with Strong Tenant Protections)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

**Item #21: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs
(Continued from December 2, 2025) (Item Contains Revised Material)**

- 125. Presentation submitted by the Planning and Development Department

Item #24: Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to permit by-right approval of qualifying housing projects on sites identified in previous Housing Elements, and revisions related to Design Review

- 126. Presentation submitted by the Planning and Development Department

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

4:00 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - MARRIOTT MARQUIS WASHINGTON D.C.,
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:09 p.m.

Present: Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:14 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:33 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. 2026 City Council Referral Prioritization Process Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: (1) Review the City Council raw scores for all outstanding City Council referrals; (2) Approve the removal of referrals that have been nominated for removal by the Council; and (3) Direct the City Manager to run the ranking algorithm and return to Council with a final ranked list of referrals for adoption.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Humbert) to 1) remove the referrals listed below from the list of referrals, and 2) direct staff to run the RRV algorithm and return to Council on February 10 with the prioritized list of referrals.

DMND00042 41	Companion Report: Affordable Housing for Artists Report (Rec #4)
DMND00041 29	Amendments to Title 23 Relating to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
DMND00041 01	Development of Artists Affordable Housing Certification Program
DMND00040 63	Referral: Establishing an Electric Bike Rebate Program
DMND00040 09	Referring to the City Manager to Establish a Policy of Reducing or Waiving Park Fees for Free, Permitted Outdoor Theater, Arts Events, and Other Events
DMND00039 97	Referral to the City Manager to Establish a Marina Master Plan for Parking with a Consideration for Establishing a Waterfront Parking Benefits District
DMND00039 75	Referral to Strengthen Public Health and Environmental Impact Mitigation for Industrial Facilities in the Manufacturing Zone
DMND00042 42	Companion Report: Affordable Housing for Artists Report (Rec #5)
DMND00041 35	Southside Zoning Amendments
DMND00041 11	Conduct a Study on the City's History of Discriminatory Actions in Housing Policies/Programs
DMND00041 10	Adopting a temporary exemption from the collection of taxes under BMC Chapter 9.04.136(D): Tax Rate for Non-Medical and Medical Cannabis Businesses
DMND00041 06	Bird Safe Building Requirements; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Section 23.304.150
DMND00040 58	Referral to Conduct an Automatic Traffic Calming Review for the Area Immediately Surrounding the Project at 1201-1205 San Pablo Avenue
DMND00041 88	Planning Commission Referral for a Pilot Density Bonus Program for the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

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Communications

Item #1: 2026 City Council Referral Prioritization Process Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)

1. Elizabeth Thomas

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: 2026 City Council Referral Prioritization Process Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)

2. Marty Lynch
3. Steve Lustig
4. Jasmine Durr on behalf of Steve Lustig

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

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5. Presentation submitted by the City Clerk Department
6. Linda Maio

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: None

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to add an item to the agenda pursuant to Government Code Section (54954.2(b)(2) titled “Decrying Violent Actions by ICE and Calling on Congress to Ensure Guardrails.”

Vote: All Ayes.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Adjourn in Memory of Marty Lorber, Local Activist
2. Adjourn in Memory of Barbara Lubin, Local Activist
3. Adjourn in Memory of Renee Nicole Good and Alex Jeffrey Pretti, Killed by Federal Agents in Minnesota
4. Recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day

City Manager Comments:

Regarding Item 6 (199 Seawall Drive) the City Manager reiterated the City’s commitment to follow the Labor Peace Ordinance.

Regarding Item 20 (ZAB Appeal) the City Manager noted that the appeal has been rescheduled to February 10, 2026.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 6 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 22 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Blackaby) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion except as indicated.

Vote: All Ayes.

Urgent Item: Decrying Violent Actions by ICE and Calling on Congress to Ensure Guardrails

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author); Mayor Ishii (Co-Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution decrying the recent violent actions of DHS, CBP and ICE in Minneapolis calling on Congress to ensure any funding bill for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security includes meaningful and significant guardrails and expressing support for specific guardrails. Send copies to Senator Alex Padilla, Senator Adam Schiff, Congresswoman Lateefah Simon, and the rest of the California Congressional Delegation, Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, MN Governor Tim Walz, MN Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, MN Attorney General Keith Ellison, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, St. Paul Mayor Kaohly Her, the Minneapolis and St. Paul City Councils, Senator Jesse Arreguin, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Approved Resolution No. 72,095-N.S.

Recess Items

- 1. Contract: West Coast Drilling, Inc. for 2709 Hilgard Avenue Retaining Wall Stabilization**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to execute a contract with West Coast Drilling, Inc. for design-build services for urgent slope and retaining wall stabilization work at 2709 Hilgard Avenue, in the amount of \$585,000 which includes a contingency of \$88,631.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,096–N.S.

Consent Calendar

2. Minutes for Approval

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of December 2, 2025 (special and regular), and December 8, 2025 (closed).

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: Approved recommendation.

3. 2025 Annual Commission Attendance and Meeting Frequency Report

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a revised commission meeting frequency schedule, accepting the 2025 Annual Commission Attendance and Meeting Frequency Report, and rescinding Resolution No. 71,109-N.S.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,097–N.S.

4. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on January 27, 2026

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Approved recommendation.

5. Contract: Carone and Company, Inc. for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion Remediation, Demolition and Perimeter Fencing Project

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving the plans and specifications for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion Remediation, Demolition and Perimeter Fencing Project; and 2. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Carone and Company, Inc.; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with Carone and Company, Inc., for the Santa Fe Trackbed to Park Conversion Remediation, Demolition and Perimeter Fencing Project from Blake to Ward Street, along Acton Street at 0 Parker Street, 0 Carleton Street, 0 Derby Street, 0 Ward Street, in an amount not to exceed \$3,396,969 which includes a base contract amount of \$2,953,886, and a 15% contingency in the amount of \$443,083.

Financial Implications: \$3,396,969 - Various Funds

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,098–N.S.

Consent Calendar

6. **Option Agreement with TSA Holding Group, LLC for 199 Seawall Drive**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the Option Agreement and any amendments with TSA Holding Group, LLC for a two-year term with two one-year options to extend.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,099–N.S.
7. **Contracts: On-Call Equitable Community Engagement Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt nine Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to approve contracts in response to the April 24, 2025 Request for Qualifications, Specification No. 25-11721-C, “On-Call Equitable Community Engagement Services with City of Berkeley,” with the following firms, in not-to-exceed amounts of \$250,000 each, for total contract periods of five years:
1. 360 Total Concept Consulting
 2. Be the Change Consulting
 3. Community Planning Collaborative
 4. D & A Communications, Inc.
 5. Denaya Shorter Consulting
 6. The Ecology Center
 7. Equity First Consulting
 8. Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Incorporated (MIG)
 9. Plan to Place
- Financial Implications:** See report
Contact: Alene Pearson, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,100–N.S. (360 Total Concept Consulting), Resolution No. 72,101–N.S. (Be the Change Consulting), Resolution No. 72,102–N.S. (Community Planning Collaborative), Resolution No. 72,103–N.S. (D & A Communications, Inc.), Resolution No. 72,104–N.S. (Denaya Shorter Consulting), Resolution No. 72,105–N.S. (The Ecology Center), Resolution No. 72,106–N.S. (Equity First Consulting), Resolution No. 72,107–N.S. (Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Incorporated), and Resolution No. 72,108–N.S. (Plan to Place).

Consent Calendar

- 8. Contract: B Bros Construction, Inc. for Fire Station #6 Remodel**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for Fire Station #6 Remodel (Project), Specification No. 26-11760-C; and 2. Accepting the bid of B Bros Construction, Inc. as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders until the Project is completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$597,913, which includes a contingency of \$99,652.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,109–N.S.
- 9. Contract: St. Francis Electric for On-Call Electrical Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with St. Francis Electric to provide on-call electrical services for a three year period from March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the pricing outlined in the awarded bid.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,110–N.S.
- 10. Contract: Siemens Industry, Inc. dba SIEMENS for Inspection, Testing, and Monitoring Services for the City’s Fire and Life Safety System Equipment**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and subsequent amendments with Siemens Industry, Inc, for Inspection, Testing, Monitoring, and On-Call Maintenance Services for Fire and Life Safety equipment installed in 23 City owned buildings; in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for the initial contract period March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2029, and with the option to extend the contract term for two additional years, for a total contract term of five years.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,111–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 11. Contract No. 32100070 Amendment: Urban Ore, Inc. for Salvage Operations at the City of Berkeley Transfer Station**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Urban Ore, Inc. for salvage operations of reusable materials at the City's Transfer Station, increasing the contract by \$75,000 from \$189,848 to \$264,848, for a new not to exceed amount of \$264,848 and extending the term through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,112–N.S.
- 12. Contract No.101280-1 Amendment: On-Call Traffic Engineering Services with AECOM USA, Inc. for Engineering Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 101280-1 and any subsequent amendments with AECOM USA, Inc. (AECOM) for: 1. The Ashby-San Pablo Intersection Improvements Project (Project), Specification No.18-11182-C, to provide engineering support services to guide the Project through the required design review and encroachment permit process by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for construction on State right-of-way, and 2. Other as-needed traffic engineering services, increasing the overall contract capacity for On-Call Traffic Engineering Services by up to \$800,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,113–N.S.
- 13. Contract No. 108037-1 Amendment: MSR Mechanical, LLC for On-Call Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with MSR Mechanical, LLC for on-call HVAC maintenance and repair to increase the contract amount by \$50,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$530,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,114–N.S.

Consent Calendar

14. **Contract No. 32500124 Amendment: Buhler Commercial for FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32500124 with Buhler Commercial for work on the FY 2023 Retaining Wall and Storm Drain Improvement Project, Specification Nos. 23-11616-C & 23-11614-C, increasing the contract amount by \$250,000 for an amended total not to exceed \$2,224,009.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,115–N.S.
15. **goBerkeley Parking Management Program Recommended Adjustments to Address a Forecasted Deficit in the Off-Street and Parking Meter Funds**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution concurring with the Public Works Department’s proposed strategies to implement near-term adjustments consistent with the goBerkeley Parking Management Program’s (Parking Program) goals to improve parking management and lessen traffic congestion and vehicle emissions; and to authorize the City Manager to proceed with public outreach and data collection for long-term strategies to address a declining fund balance in the Off-Street and Parking Meter funds.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,116–N.S.

Council Consent Items

16. **AC Transit Berkeley Emeryville Inter-Agency Liaison Committee Appointments**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution appointing Councilmembers Terry Taplin and Cecilia Lunaparra as the liaisons and Councilmember Mark Humbert as the alternate, to the consolidated AC Transit Berkeley Emeryville Inter-Agency Liaison Committee.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,117–N.S.

Council Consent Items

17. **Refer to the City Manager to include in the Community Survey a Poll Question about Increasing Sales Tax in the City of Berkeley**
From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to include in the upcoming community survey for the November 2026 election a question about increasing the sales tax in the City of Berkeley from 10.25 percent to the maximum of 10.75 percent to help address the City's projected budget deficit of \$27 million.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110
Action: Approved recommendation.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

18. **Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1700 Block of Cedar Street**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25P by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on the north side of Cedar Street, between McGee Avenue and Edith Street (1701-1721 Cedar Street) in RPP Area E.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.
M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (O'Keefe/Ishii) to adopt Resolution No. 72,118–N.S.
Vote: All Ayes.
19. **Selected Marina Fee Increases**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution approving new fees and increasing current fees for select Marina fees; and rescinding Resolution No. 71,840-N.S. and all amendatory resolutions.
Financial Implications: \$247,500 (Revenue)
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.
M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Bartlett) to adopt Resolution No. 72,119–N.S.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

**20. Zoning Adjustment Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066
From: City Manager**

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustment Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0066 to demolish a two-story, 4,604-square-foot non-residential building and surface parking lot, and construct an eight-story (89 feet and 4 inches), 112,969 square-foot mixed-use residential building containing 110 dwelling units (including 9 Very Low-Income and 9 Moderate Income Density Bonus qualifying units), 690 square feet of ground-floor commercial space, 109 off-street vehicle parking spaces and 64 bicycle parking spaces, on a 22,513 square foot lot.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action: Item removed from the agenda by the City Manager. The public hearing for Zoning Adjustment Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066 is scheduled for the meeting of February 10, 2026.

Council Action Items

21. **Rescission and replacement of the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance** *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)*

From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Rescind and replace Ordinance 7760-N.S. the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance (enacted May 11, 2021) because the State-level reporting requirements mandated by Chapter 12.8 (Sections 7070 to 7075) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code (hereafter referred to as Chapter 12.8) already provide a comprehensive and sufficient framework for police equipment oversight.

This item would bring Berkeley's local reporting requirements into alignment with those of Chapter 12.8 and allow for one consolidated report, beginning with the 2025 report. The item would also maintain additional targeted reporting requirements for equipment deployment and ongoing use of force reporting under Policy 300.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council, recognizing the intention for one report, with the following matters noted for further consideration: -Clarifying the role of public reporting of data through the Transparency Hub. -Continued consideration of less-lethal deployment policies, including a possible review of Policy 300. -Consideration of reporting on the acquisition and use of controlled equipment, aligning with AB 481 and allowing for review by the Police Accountability Board.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Mark Humbert, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action: 13 speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,001–N.S. from the item submitted by Councilmember Humbert including the revisions as submitted by Councilmember Blackaby in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further revised at the meeting as noted below. Second reading scheduled for February 10, 2026.

- Paragraph numbering in Section 2.100.080 changed to A) and B)
- Correct the numbering for the Severability section
- The effective date is amended to be 30 days after the second reading
- Remove Section 2.100.040(A)(2)
- Amend Sections 2.100.050(B)(1) and 2.100.050(F)(1) to change 15 days to 12 days
- Amend Section 2.100.050(C)(1)
- Rename Section 2.100.050(D)
- Change 30 days to 45 days in Sections 2.100.050(D)(3) and 2.100.060(B)(4)
- Remove Section 2.100.070(A)

Vote: Ayes – Bartlett, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – Kesarwani, Taplin.

Council Action Items

22. **Creating Accessible Routes For Riders, Equity, and the Environment (CAR FREE): Budget Referral to Fund Limiting Cars on Telegraph Avenue**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)
Recommendation: Refer \$1,325,000 to the Long Range Development Plan and Measure FF funding processes to study limiting car access and develop pedestrian-centered design concepts for Telegraph Avenue between Bancroft Way and Dwight Way.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Humbert, and Councilmember Blackaby added as co-sponsors. Approved recommendation.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 3 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Ishii;
Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Humbert.

Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on January 27, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Tear Gas Concern

1. Ruth Shorer
2. Krista Kleczewski
3. George Perezvelez
4. Michael Bauce
5. Dana Prichard

Latino Korean War Memorial

6. Harvey Smith on behalf of the Berkeley Community Latino Exhibit
7. John G. Aronovici
8. Larry Reyna

Complete Streets Project

9. Maxwell Davis

Cedar and Walnut Intersection

10. Susan R Martin

Lane Markings on Shattuck Ave

11. Leonard Pitt

Unhoused Concern

12. Moni T. Law

13. M. Rivka Polatnick

14. Boona Cheema

Street Parking

15. Todd Andrew

Truck on Sidewalk

16. Isaac Nicholson

17. Elaina

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

18. David Lerman

Celebrity Flag Football

19. Jeffrey Church on behalf of Visit Berkeley

Tobacco Policy Changes

20. Kiara Gonzalez Garcia on behalf of the PETS team

Zoning

21. Carolyn Cox

Persian New Year Festival

22. Jacob Cohen

Employee Benefits

23. Eric Friedman

Structural Deficit

24. Eric Friedman

Public Bus

25. R. Valentine

Response Follow-Up

26. Stephen Alpert (2)

Rent-Pricing Software

27. Ruby Chen

Adeline Area Projects

28. Daveed Mandell

Measure FF

29. Emily Kenyon

Scooter/Bike Concern

30. Melanie Lawrence (2)

Wildlife Habitat Concern

31. Mike Vandeman

Police Radio Channels

32. Grant L Hough

Acton Courtyard

33. Yasmin Jenkins (6)

Newsletters

34. Berkeley Art Center

Forwards

35. Russbumper

Middle East Conflict

36. Russbumper

URLs

37. Russbumper (3)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #20: Zoning Adjustment Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066

38. Aaryaman Singhal

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #6: Option Agreement with TSA Holding Group, LLC for 199 Seawall Drive

39. Jim McGrath

Item #7: Contracts: On-Call Equitable Community Engagement Services

Item #9: Contract: St. Francis Electric for On-Call Electrical Services

Item #10: Contract: Siemens Industry, Inc. dba SIEMENS for Inspection, Testing, and Monitoring Services for the City's Fire and Life Safety System Equipment

Item #12: Contract No.101280-1 Amendment: On-Call Traffic Engineering Services with AECOM USA, Inc. for Engineering Services

Item #13: Contract No. 108037-1 Amendment: MSR Mechanical, LLC for On-Call Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Services

40. Barbara Gilbert

Item #21: Rescission and replacement of the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance (Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)

41. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

42. Hansel Alejandro Aguilar on behalf of the Office of the Director of Police Accountability

43. Gregory Kalkanis

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgent Item: Decrying Violent Actions by ICE and Calling on Congress to Ensure Guardrails

44. Urgent item agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby, Mayor Adena Ishii, and Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra

Item #18: Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1700 Block of Cedar Street

45. Presentation submitted by the Public Works Department

Item #21: Rescission and replacement of the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance (Reviewed by the Public Safety Policy Committee)

46. Wendy Alfsen

Item #22: Creating Accessible Routes For Riders, Equity, and the Environment (CAR FREE): Budget Referral to Fund Limiting Cars on Telegraph Avenue

47. Dan Leaverton

48. Charles Siegel on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley

49. Gregory Kalkanis

50. Robert Prinz on behalf of Bike East Bay

51. Tom Miller

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

3:00 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704 – REDWOOD ROOM
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O’KEEFE
DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY
DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA
DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting, however, if you are feeling sick, please do not attend the meeting in person. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda.

Pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure and State Law, the presiding officer may remove, or cause the removal of, an individual for disrupting the meeting. Prior to removing an individual, the presiding officer shall warn the individual that their behavior is disrupting the meeting and that their failure to cease their behavior may result in their removal. The presiding officer may then remove the individual if they do not promptly cease their disruptive behavior. “Disrupting” means engaging in behavior during a meeting of a legislative body that actually disrupts, disturbs, impedes, or renders infeasible the orderly conduct of the meeting and includes, but is not limited to, a failure to comply with reasonable and lawful regulations adopted by a legislative body, or engaging in behavior that constitutes use of force or a true threat of force.

Government Code Section 84308 (Levine Act) - Parties to a proceeding involving a license, permit, or other entitlement for use are required to disclose if they made contributions over \$500 within the prior 12 months to any City employee or officer. Parties and participants with a financial interest are prohibited from making more than \$500 in contributions to a decisionmaker for the 12 months after the final decision is rendered on the proceeding. The above contribution disclosures and restrictions do not apply when the proceeding is competitively bid, or involves a personnel or labor contract. For more information, see Government Code Section 84308.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 3:07 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Bartlett

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 1 speaker

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

- a. WCAB Matter –# ADJ8053396; BER 0900017
- b. Claim #BER1500166
- c. WCAB Matter –# ADJ11157084; BER 1700129

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

- a. WCAB Matter –# ADJ17945960; BER 2200052

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

- a. WCAB Matter –# ADJ16388723; BER2200140

Action: No reportable action taken.

4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

- a. *Diana Pickworth v. City of Berkeley*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 22CV010047

Action: No reportable action taken.

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – INITIATION OF LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(4) (one case)

Action: No reportable action taken.

6. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b):

a. Title of position to be evaluated: Director of Police Accountability

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Reports of actions taken pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

No reportable actions taken.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on December 1, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk