



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
March 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 February 9, 2026 (closed), February 10, 2026 (special and regular), February 23, 2026 (closed and special), and February 24, 2026 (special and regular).

CONTACT PERSON

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

Attachments:

1. February 9, 2026 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. February 10, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
3. February 10, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting
4. February 23, 2026 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
5. February 23, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
6. February 24, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
7. February 24, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

4:30 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704 – REDWOOD ROOM

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY CA 94703

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 744 GRIZZLY PEAK BLVD, BERKELEY, CA 94708

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:37 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani

Councilmember Bartlett participated in the meeting remotely under the just cause exemption in Government Code Section 54953.8.3.

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 LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION/SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION (Gov. Code § 54956.9, subd. (d)(2), (e)(2))

Number of potential cases: 1

The City is in receipt of information concerning facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the City which are known to a potential plaintiff and that pertain to potential employment-related claims by the potential plaintiff against the City.

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to dismiss the Director of Police Accountability (DPA) from his position with the City. The dismissal shall take effect 30 days following written notice to the DPA of the decision to dismiss.

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

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

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

Action: No reportable action taken.

- b. *Pitts v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. 25CV151416

Action: No reportable action taken.

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

- a. *Joseph v. TAK BROADBAND CA, LLC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 25CV149327

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to authorize the City Attorney to file a cross-complaint against Comcast Corp. and TAK Broadband CA.

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

- b. *Berkeley Homeless Union et al v. City of Berkeley et al.*, U.S.D.C. N.D. Cal. Case 3:25-cv-01414-EMC

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to authorize the City Attorney to appeal the District Court’s January 13, 2026 extending and modifying the preliminary injunction issued against the City.

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

The Council met in closed session and voted 8 in favor, 1 absent to dismiss the Director of Police Accountability (DPA) from his position with the City. The dismissal shall take effect 30 days following written notice to the DPA of the decision to dismiss.

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Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on February 9, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026
5:00 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027 BANCROFT WAY, APT D, BERKELEY, CA 94710

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 5:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett, Blackaby

Action Calendar – New Business

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

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Review the completed Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV) rankings for all outstanding City Council referrals and adopt a Resolution approving the list of prioritized referrals to city staff.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to adopt Resolution No. 72,120–N.S. approving the list of prioritized referrals to city staff.

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

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

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

1. Presentation submitted by the City Clerk Department

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:09 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 Domestic Partnership Pioneers Tom Brougham and Barry Warren
2. Adjourned in Memory of Todd Walker, Community Activist
3. Mayor Ishii Reported on the Activities and Programs at the National Conference of Mayors

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: None

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 5 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to adopt Item 3 on the Consent Calendar.

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/C (Bartlett/Humbert) to adopt the Consent Calendar (except Item 3) in one motion except as indicated.

Vote: All Ayes.

1. Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 14.68 – Bicycle Registration and Licensing

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,997-N.S. 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).

First Reading Vote: All Ayes

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,997–N.S.

2. Amend Berkeley Municipal Code 14.40.100 – Disability Parking Standards and Accommodations

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,998-N.S. 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.

First Reading Vote: All Ayes

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,998–N.S.

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

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,999-N.S. 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.

First Reading 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)

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,999–N.S.

Consent Calendar

4. 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: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,000-N.S. 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.

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. 8,000–N.S.

5. Rescission and replacement of the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance

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

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,001-N.S. to 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.

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

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,001–N.S.

6. Establish Job Class Specification and Salary Range – Risk Manager

From: City Attorney

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution to establish the job class specification and pay scale of Risk Manager with an hourly pay scale of \$69.93 to \$85.00 distributed across five steps.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,121–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on February 10, 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) 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.
- 8. Contract: Scotts PPE Recon, Inc. for Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment and Maintenance**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Scotts PPE Recon, Inc. (Contractor) to provide cleaning, maintenance and repair of Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and maintenance, repair and replacement of PPE extractors for the City for a base period from February 11, 2026 to February 10, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with an option to extend for three additional years in one-year increments, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$405,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,122–N.S.
- 9. Application for Prohousing Incentive Program Funds**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for and accept funds from the State of California's Prohousing Incentive Program, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,123–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 10. Extending Reservations for Housing Trust Fund Projects**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Extending the duration of the previously approved funding reservations and reserve Housing Trust Fund funds and other currently available affordable housing funds, including local Measure O Bond funds, Measure U1 funds, Affordable Housing Mitigation Fees (AHMF), and State funds for the following projects: -Ashby Lofts (2909-2919 Ninth Street) at \$850,000; - Supportive Housing in People’s Park (2556 Haste) at \$14,359,593; -Ephesian Legacy Court (1708 Harmon) at \$14,531,301; and -North Berkeley BART Project at \$21,500,000. 2 Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate these actions.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,124–N.S.
- 11. Donation: Memorial Bench at Codornices Park in Memory of Samuel Reitan Boyden**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at Codornices Park in memory of Samuel Reitan Boyden.
Financial Implications: \$3,400 - Donation
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,125–N.S.
- 12. Donation: Memorial Bench at Strawberry Creek Park in Memory of Luke Kreinberg**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at Strawberry Creek Park in memory of Luke Kreinberg.
Financial Implications: \$3,400 - Donation
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,126–N.S.
- 13. Contract No. 32600085 Amendment: Cordoba Corporation for On-site Traffic Engineering Support Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32600085 with Cordoba Corporation for on-site traffic engineering services to augment staffing in the Transportation Division’s Traffic Engineering unit in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,127–N.S.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

**14. Zoning Adjustments 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 Adjustments 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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 28 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 72,128–N.S. denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0066.

Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

15. Fiscal Year 2027 Operational Changes to Berkeley Rides for Seniors and the Disabled

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 4 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #14: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066

1. Aaryaman Singhal
2. James M. Lloyd on behalf of The California Housing Defense Fund

COSCOW Letter

3. Okeya Vance-Dozier on behalf of the Commission on the Status of Women

Hopkins Street

4. Ross Knight
5. Karen Parolek and Ben Gerhardstein
6. Patrick Golier
7. Darell Owens
8. Michai Freeman on behalf of Friends of Adeline

Encampment Concerns

9. Christine Wenrich (2)
10. Boona Cheema
11. Moni Law (3)

Safety Improvements

12. Shirley Kirsten
13. Areli Balderrama

Acton Courtyard Tenants Union

14. Yasmin Jenkins (5)

Housing Affordability Concerns

15. Jane White (2)

IKE Kiosks Concerns

16. David Lerman

Proclamation Requests

17. Frank Price
18. Dolores Martinez (2)

Flock Safety

19. Margot Smith

Harrison Street Concerns

- 20. Suzanne Pettigrew
- 21. Marianne Riddle
- 22. David Epstein
- 23. Boona Cheema
- 24. Jennifer Ito
- 25. Susan Greef and Maureen Prochaska
- 26. David Shiretzki
- 27. Jonathan White
- 28. Steven Donaldson
- 29. Ashley Denney
- 30. Kasey Harboe Guentert

Latino Korean War Memorial

- 31. Martin Bourque (2)
- 32. David White (2)

Heinz and Ninth Street

33. David Lerman

Housing Complaint

- 34. David Glasser (4)
- 35. Rebecca Rodriguez (4)

Email Concern

36. Lily Liao

Disabled Parking Spaces

37. Jane Tierney

Parking for RVs

38. Diana Bohn

Berkeley Trash Collection Concerns

- 39. George Woodward
- 40. Leslie Sakai
- 41. David Lerman

Progressive Childcare Policy

42. Octavio Raygoza

Measure W

43. Diana Bohn

Street Patching

44. Rischa S. Cole

Tiny Homes

45. Madeleine Roberts Rich (2)

Instant Runoff Algorithm

46. Ghawar Camij Toschian

Tear Gas Concerns

47. Maria Yates (2)

48. Nicole Powell

49. Nora Shourd

50. Bobby Jean

26th Annual Celebrity Flag Football

51. Jeffrey Church

Persian New Year

52. Shallon L. Allen

53. Jacob Cohen

BAUASI

54. Blair Beekman

Response Follow-Up

55. Stephen Alpert (2)

Rental Concerns

56. Hector91 Phuentes (4)

57. John Dunlap

Newsletters

58. Downtown Berkeley Association

URLs

59. Russbumper (2)

60. Jane White (2)

Forwards

61. Russbumper (3)

Pledge Inquiry

62. Diana Bohn

E-Scooters and Bikes

- 63. Robert Borghese (3)
- 64. Carson Lepre (2)

Notice of Intent

- 65. Jon Ruel Holder II

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #14: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066

- 66. Mark Loper on behalf of the Applicant for the 2109 Virginia Street Project

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #4: 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

- 67. Geoff Lomax
- 68. Marguerite & Guthrie Dolin
- 69. Roger Hallsten
- 70. John Parman

Item #5: Rescission and replacement of the Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance

- 71. Marilyn Simons

Item #14: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2109 Virginia, Use Permit #ZP2024-0066

- 72. Presentation submitted by the Planning and Development Department
- 73. Michael Apte (2)
- 74. James Lloyd on behalf of the California Housing Defense Fund
- 75. Steve Ratcliff
- 76. Neighbors and residents of North Shattuck Avenue (2)
- 77. James Hendry

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

5:00 P.M.

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 5:03 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub

Councilmember Tregub present at 5:05 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 5:11 p.m.

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

1. **Motion to Designate City's Labor Negotiators Under Gov. Code Section 54957.6: Appoint Labor Negotiator for Negotiation of Employment Agreement with Interim Director of Police Accountability**

Recommendation: Authorize Mayor Adena Ishii to negotiate employment agreements and any amendments, including terms regarding compensation, with the selected candidate for the City's Interim Director of Police Accountability.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/O'Keefe) to authorize Mayor Adena Ishii to negotiate employment agreements and any amendments, including terms regarding compensation, with the selected candidate for the City's Interim Director of Police Accountability.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

2. **Public Employee Appointments Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)**

Title of position to be filled: Interim Director of Police Accountability

City Designated Representative: Mayor Adena Ishii

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. **Public Employee Appointments Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)**

Title of position to be filled: Director of Police Accountability

City Designated Representative: Mayor Adena Ishii

Action: The Mayor and Council formed an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Mayor Ishii, Vice Mayor Lunaparra and Councilmember Humbert, to assist with the recruitment of the next Permanent Director of Police Accountability.

OPEN SESSION:

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

The Mayor and Council met in closed session and formed an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Mayor Ishii, Vice Mayor Lunaparra and Councilmember Humbert, to assist with the recruitment of the next Permanent Director of Police Accountability.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council closed session meeting held on February 23, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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

**Monday, February 23, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:07 p.m.

Report from Closed Session:

The Mayor and Council met in closed session and formed an ad hoc subcommittee consisting of Mayor Ishii, Vice Mayor Lunaparra and Councilmember Humbert, to assist with the recruitment of the next Permanent Director of Police Accountability.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

1. **Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2298 Durant, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0126**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0126 to demolish an existing commercial building, a residential building with 7 rent-controlled dwelling units, and associated parking; merge two lots; and construct an eight story (92 foot), 80,000 square-foot residential building, with 65 units (5 very low-income, 2 low-income), utilizing a State Density Bonus.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Item removed from the agenda due to project being withdrawn by the Applicant. (Supplemental material in Supp 2 from Planning & Development Department.)

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

2. Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2425 Durant Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0162

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0162, to demolish three existing two-story residential buildings, including 19 rent-controlled dwelling units, and construct a 20-story (208 feet), approximately 148,940-square-foot residential building containing 169 dwelling units, including 6 Extremely Low-Income (ELI), 7 Very Low-Income (VLI), 6 Low-Income (LI), and 13 Moderate Income (MI) units, on a 9,750-square-foot lot.

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 (Tregub/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 72,129–N.S. denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0162, with amendments to include the correct language for condition #65 and to properly number conditions #66 - #70.

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

3a. Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0182 (Student Housing-Oriented)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0182, to demolish an existing two-story commercial building and a ten-car garage structure on a 12,385-square-foot lot and to construct a 23-story (256-feet-tall plus a 5-foot parapet) approximately 191,922-square-foot residential building, containing 160 dwelling units including 12 Very Low-Income (VLI), and 12 Moderate Income (MI) units. The proposed project provides 29 off-street parking spaces, 167 Long-term and 10 Short-Term bike parking spaces.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: See action for Item 3b.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

3b. Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision to approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0181 to demolish an existing two-story commercial building and a ten-car garage structure on a 12,385-square-foot lot, and to construct a 23-story (256-feet-tall plus a 5-foot parapet) approximately 190,830-square-foot residential building containing 240 dwelling units, including 18 Very Low-Income (VLI), and 18 Moderate Income (MI) units. The proposed project provides 29 off-street parking spaces, 167 Long-term and 8 Short-Term bike parking spaces.

Financial Implications: None

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 9 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/Failed (Kesarwani/Humbert) to deny the appeal and approve Use Permit #ZP2024-0181 and Permit #ZP2024-0182.

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

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Communications

Item #2: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2425 Durant Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0162

14. Jesse Arreguin

15. Mark Rhoades on behalf of Applicant 2425 Durant LLC

Item #3a: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0182 (Student Housing-Oriented)

Item #3b: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

16. Mark Rhoades on behalf of Laconia Development, LLC

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #1: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2298 Durant, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0126

- 17. Jack Farrell on behalf of YIMBY Law
- 18. Jolene Kramer

Item #2: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2425 Durant Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0162

- 19. Jack Farrell on behalf of YIMBY Law
- 20. Jolene Kramer

Item #3a: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0182 (Student Housing-Oriented)

Item #3b: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

- 21. Paul Menzies on behalf of Laconia Development, LLC
- 22. Jolene Kramer
- 23. Jack Farrell on behalf of YIMBY Law
- 24. Mark Rhoades on behalf of Laconia Development, LLC

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2298 Durant, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0126

- 25. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Planning & Development Department

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Item #3a: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0182 (Student Housing-Oriented)

Item #3b: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

- 26. James Lloyd on behalf of the California Housing Defense Fund
- 27. Mark Rhoades

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Item #3b: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

- 15. Ruhama Tereda on behalf of the North Coast States Carpenters Union

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2298 Durant, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0126

- 16. Gregory Kalkanis

Item #2: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2425 Durant Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0162

17. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

18. Bonnie Zhu (2)

Item #3a: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0182 (Student Housing-Oriented)

Item #3b: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 2029 University Avenue, Use Permit Application #ZP2024-0181 (Multi-Family)

19. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

20. Gregory Kalkanis

21. Kelly Hammargren

22. Scott Littlehale

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

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
4:00 PM**

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:21 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:24 p.m.

Worksession

1. Community Health Improvement Plan

From: City Manager

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

Action: 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: Community Health Improvement Plan

1. Barbara Gilbert

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Community Health Improvement Plan

2. Presentation submitted by the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department

3. Taj Herzer-Baptiste

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
6:00 PM

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 6:17 p.m.

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 February 2026 as National Heart Month
2. Adjourned in Memory of Gianna Ranuzzi, Local Artist and Activist

City Manager Comments: None

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor provided an update on Item 25, the restaurant inspection audit.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 7 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 3 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes for Approval

From: City Manager

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).

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

2. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on February 24, 2026

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) 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: \$200,000 - Various Funds

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

3. Contract: California Association of Environmental Health Administrators for Stormwater Inspections

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract and any amendments with the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) to conduct facility stormwater inspections and other environmental health-related inspections including food facility inspections, in collaboration with the City's Environmental Health Division (EHD) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for the period of February 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,130–N.S.

Consent Calendar

4. **Accept Grant Funds from the California Ocean Protection Council's Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program and contract with Association of Bay Area Governments/San Francisco Estuary Partnership**
From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to accept the California Ocean Protection Council's Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program funding in the amount of \$223,151, and negotiate and execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders with the Association of Bay Area Governments/San Francisco Estuary Partnership, for the East Bay Crescent Sub-Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Shoreline Adaptation Planning, for the duration of March 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,131–N.S.

5. **Contracts: Future Ford of Concord, Michael Stead Hilltop Ford and Nicholas K Corporation dba The Ford Store for Service, Parts, and Related Equipment for Ford Vehicles**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a contract with Future Ford of Concord, to provide service, parts, and related equipment used on the City's Ford vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$690,000, for a period of three years.

2. Execute a contract with Michael Stead Hilltop Ford, to provide service, parts, and related equipment used on the City's Ford vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$690,000, for a period of three years.

3. Execute a contract order with Nicholas K Corporation dba The Ford Store, to provide service, parts, and related equipment used on the City's Ford vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$690,000, for a period of three years.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,132–N.S. (Future Ford), Resolution No. 72,133–N.S. (Michael Stead), Resolution No. 72,134–N.S. (Nicholas K).

Consent Calendar

6. Contract Awards: Du-All Safety LLC, Safe Business Solutions, and Safety Center, Inc. for Safety Training and Consulting Services to support the Public Works Department

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a Contract and subsequent amendments with Du-All Safety, LLC dba Du-All, for safety training and consulting services in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the initial contract period March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2029, with the option to extend the contract term for two additional years, for a total contract term not to exceed five years.
2. Execute a contract and subsequent amendments with Safe Business Solutions dba SBS, for safety training and consulting in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the initial contract period March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2029, with the option to extend the contract term for two additional years, for a total contract term not to exceed five years.
3. Execute a Contract and subsequent amendments with Safety Center for safety training and consulting in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for the initial contract period March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2029, with the option to extend the contract term for two additional years, for a total contract term not to exceed five years.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,135–N.S. (Du-All Safety), Resolution No. 72,136–N.S. (Safe Business), Resolution No. 72,137–N.S. (Safety Center).

7. Contract: Northern Recycling, LLC for Hauling and Processing of Compostable Materials

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Northern Recycling, LLC for hauling and processing compostable materials, in an amount not to exceed \$16,091,834 for the five-year period March 1, 2026, to March 1, 2030, with a mutual option to extend the contract for an additional five years.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,138–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 8. Contract: Koios Engineering, Inc. for Adeline Street, Woolsey Street, et al. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Project located on Adeline Street, Woolsey Street, et al., and accepting the bid from the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Koios Engineering, Inc., and 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, in an amount not to exceed \$3,931,889, which includes a 10% contingency of \$357,444.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,139–N.S.
- 9. Contract: Koios Engineering, Inc. for San Pablo Avenue, Sacramento Street, et al. Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving plans and specifications for the Sanitary Sewer Project located on San Pablo Avenue, Sacramento Street, et al., and accepting the bid of the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder, Koios Engineering, Inc., and 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, in an amount not to exceed \$5,126,325, which includes a 10% contingency of \$466,029.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,140–N.S.
- 10. Contract with Chargepoint, Inc. for City-Owned Electric Vehicle Charger Support Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a five-year contract for support services for City-owned electric vehicle (EV) chargers with Chargepoint, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$255,651.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,141–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 11. Contract No. 32500221 Amendment: Stommel Inc. dba Lehr for Hybrid Police Patrol Vehicle Supplies, Equipment, and Installation Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the contract with Stommel Inc., dba Lehr for Hybrid Police Patrol vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$125,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$525,000, and extends the contract term until December 15, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,142–N.S.
- 12. Contract No. 32600081 Amendment: Metro Elevator for Maintenance, Repairs and Emergency Response Services for Citywide Elevators**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32600081 with Metro Elevator to provide maintenance, repairs, and emergency response services to increase the contract amount by \$175,000 for a total not to exceed \$350,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,143–N.S.
- 13. Contract No. 107431-1 (10095B) Amendment: Green Halo Systems, Inc. Construction Debris Tracking**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 107431-1 (10095B) with Green Halo Systems, Inc. to increase the contract amount by \$50,000, for a revised total not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000, for construction and demolition debris tracking software services for the period of June 30, 2026, through June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,144–N.S.
- 14. Purchase Order: Turf Star Incorporated for one 2026 Model Toro Groundsmaster 31699 Triple Deck Sports Field Mower**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Turf Star Incorporated for one 2026 Toro Groundsmaster 31699 Triple Deck Sports Field Mower, in an amount not to exceed \$184,181.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,145–N.S.

Consent Calendar

15. 2026 Traffic Circle Vegetation Policy and Maintenance Plan

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to approve the 2026 Traffic Circle Vegetation Policy and Maintenance Plan, including the addition of five new California native plants to be included in the Suggested Traffic Circle Plantings list and the implementation of a modernized ArcGIS-based registration system for all program participants.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,146–N.S.

Council Consent Items

16. Waterside Workshops Community Spring Fling: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund

From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$250 from Mayor Ishii and \$250 from Councilmember Taplin to the Waterside Workshops for the Community Spring Fling 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. 72,147–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Blackaby - \$200; Councilmember Tregub - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250.

Council Consent Items

17. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to Support the Berkeley Unified School District Historical Study

From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from the discretionary Council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to support the Berkeley Unified School District Historical Study. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the discretionary Council office budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the discretionary Council office budgets of any other Councilmembers who wish to contribute, and granted to the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform, which is serving as fiscal sponsor for the study.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Action: Councilmembers Taplin and Tregub added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 72,148–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Lunaparra - \$500; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Tregub - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

Council Consent Items

18. **Referral to City Manager and City Attorney: Removing On-Site Manager Exemption Loophole for Certain Multi-Family Properties that are Adjacent and/or Share the Same Common Area** *(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager and City Attorney a proposal related to the removal of an on-site manager exemption loophole, which is currently used by certain Berkeley properties to circumvent California Code Regulation, Title 25, Paragraph 42, for certain multi-family properties that are adjacent and/or share the same common area. If the recommended regulation is enacted, it is the intent of the referral to apply it to subject properties in a prospective manner that ensures that the rights of sitting tenants continue to be fully protected (i.e., a fully occupied property will not be required to rent to an on-site manager until at least one unit becomes vacant in accordance to all applicable state and local laws governing good cause eviction protections). The referral further requests that the 4 x 4 Committee discuss and provide recommendations as to: - Any parameters that may limit the scope of this referral, including but not limited to situations in which one or more of the subject properties are owned by limited liability corporations (LLCs) and/or owners that own multiple other properties in Berkeley, California and/or beyond, with a total number of units or properties under ownership to be determined; - Any exemptions to the on-site manager requirement for certain circumstances, such as for hardship of the property owner and/or LLC and/or other circumstances in which the interest of justice may supersede the public interest of this requirement; and - Any other provisions pertinent to the efficient, just, and fair administration of the recommended regulation.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following amendments: 1. Reflect in the recommendation that the item is a referral to the City Manager and the City Attorney. 2. Clarify that the Rent Board's administration of the program is unchanged from the existing arrangement. 3. Provide additional information regarding the budgetary implications and how many properties are affected.
Financial Implications: See report
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee with revised material in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 to remove the 4x4 Committee from the recommendation.

Council Consent Items

19. **Resolution Urging Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to Enact an Eviction Moratorium to Prevent Displacement During the Ongoing ICE/CBP Terror Campaign**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution urging Minnesota Governor Tim Walz to enact an eviction moratorium to prevent displacement during the ongoing ICE/CBP terror campaign.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,149–N.S.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

20. **Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Berkeley Municipal Code Titles 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684 by establishing: 1. A ministerial, SB 684–compliant path for small-lot subdivisions and related housing; and 2. A local Parcel-Map path for lower-density projects that meet minimum residential density requirements but do not qualify under SB 684.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to accept revised materials from the City Manager.
Vote: All Ayes.
Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 3 speakers.
M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.
Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Humbert) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,002–N.S. as amended in the revised materials from staff relating to “Protected Units” and further amended to set the minimum lot size for vacant single-family lots at 600 square feet and the minimum useable open space at 150 square feet. Second reading scheduled for March 10, 2026.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – O’Keefe.

Council Action Items

21. **City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: 1 speaker. Item continued to March 10, 2026.

Information Reports

22. **FY 2025 Fourth Quarter Investment Report: Ended June 30, 2025**
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Received and filed.
23. **FY 2026 First Quarter Investment Report: Ended September 30, 2025**
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Received and filed.
24. **Restaurant Inspection Audit Status Report**
From: City Manager
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Received and filed.
25. **A Guide to Measuring Performance in the City of Berkeley**
From: Auditor
Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750
Action: Moved to Action Calendar. Presentation made and discussion held.
2 speakers.
26. **Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) Workplan for FY25-26**
From: Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee
Contact: Amanda Montez, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 2 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council regular meeting held on February 24, 2026.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #21: City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform

1. Ariella Granett

Partial Paving

2. David Lerman

Daylighting Concerns

3. Shirley Kirsten (4)
4. Transportation

Upzoning

5. Bruce Wicinas
6. Anne Boersma
7. Barbara Thompson (2)
8. Isaac Warshauer
9. Peter Allen
10. Emilie Strauss

Filing Assistance

11. Jonny Ruel Holder II

Superbowl Conversations

12. Blair Bleekman

Speed Bump Request

13. Nadine Takvorian
14. Jodi Lomask

Parking Permits

15. Victor Ichioka

Downtown Population Concern

16. Lisa Titus

Petition

17. Parsa Shabani

Flock Cameras

- 18. Kelly Burkett
- 19. Becky Leyser
- 20. David Burkett
- 21. Cati Johnson
- 22. Margot Smith

Police Accountability

- 23. Phoebe Thomas
- 24. Dirk Neyhart
- 25. Susan Moon
- 26. Rose Berryessa
- 27. Josh Cayetano
- 28. Sheila Goldmacher

Tear Gas Concerns

- 29. Barryett Enge
- 30. Anna de Leon
- 31. Aya de Leon
- 32. Barb Scheifler
- 33. Cati Johnson
- 34. Deborah Cohan
- 35. Rainbow Rubin
- 36. Riti Dhesi
- 37. Janice Schroeder
- 38. Anne-Lise Francois
- 39. Sasha Futran
- 40. George Perezvelez
- 41. Melanie and John
- 42. Maria Yates (2)
- 43. Jane Welford
- 44. Jean Day
- 45. Annie Alcott
- 46. Gabby Le
- 47. Scott Sacherer
- 48. Jacqui VanLiew
- 49. Lisa Teague
- 50. Whitney Sparks
- 51. Anne Lenon
- 52. Jason Martens
- 53. Diana Bohn
- 54. Aryn Faur
- 55. Maris Arnold

Adequate Slide Projection

- 56. Steven Alpert

McGee and Carleton

57. Michelle Baird

Official Recognition Request

58. Deborah Matthews

Berkeley Whole Foods Meeting

59. Arezou Bakhtjou

Accommodation Request

60. Jonny Ruel Holder II

Ashby and San Pablo

61. Kathryn Ruiz

Measure W

62. Tasha Tervalon on behalf of the Peace and Justice Commission

Berkeley Housing Concern

63. Margot Smith

Proposed Ferry Dock

64. Gordon Stout (2)

65. Lindsay Martien

YIMBY

66. Margots999

Cannabis Policy Scorecard

67. Getting it Right from the Start

Response Follow-Up

68. Stephen Alpert (4)

Kala Bagai Way

69. Mandeep Kaur (2)

Berkeley Carer Bridge

70. Adrienne McInnis

Anna Head Site

71. Wendy Hillis

Sidewalk and Street Repairs

72. Darlene Percoats (2)

Language Access Service

73. Ntsikelelo Bonga

ICE Concern

74. Jane Fink

Housing Concerns

75. Jonny Ruel Holder II (2)

76. Hector91 Phuentes (17)

77. Frank Darling

Housing Complaint Form

78. David Glasser (2)

79. Rebecca (2)

Visit to the Netherlands

80. Paul Hoekstra (2)

Community Programs

81. Elizabeth

Elementary Reading Program

82. Mindy Stein

E-Scooters

83. Robert Borghese (2)

84. Carson Lepre

Newsletters

85. Downtown Berkeley Association

86. Jeffrey Church

87. Visit Berkeley

88. Berkeley Chamber of Commerce

Forwards

89. Russbumper (2)

URLs

90. Russbumper

Acton Courtyard Tenants Union

91. Yasmin Jenkins (3)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #20: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684

92. Ross Graham

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #18: Referral to City Manager and City Attorney: Removing On-Site Manager Exemption Loophole for Certain Multi-Family Properties that are Adjacent and/or Share the Same Common Area

93. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub

Item #21: City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform

94. Snow Zhu on behalf of the Housing Advisory Commission

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #20: Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684

95. Revised agenda material submitted by the Planning and Development Department

96. Presentation submitted by the Planning and Development Department

Item #25: A Guide to Measuring Performance in the City of Berkeley

97. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor

