



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
April 28, 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 March 2, 2026 (closed), March 6, 2026 (special), March 10, 2026 (special and regular), March 16, 2026 (closed), March 17, 2026 (special), and March 24, 2026 (special and regular).

CONTACT PERSON

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

Attachments:

1. March 2, 2026 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. March 6, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
3. March 10, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
4. March 10, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting
5. March 16, 2026 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
6. March 17, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
7. March 24, 2026 – Special City Council Meeting
8. March 24, 2026 – Regular City Council Meeting

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
4:00 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
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett, Tregub

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 – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

- a. *Berkeley Homeless Union v. City of Berkeley*, U.S.D.C. N.D. Cal. Case No. 3:25-cv-01414-EMC
- b. *Prado v. City of Berkeley*, U.S.D.C. N.D. Cal. Case No. 3:23-cv-04537-EMC

Action: No reportable action taken.

Councilmember Kesarwani absent 5:20 p.m. – 5:27 p.m.

OPEN SESSION:

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

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the special closed meeting of March 2, 2026 as approved by the Berkeley City Council.

Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 6, 2026
1:45 PM

1301 SHATTUCK AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94709

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 2:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin

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

Council Discussion

1.a. Introduction

1.b. Values and Group Agreements Review

1.c. Team Building Activity

1.d. 2025 Reflection and 2026 Planning

Action: Discussion of agenda items. No action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1.a.: Introduction

Item#1.b.: Values and Group Agreements Review

Item #1.c.: Team Building Activity

Item #1.d.: 2025 Reflection and 2026 Planning

1. Berkeley City Council

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

4:00 PM

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

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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 4:09 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 5:13 p.m.

Worksession

1. Berkeley Economic Dashboards Update

From: City Manager

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Action: 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:37 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: Berkeley Economic Dashboards Update

1. Presentation submitted by the Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:00 PM

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBERS:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:05 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 March 10, 2026 as Youthworks Day in Berkeley
2. Recognition of Poet Devorah Major for Lifetime Achievement Award

City Manager Comments: None

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor provided a presentation on the City Contracts audit. 5 speakers.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) to 1) accept an urgency item from Councilmember Lunaparra pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis; and 2) accept revised material from Councilmember Tregub for consideration for Item 10.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 28 speakers.

Consent Calendar

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis

From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor),

Recommendation: Pass a Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,150–N.S.

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

1. Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) and Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) to implement Senate Bill (SB) 684

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,002-N.S amending the 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.

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

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,002–N.S.

2. Re-Establishment of the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution declaring intent to establish the Downtown Berkeley Property and Business Improvement District (DPBID) for the ten-year period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2036, with operations to occur over the ten-calendar year period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2036. Set a public hearing for May 19, 2026, on establishment of the DPBID, and direct the City Clerk to conduct all necessary proceedings for establishment of the DPBID.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,151–N.S.

Consent Calendar

3. Ashby BART East Lot Transit Oriented Development Request for Proposal Framework

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to release a Request for Proposals (RFP) and Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit proposals from development teams (comprised of developers, service providers, and architects) regarding their plan, capacity, experience, and interest in developing the currently Bay Area Rapid Transit Agency (BART)-owned, future City-owned property known as the East Lot located at Adeline Street and Woolsey Street in South Berkeley.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,152–N.S.

4. Contract No. 32300149 Amendment: mySidewalk, Inc. for HHCS Web-Based Population Health Data Platform

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300149 with mySidewalk, Inc. for an additional \$50,618 for a total not to exceed amount of \$207,928, and to extend the contract term end date to April 24, 2027.

Financial Implications: \$50,618 - Various Funds

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,153–N.S.

5. Filling Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Public Sector Vacancies

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Catherine Gelsinger to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC).

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,154–N.S.

Consent Calendar

6. **City Contracts: Outdated Process Led to Non-Competitive Contracts**
From: Auditor
Recommendation: We recommend City Council request that the City Manager report back by Fall 2026, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of our audit recommendations until reported fully implemented by the Finance Department and other relevant departments. The audit includes 13 recommendations to clarify for staff when non-competitive contracts and amendments are appropriate, as well as to improve transparency and efficiency in the contracts process overall. The City management agreed or partially agreed to our findings and recommendations. Please see our report for their complete response.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750
Action: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

7. **Entertainment Zone Ordinance** (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer for drafting to the City Attorney an ordinance enabling entertainment zones in Berkeley: Refer to the City Manager for the initiation of a merchant stakeholder engagement process and develop entertainment zone management plans for potential zones in the vicinity of the following locations and organizational leads: Downtown: Downtown Business Association, Gilman: Gilman District Merchants Association, South Side Telegraph Business Improvement District San Pablo University Avenue Association
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to encourage staff discretion in determining additional zones for entertainment.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee and further revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 by Councilmember Taplin.

Council Consent Items

8. **The Berkeley Rule: Artificial Intelligence Municipal Framework** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Author)
Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution which affirms Berkeley's commitment to innovation in service of liberty, dignity, and the public good. 2. The City hereby endorses "The Berkeley Rule" and encourages City staff, commissions, and community partners to consider its Ten Principles in the planning, evaluation, and oversight of artificial intelligence systems. The Berkeley Rule: Put Residents First; Modernize City Services; Empower the Community; Ensure Transparency and Accountability; Standardize Operations; Certify Ethical Use; Protect and Prepare Our Workforce; Defend Civil Liberties; Social Advancement and Accessibility; and Catalyze Civic Wealth. The principles are meant to encourage the Artificial Intelligence (AI) industry to develop products and services aligned with these goals.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation, and that items 3 and 4 in the recommendation be amended to be less prescriptive.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,155–N.S. as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee.
9. **Referral: Strengthen Berkeley's Micromobility Regulatory Framework to Improve Public Safety, ADA Accessibility, and Operator Accountability** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager and Transportation and Infrastructure Commission the development of recommendations to enhance safety and eliminate or reduce conflicts between shared micromobility devices and pedestrians/wheelchair users on Berkeley's sidewalks.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

Council Consent Items

- 10. Resolution Opposing Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Leasing and Drilling on California Public Lands and Parks**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution opposing the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed oil and gas leasing and development on approximately 1.6 million acres of California public lands, including areas adjacent to Bay Area parks such as Mount Diablo State Park, Pinnacles National Park, Henry W. Coe State Park, and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve; and refer to the City Manager to send a letter to the BLM Central Coast Field Office, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior, and California's Congressional delegation urging withdrawal of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements and cessation of all new oil and gas lease sales on California public lands.
Financial Implications: Staff time
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,156–N.S. as amended in supplemental materials submitted at the meeting. Councilmembers Lunaparra, O'Keefe, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors.
- 11. Citywide Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop official, citywide guidelines for the secure, ethical, and effective use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools by City of Berkeley employees. The policy should align with Berkeley's values, promote innovation and progress, and safeguard privacy and public trust. The City Manager should review policies adopted by other California cities and develop Berkeley-specific principles to guide staff usage of AI. The following principles should form the foundation of Berkeley's policy: 1. Create safeguards against introduction of bias through use of AI systems 2. Protect data privacy and ensure cybersecurity compliance 3. Maintain human oversight and accountability 4. Explore opportunities to integrate AI into operations management 5. Foster collaboration and cross-departmental exchange of AI knowledge 6. Ensure transparency and compliance with Public Records Laws 7. Periodic review and improvement
 Developing a clear and responsible AI policy will help the City of Berkeley harness emerging technologies to better serve the community while upholding equity, integrity, and public confidence in city operations and services.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a positive recommendation.
Financial Implications: Staff time
 Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee including revisions in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Councilmember O'Keefe.

Council Consent Items

12. **Berkeley Free Clinic Critical Renovations: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Vice Mayor Lunaparra's discretionary fund, \$500 from Councilmember Taplin's discretionary fund, and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to the Berkeley Free Clinic for critical renovations at its new location at 830 University Avenue, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,157–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

13. **Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) Rezoning**
(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)
From: Councilmember Humbert (Author), Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Author)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) as a standalone rezoning effort to proactively and equitably increase housing stock in southeast Berkeley's high-resource areas. This project would seek to: 1. Rezone the Telegraph Avenue corridor south of Parker Street to the Oakland border at Woolsey Street from the current C-C (Commercial-Corridor) district to the C-T (Telegraph Avenue Commercial) district (or similar), allowing for taller mixed-use housing development, with a goal of base zoning of 8 stories/85 feet. 2. Identify and upzone specific auto-oriented C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) parcels in the Claremont and Ashby area (near Domingo Avenue) from their current 2–3 story limits to 4–6 stories using existing or new zoning districts. 3. Allocate funding from the District 8 office budget to begin required planning and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review for the proposed zoning changes.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation with the following amendments: 1. Provide a more precise description of where the balance of the proposed funding would come from. 2. Look at a variety of density bonus scenarios for projections related to units and stories. 3. Clarify that the boundary runs from south of Parker Street to the Oakland border.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee and further revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Humbert.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

14. **Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an ordinance amending BMC Title 23 Section 23.324.050 to update the regulation of nonconforming lot coverage, FAR and density for residential uses in the Residential Multi-Unit 1 (R-1), Residential Multi-Unit 2 (R-2), Residential Multi-Unit 2A (R-2A), and Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) Zoning Districts.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
- Public Testimony:** The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.
M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.
- Action:** M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,003–N.S. Second reading scheduled for March 24, 2026.
Vote: All Ayes.
15. **Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act Regarding the Return of Unspent Public Matching Funds, Reuse of Campaign Materials, Campaign Expenditures and Cost of Living Adjustments**
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, BMC Chapter 2.12.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
- Public Testimony:** The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.
M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.
- Action:** M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 8,004–N.S. Second reading scheduled for March 24, 2026.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

16. Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the property owners' appeal of a special assessment tax lien and of the necessity and cost of City abatement actions and allowing the special assessment lien for \$24,831.37 for 2750 Cedar Street (APN 058 221102001) to be recorded with the County of Alameda.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 2 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to adopt Resolution No. 72,158–N.S. denying the property owners' appeal of a special assessment tax lien and of the necessity and cost of City abatement actions and allowing the special assessment lien for \$24,831.37 for 2750 Cedar Street (APN 058 221102001) to be recorded with the County of Alameda including revised material in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from the Planning Department)

Vote: All Ayes.

Council Action Items

17. Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement *(Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)*

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rescinding Berkeley Police Department's current required notification process for reporting pepper spray via the Berkeley Police Department Use of Pepper Spray Report after each incident. Further, maintain the recording of pepper spray use within the existing use of force reporting system to minimize the administrative burden on staff. The department's current transparency measures already provide the public with detailed data on all use of force incidents.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council that includes 1) inviting Police Accountability Board review, 2) reaffirming the existing reporting requirements that remain in effect, and 3) direction to the Berkeley Police Department to work to maximize the availability of the reports through the Transparency Hub and the Annual Report.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:20pm.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: 24 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 72,159–N.S. as proposed by Mayor Ishii in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further amended at the meeting to read as below.

RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE PEPPER SPRAY INCIDENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, in 1997 the City Council established a requirement for the Berkeley Police Department to notify Council each time pepper spray is used as a measure to bolster accountability; and

WHEREAS, the separate notification process was introduced at a time when reporting mechanisms were limited and provided necessary oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Police Department has since implemented a comprehensive use-of-force reporting system that documents all related incidents, including those involving pepper spray in the Transparency Hub and the annual Use of Force report; and

WHEREAS, until February 10, 2026, the Berkeley Police Department historically included pepper spray in the annual Controlled Equipment report; and

WHEREAS, the Police Accountability Board submitted a recommendation to the City Council on February 23, 2026 that recommended reincorporating reporting on the use of pepper spray into the annual Controlled Equipment report to preserve key narrative details not otherwise available through BPD's other reporting channels; and

WHEREAS, the administration of first aid was included in the original pepper spray use report that was transmitted to the Mayor and Council within 7 days; and

WHEREAS, the continued requirement for separate notification directly to the Mayor and City Council creates redundant administrative tasks that strain City resources; and

WHEREAS, rescinding the notification requirement will simplify reporting procedures and allow staff to concentrate on more critical operational matters while preserving public transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that:

1. The requirement for the Berkeley Police Department to notify the City Council every time pepper spray is used is hereby rescinded.

2. All pepper spray incidents shall be recorded as part of the established use-of-force reporting system in accordance with current departmental protocols.

3. Subsequent to the pepper spray report being signed off on by the Police Department chain of command, no later than 14 days after the use of the chemical agent, all pepper spray incidents shall be recorded on the Transparency Hub, including information about:

a. The incident itself, including time, date, location where the incident occurred and level of use of force; and

b. The suspect themselves, including age, race, sex, subject altered state, and use of force reason; and

c. The officer role; and

d. Enhance the definitions for the various Use of Force levels and clearly identify pepper spray use as Level 3;

e. Include clear navigational guidelines so users can more easily access the open data portal and seek information on chemical agent use.

4. Refer to the City Manager to present an amendment to BMC Chapter 2.100 to the City Council to subject pepper spray to the approval and reporting requirements of the Controlled Equipment Ordinance, including the administration of first aid. Work with the vendor to determine if reporting the administration of first aid, a narrative report, and opt-in notifications are possible to include in the Transparency Hub.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Old Business

18. **City of Berkeley’s 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform** (*Continued from February 24, 2026*)
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: Moved to Consent Calendar. Adopted Resolution No. 72,160–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by Mayor Ishii and further amended at the meeting to include the language below.

Support legislative and budgetary efforts to create a not-for-profit utility service to replace investor-owned utility programs, reduce the ratepayer burden imposed by investor-owned utilities, and support community-choice energy. (Infrastructure Policy Priorities)

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 10 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting of March 10, 2026 as approved by the Berkeley City Council.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department’s Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (*Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee*)

1. Kat Larrowe on behalf of the Human Welfare Community Action Commission
2. SEIU 1201 CSU/PTRLA Union Chapter Officers
3. Jacqui VanLiew
4. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

Use of Tear Gas and Flock Cameras Concerns

5. Andrew Jess
6. Anne-Lise Francois
7. Carol Denney
8. Becca Schonberg
9. Kelly Hammargren

- 10. Zan Turner
- 11. Margot Smith (2)
- 12. Allison Baxter
- 13. Nish Parker
- 14. Deborah Cohan

Police Accountability Board

- 15. Shenandoah Titus
- 16. Wendy Alfsen (2)
- 17. Christopher Kroll
- 18. L Carol Christopher

Ordinance Request

- 19.9 Similarly worded form letters “I’m so sorry to bother.”

Overnight Construction Noise

- 20. Anthony

Identify Consumer Fraud

- 21. Lydia Shiozaki

Environmental Health Concerns

- 22. Sheila Collier
- 23. Fran Haselsteiner

8th and Harrison

- 24. Molly Miller

Billboard Support

- 25. Natalie Aguilera
- 26. Emily Seelenfreund
- 27. Ryan Nolan

BART Board Meeting

- 28. Henry Symons

Data-Driven Accountability

- 29. Parsa Shabani

2026 New Star Pop-Up Street Fair Series

- 30. Brilliant Star Society

Office Hours

- 31. Dorothea Dorenz

Administrative Appeal

- 32. Andrew Marowitz

2109 Virginia

33. Gregory Kalkanis

Hopkins Street

34. David Gilbert

Proclamation Request

35. Monica Torres

36. Dolores Martinez

North Branch Library

37. Glen

A Note for You

38. Leonard Pitt

211 and Available Shelter

39. Jesse Sheehan

Settlement Fund Request

40. Marcus von Engel

Lunar New Year

41. Joel Ng on behalf of Falun Gong Practitioners in Berkeley

Upzoning

42. Summer Brenner

43. Jacqueline Beth

44. Howard Hertz

45. Micky Duxbury (2)

46. John J. Parman

February 19th

47. Kelly Hammargren

Crosswalk Illumination

48. David Lerman

Group Picture

49. Ararety Garewal

BHS Teacher

50. Jim Lutz

Elementary Reading Program

51. Ruth Stern

BUSD Fix-It Fest

52. Linda Currie

Parking Permits

53. Cristina Estrada

RV Concerns

54. Eric Mason

Housing Voucher Concerns

55. Michelle Cortez

Traffic Enforcement

56. Margaret

Berkeley Downtown Library

57. Jacqueline Fried

Big Oaks Learning Center

58. Raquel Balingit

Occupied Property

59. Raj Sahai

BHA Grievance

60. Michelle Cortez

ADA Grievance

61. Jonnyruel

High-Rise Apartments

62. Pauline Bondonno Cross

EPA New Funding Opportunity

63. Chris Cullander

Resolution Request

64. Musa Tariq

Acton Courtyard Tenants Union

65. Yasmin Jenkins (3)

Forwards

66. Russbumper (2)

Newsletters

67. Visit Berkeley (2)

68. Downtown Berkeley Association

69. Margots999

70. Berkeley Art Center

I-580 Truck Ban

- 71. Nate Miley
- 72. Brandy Olson
- 73. Shannon Rogers
- 74. Laura Gardner

URL

- 75. Russbumper

E-Scooters

- 76. Moni Law
- 77. Robert Borghese (9)
- 78. Carson Lepre (9)
- 79. Wahid Amiri

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #7: Entertainment Zone Ordinance (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

- 80. Daniel Swafford

Item #11: Citywide Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

- 81. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Shoshana O'Keefe

Item #16: Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

- 82. Revised agenda material submitted by the Planning and Development Department

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)

- 83. Frances Wilson

Item #18: City of Berkeley's 2026 State and Federal Legislative Platform (Continued from February 24, 2026)

- 84. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #7: Entertainment Zone Ordinance (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

- 85. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin

Item #13: Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) Rezoning (Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)

- 86. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Mark Humbert

Item #16: Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

- 87. Michael Tolleson

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)

- 88. Revised agenda material submitted by Rashi Kesarwani
- 89. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra
- 90. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Ishii
- 91. Wendy Alfsen

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgent Item: Resolution Condemning the Illegal War on Iran and Expressing Support for Berkeleyans Impacted by this Crisis

- 92. Urgent item submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra
- 93. Mojgan Mahdizadeh
- 94. Joel Ng
- 95. Jack Kurzweil

Item #1: Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts

- 96. Stacie Donnelly on behalf of the Community Associations Institute

Item #6: City Contracts: Outdated Process Led to Non-Competitive Contracts

- 97. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor

Item #7: Entertainment Zone Ordinance (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

- 98. Mark Rhoades
- 99. Meryl Siegal
- 100. David M Mayeri
- 101. Lars Larson
- 102. Chip Harley
- 103. Daniel Swafford
- 104. Jeremy Townsend
- 105. Julie McCray
- 106. Atsushi Yanai

Item #10: Resolution Opposing Bureau of Land Management Oil and Gas Leasing and Drilling on California Public Lands and Parks

- 107. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub
- 108. Susanna Porte

Item #13: Project to Increase Telegraph and Claremont Housing (PITCH) Rezoning (Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)

- 109. Adele and David Crady

Item #14: Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts

- 110. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

Item #16: Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien and of the Need for Abatement Action at 2750 Cedar Street

- 111. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

Item #17: Resolution Rescinding Berkeley Police Department's Pepper Spray Reporting Requirement (*Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee*)

- 112. Vanessa Cordova
- 113. Raela Richie
- 114. Dwayne L. Phillips
- 115. Unknown

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

3:00 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY CA 94703

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 2928 LINDEN AVENUE, BERKELEY CA 94705

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 3:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 3:42 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 LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

a. WCAB Matter –# ADJ17101925; BER2300091

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to authorize the City Manager to settle by Compromise and Release with open future medical care, as to a workers’ compensation matter assigned claim number BER2300091 and WCAB case number ADJ17101925.

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

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

a. WCAB Matter –# ADJ18386036; BER2400044

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Blackaby) to authorize the City Manager to settle by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, or in the alternative, by Stipulations with Request for Award with open future medical care, as to a workers’ compensation matter assigned claim number BER2400044 and WCAB case number ADJ18386036.

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

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

a. *Rio Tanori-Dias v. City of Berkeley*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 25CV125652

Action: No reportable action taken.

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8:

Property Address:	1631 5 th St., Berkeley CA
Agency Negotiators:	Paul Buddenhagen, David White, Eleanor Hollander, City of Berkeley, City Manager’s Office
Negotiating Parties:	City of Berkeley and Rebuilding Together and Wadlund+ Design Studio
Property Owner:	City of Berkeley
Under Negotiation:	Sale/Property Transfer Price and Terms

Action: No reportable action taken.

5. 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.

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026
6:00 PM**

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TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 2928 LINDEN AVENUE, BERKELEY, CA 94705

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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 6:24 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. **Presentation and Discussion of Community Survey Results and Direction Regarding Potential Ballot Measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Review the results of the community survey and provide direction to the City Manager and City Attorney regarding potential ballot measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election, including whether to:

1. Direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare draft ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond measure for the November 3, 2026, ballot to fund priority infrastructure investments, consistent with the results of the community survey and input received from the City Council at the March 17, 2026, work session;
2. Direct the City Manager and City Attorney to prepare draft ballot language for a potential 0.5 percent increase in the City's sales and use tax for the November 3, 2026, ballot to address the City's projected General Fund structural deficit and support essential City services; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to conduct a second community survey of likely Berkeley voters to test refined ballot language for a potential \$300 million General Obligation bond and a 0.5 percent increase in the sales and use tax in the context of the anticipated November 2026 ballot environment.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: 29 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Ishii/Taplin) to approve the recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: Presentation and Discussion of Community Survey Results and Direction Regarding Potential Ballot Measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

1. Daniel Tahara

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Presentation and Discussion of Community Survey Results and Direction Regarding Potential Ballot Measures for the November 3, 2026, General Municipal Election

2. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office
3. Nancy Schimmel
4. Lisa Bullwinkel
5. Lisa Bruce
6. Tania Schwartz
7. Ann Harlow, Leila Moncharsh, and Michael Scharff
8. Tawny Reynolds
9. Ann Harlow
10. Summer Brenner
11. Burl Willes

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BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:12 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:22 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:46 p.m.

Worksession

1. 2025 Berkeley Police Department Annual Report

From: City Manager

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

Action: 11 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: 2025 Berkeley Police Department Annual Report

1. Presentation submitted by the Police Department

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

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:24 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Report on Litigation

With respect to Information Item Number 27 regarding the settlement between Berkeley People's Alliance and the City in Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV064980; Cal. Court of Appeal Case No. A172245, the City Council hereby commits, consistent with the Court of Appeal's ruling, to no longer invoke Government Code Section 54957.9, as it is currently drafted, to recess a meeting and reconvene it in a different room or otherwise relocate the meeting.

Report from Closed Session

The City Council met in closed session on March 16, 2026, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) and provided directions to outside counsel and approved a settlement by Compromise and Release with open future medical care, as to a workers' compensation matter assigned claim number BER2300091 and WCAB case number ADJ17101925.

The City Council met in closed session on March 16, 2026, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d) and provided directions to outside counsel and approved a settlement by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, or in the alternative, by Stipulations with Request for Award with open future medical care, as to a workers' compensation matter assigned claim number BER2400044 and WCAB case number ADJ18386036.

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Adjourned in Memory of Marcia Poole, Community Activist
2. Recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day
3. Adjourned in Memory of Elaine Williams Bloom, Community Activist

City Manager Comments:

1. The City Manager removed Item 13 from the Agenda.
2. The City Manager requested that Item 16 be adopted as a budget referral due to cost implications.

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor provided a presentation on the Whistleblower investigation regarding the purchase of an ambulance (Item 18).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Kesarwani pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park. Item added to Action Calendar. Councilmembers Taplin, Bartlett, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 23 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8,003-N.S. amending BMC Title 23 Section 23.324.050 to update the regulation of nonconforming lot coverage, FAR and density for residential uses in the Residential Multi-Unit 1 (R-1), Residential Multi-Unit 2 (R-2), Residential Multi-Unit 2A (R-2A), and Mixed Use-Residential (MU-R) Zoning Districts.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,003–N.S.
- 2. Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act Regarding the Return of Unspent Public Matching Funds, Reuse of Campaign Materials, Campaign Expenditures and Cost of Living Adjustments**
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Recommendation: Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 8,004-N.S. amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, BMC Chapter 2.12.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,004–N.S.

Consent Calendar

3. Minutes for Approval

From: City Manager

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).

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

4. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from Alameda County to Conduct Public Health Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to Alameda County, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the following three revenue agreements:

1. Berkeley High School and Berkeley Technology Academy Health Center Programs in the projected amount of \$183,918 for Fiscal Year 2027.

2. School Linked Health Services Program (Measure A Funding) in the projected amount of \$200,011 for Fiscal Year 2027.

3. Tobacco Prevention Program in the projected amount of \$81,329 for Fiscal Year 2027.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,161–N.S. (Berkeley High), Resolution No. 72,162–N.S. (School Linked), Resolution No. 72,163–N.S. (Tobacco Prevention).

5. Rescinding Resolution No. 65,945–N.S. and Establishing the Behavioral Health Commission in Compliance with the Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 65,945–N.S. and establishing the Behavioral Health Commission. This action updates the Commission's enabling legislation to comply with the State of California's Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326), integrates substance use disorder oversight, and formally dissolves the joint commission agreement with the City of Albany.

Financial Implications: None.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,164–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 6. Approving Publicly Available Pay Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a publicly available pay schedule effective March 24, 2026, pursuant to the Public Employee's Retirement Law (PERL), Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), and Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,165–N.S.
- 7. Mills Act Contract – 2845 Woolsey Street**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act contract with Michael Pearson and Annette Blum Pearson for the maintenance and restoration of a City Landmark property at 2845 Woolsey Street.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Moved to Action Calendar. 3 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to continue the item to April 14, 2026.
Vote: All Ayes.
- 8. Mills Act Contract – 21 Mosswood Road**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mills Act contract with Isaac Warshauer and Laura Veit for the maintenance and restoration of a City Landmark property at 21 Mosswood Road.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,166–N.S.
- 9. Contract No. 32400052 Amendment: Berry Brothers Towing and Transport Inc.**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Berry Brothers, Contract No. 32400052, to extend the existing capacity to perform towing services from \$50,000 to an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from November 1, 2023, through October 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,167–N.S.

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- 10. Contract: Lehr Upfitters OPCO dba Lehr Auto for Police Vehicle Supplies, Equipment, and Installation Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Lehr Upfitters dba Lehr Auto for Police vehicle supplies, equipment, and installation services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000, for a period of April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,168–N.S.
- 11. Contract: Peterson Trucks, Inc. for Heavy Duty Vehicle Parts and Service**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Peterson Trucks, Inc. for heavy duty vehicle parts and service in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the term of April 1, 2026, to April 14, 2027, with the option to extend three more years.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,169–N.S.
- 12. Contract: Terocons, Inc. for FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving specifications for the FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project (Specification No. 26-11764-C), authorizing the City Manager to accept the bid of Terocons, Inc. as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder and to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or other change orders until completion of the FY 2026 Curb Ramp & Sidewalk Repair Project in accordance with the approved specifications in an amount not to exceed \$4,207,883.
Financial Implications: \$4,207,883 - Various Funds
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,170–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 13. Contracts: Pavement and Safety Improvement/Program Management Consulting Services for Measure FF-funded Projects**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt six Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with NCE, Pavement Engineering, Inc., Kittleson & Associates, Sanbell, Cordoba Corporation and Mark Thomas for on-call professional services for Measure FF-funded projects for the amounts listed below, each for a period not to exceed three years:
1. NCE for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
 2. Pavement Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
 3. Kittleson & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000
 4. Sanbell for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000
 5. Cordoba Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000
 6. Mark Thomas for an amount not to exceed \$600,000
- Financial Implications:** See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Item removed from the agenda by the City Manager.
- 14. Contracts: Multi-Disciplinary On-Call Professional Services for Capital Improvement Projects**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt thirty-four Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute one or more contracts with the following vendors and the associated not to exceed amounts for on-call civil engineering services for capital improvement projects, for a total contract period of three years:
1. Advanced Mobility Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
 2. AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,800,000
 3. Alta Planning + Design, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
 4. Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000
 5. BKF Engineers for an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000
 6. Coastland DCCM for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
 7. Community Design + Architecture, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
 8. Cornerstone Structural Engineering Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
 9. CSWST2 for an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000
 10. Dewberry Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000
 11. Diablo Engineering Group for an amount not to exceed \$900,000
 12. ENGEO Incorporated for an amount not to exceed \$350,000
 13. Fehr & Peers for an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000
 14. Geographic Technologies Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
 15. GFT Infrastructure, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$950,000
 16. GHD, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
 17. Ghirardelli Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000
 18. HydroScience Engineers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
 19. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$2,150,000
 20. Kittleson & Associates, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
 21. LCC Engineering & Surveying, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000

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22. Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$200,000
23. Nelson & Nygard Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
24. Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental Sciences Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
25. Parametrix for an amount not to exceed \$350,000
26. Pavement Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000
27. PEC Water, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000
28. Sanbell Bay Area for an amount not to exceed \$700,000
29. SCI Consulting Group for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
30. Swinerton Management & Consulting for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.
31. TJKM Transportation Consultants for an amount not to exceed \$750,000
32. Toole Design Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
33. Wood Rodgers, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$500,000
34. West Yost for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Adopted 1. Resolution No. 72,171–N.S. (Advanced Mobility), 2. Resolution No. 72,172–N.S. (AECOM), 3. Resolution No. 72,173–N.S. (Alta Planning), 4. Resolution No. 72,174–N.S. (Bureau Veritas), 5. Resolution No. 72,175–N.S. (BKF Engineers), 6. Resolution No. 72,176–N.S. (Coastland DCCM), 7. Resolution No. 72,177–N.S. (Community Design), 8. Resolution No. 72,178–N.S. (Cornerstone), 9. Resolution No. 72,179–N.S. (CSWST2), 10. Resolution No. 72,180–N.S. (Dewberry Engineers), 11. Resolution No. 72,181–N.S. (Diablo Engineering), 12. Resolution No. 72,182–N.S. (ENGEO), 13. Resolution No. 72,183–N.S. (Fehr & Peers), 14. Resolution No. 72,184–N.S. (Geographic Technologies), 15. Resolution No. 72,185–N.S. (GFT Infrastructure), 16. Resolution No. 72,186–N.S. (GHD, Inc.), 17. Resolution No. 72,187–N.S. (Ghirardelli), 18. Resolution No. 72,188–N.S. (HydroScience), 19. Resolution No. 72,189–N.S. (Kimley-Horn), 20. Resolution No. 72,190–N.S. (Kittleson), 21. Resolution No. 72,191–N.S. (LCC Engineering), 22. Resolution No. 72,192–N.S. (Mark Thomas), 23. Resolution No. 72,193–N.S. (Nelson & Nygard), 24. Resolution No. 72,194–N.S. (Ninyo & Moore), 25. Resolution No. 72,195–N.S. (Parametrix), 26. Resolution No. 72,196–N.S. (Pavement Engineering), 27. Resolution No. 72,197–N.S. (PEC Water), 28. Resolution No. 72,198–N.S. (Sanbell), 29. Resolution No. 72,199–N.S. (SCI Consulting), 30. Resolution No. 72,200–N.S. (Swinerton), 31. Resolution No. 72,201–N.S. (TJKM Transportation), 32. Resolution No. 72,202–N.S. (Toole Design), 33. Resolution No. 72,203–N.S. (Wood Rodgers), 34. Resolution No. 72,204–N.S. (West Yost).

Consent Calendar

- 15. Reappointment of Edward Opton to the Mental Health Commission**
From: Mental Health Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the re-appointment of Edward Opton as a representative of the general public interest category, for his second term ending January 21, 2026, and to start his third term beginning March 25, 2026, to March 24, 2029.
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,205–N.S.
- 16. Develop an educational event for the Berkeley Community to increase awareness of impacts of the Alien Enemies Act**
From: Peace and Justice Commission
Recommendation: Consistent with the City of Berkeley's stance as a sanctuary city for immigrants safeguarding their due process rights, the Peace and Justice Commission recommends that given that during the third invocation of the Alien Enemies Act (the Act has only been invoked three times prior to this year, during the War of 1812, World War I, and World War II), Japanese residents of the Berkeley community, survivors and their ancestors, were harmed by the invocation of the act during World War II in which persons of Japanese, Italian and German ancestry, primarily in coastal areas but also in Berkeley, and were transported and interned in U.S. camps, including in California, that Council refer to the City Manager to refer to the appropriate department or division to develop an educational event, whether a panel of speakers, a film, a play or some combination of these, for the Berkeley community so that the broader community can be made aware of the impact of the Alien Enemies Act and its impact on Berkeley community members during World War II. Such event shall be free of charge and well-promoted.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Tasha Tervalon, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000
Action: Recommendation referred to the budget process for consideration.
- 17. Re-affirm City of Berkeley Commitment to Free Speech**
From: Peace and Justice Commission
Recommendation: Adopt this recommendation re-affirming the City of Berkeley's commitment to Free Speech and Assembly and its opposition to the detainment and deportation of immigrants without due process, violating their constitutionally protected speech.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Tasha Tervalon, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7000
Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

18. Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase

From: Auditor

Recommendation: We recommend that City Council receive this report and request the City Manager to implement corrective actions in response to the recommendations. The report recommends clarifying procurement roles, formalizing escalation and notification expectations when required steps are bypassed, providing targeted training, reinforcing compliance expectations, and establishing clearer communication to City Council when purchasing requirements are not followed.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

Action: Approved recommendation.

Council Consent Items

19. 2026 Holocaust Remembrance Day Program: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

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

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, Councilmember Tregub, Councilmember Blackaby, and Mayor Ishii, to support the City's Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from the discretionary Council Office Budget of all Councilmembers who would like to contribute, allows the City of Berkeley to invite the community to its 23rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day program, created by the community with City Council support. This year's program will be held on April 12th, 2026, at the Magnes Collection of Jewish Life and History in Berkeley's downtown. Registration via Eventbrite is required to attend.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,206–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$250.

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20. **Referral to the City Manager: Banning the Sale and Use of Glue Traps**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to ban glue traps within City of Berkeley limits, including the use by any individual or organization and sale of glue traps and require posted notice of municipal code changes in all stores selling rodent traps.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Councilmember O’Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Approved recommendation amended to include “Explore a narrow exemption for options of use for invertebrate pest control and scientific research and potential implications thereof.”
21. **Letter of Gratitude to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for their Support of Full Implementation of a Strong Transit-Oriented Communities Policy**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Submit a letter of gratitude to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) recognizing the full adoption and implementation of a strong and enforceable Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Approved recommendation.
22. **Berkeley High School National Society of Black Engineers Junior Chapter: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember O’Keefe (Author), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe’s discretionary fund and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to the Berkeley High School National Society of Black Engineers Junior Chapter to support its ongoing work to engage and empower students through STEM education, mentorship, leadership development, and community building.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O’Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,207–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$150.

Council Consent Items

- 23. Make Music Day: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the discretionary office budgets of any Councilmembers who would like to contribute – including \$500 from Councilmember Shoshana O'Keefe, \$250 from Councilmember Igor Tregub, and \$250 from Mayor Adena Ishii – to the Downtown Berkeley Association to support Berkeley's first annual Make Music Day on June 21, 2026, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,208–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.
- 24. Berkeley Public Schools Fund Spring Luncheon 2026: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Councilmember Blackaby and \$500 from Mayor Ishii for the Berkeley Public Schools Fund with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Blackaby, Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Councilmember O'Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 72,209–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.

Council Action Items

Urgent Item: Referral to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially Rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Feminist Advocate

From: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

Recommendation: Refer to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially rename Cesar Chavez Park for Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and advocate for women in honor of her outstanding service to communities throughout California and nationwide.

And further, direct the City Manager to remove all signage bearing the name Cesar Chavez from park property as soon as practicable.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: 1 speaker. Councilmembers Taplin, Bartlett, and Blackaby added as co-sponsors. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Blackaby) to approve the recommendation revised to read as noted below.

Refer to the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission to officially rename Cesar Chavez Park. This referral to the Parks Commission initiates a community process which should incorporate feedback from the Commemorative Committee (which initiated the first renaming process of the park in 1994) as well as input from other community members and stakeholders. We recommend that Dolores Huerta be among the options considered for renaming.

And further, direct the City Manager to remove or cover all signage bearing the name Cesar Chavez from park property as soon as practicable while leaving intact signage related to directions and park rules.

Vote: All Ayes.

25. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Temporary Employment of Retired Annuitant Kathy Lee as Interim Director of Police Accountability

From: Mayor Ishii (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the appointment of Kathy Lee as a retired annuitant to serve as Interim Director of Police Accountability pursuant to Government Code Sections 21221(h) and 7522.56 and the Mayor to execute the attached employment agreement establishing an hourly rate of \$122.44, consistent with the publicly approved pay schedule for the Director of Police Accountability, with no additional benefits, per CalPERS rules for retired annuitants.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: 13 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 72,210–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

26. Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the following actions:
Surveillance Technology Ordinance (BMC 2.99)

1. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy for the Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) program.
2. Accept the Surveillance Acquisition Report and approve the Surveillance Use Policy for Community Video Streams.
3. Approve updated Surveillance Use Policies for fixed video cameras, reflecting Council-directed revisions to previously approved technology.

Police Equipment Ordinance (BMC 2.100)

4. Accept the Police Equipment Impact Statement and approve the Police Equipment Use Policy for UAS.

Contract Authority

5. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Drone as First Responder (DFR) hardware, software, and services for an initial three-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.

6. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Condor PTZ fixed surveillance cameras for an initial four-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$310,000, with an option to extend for one additional three-year term, for a total not to exceed \$600,000.

7. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to add Flock Nova investigative software for a one-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, funded by the Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) grant previously accepted by Council on July 29, 2025.

8. Authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Flock Safety to renew Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs) for a two-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$330,000, with an option to extend for an additional two-year term, for a total not to exceed \$660,000.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Tregub) to accept revised materials from Councilmember Bartlett on Item 26.

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

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 1:30 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/Failed (Humbert/Kesarwani) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 2:00 a.m.

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

Action Calendar – New Business

Action: 132 speakers. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to continue Item 26 to a special meeting on June 2, 2026.

Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

27. **Settlement Agreement – 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**

From: City Attorney

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

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 0 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 1:27 a.m.

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

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #1: Amendments to BMC Title 23 (Zoning) to Update the Regulation of Nonconforming Lot Coverage, Floor Area Ratio and Density for Residential Uses in Selected Zoning Districts

1. Brianna Morales on behalf of the Housing Coalition

Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase

2. Dorothea Dorenz

Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority

3. Jesse Rosemoore
4. Laura Preuss

5. Zipporah Collins
6. Kelly Hammargren
7. Artemisia Spencer Mace on behalf of Councilmember Ben Bartlett
8. Kamala Visweswaran
9. Tobias Smith
10. Maryann Osullivan
11. Lanny Devuono
12. Margot Smith
13. Wendy Alfsen and Barb Atwell
14. Steve Tracy
- 15.9 Similarly worded form letters "I am writing to urge you to oppose..."

Billboards

16. Stephanie Tran

Upzoning

17. John Duffy Tillman
18. Candace Taira
19. ReCheng Tsang
20. Melanie Lawrence & John Smail
21. Susie Zukor (2)
22. Marguerite Talley
23. Crystal Brunzell
24. Judith Bebelaar
25. Elissa Kittner
26. Jane Maxwell
27. Kate Pocrass
28. Anne Boersma
29. Kayla Feder
30. Janet Stromberg
31. Margot Smith (2)
32. Catherine Durand
33. Elke Glendenning
34. Vicki

Bike Lanes on Hopkins

35. Phyllis Orrick
36. Dewayne Cecil

Save the Date

37. John Craner

2425 Durant Ave

38. Gregory Kalkanis

Affordable Housing

- 39. Julie Chervin
- 40. Stephen Alpert (4)
- 41. Janet Stromberg

2190 Shattuck Ave

- 42. Alex Sathler

Berkeley Albany Little League

- 43. Frank Knowles

ADA Concerns

- 44. Jon Ruel Holder II (2)

Sanctuary Cities

- 45. Peter Yeung

Police Dogs

- 46. Margot Smith

Thursday Market

- 47. Kathleen Krier

Tear Gas Concerns

- 48. Margot Smith
- 49. Moni Law

Parking Survey

- 50. Glenn Alex
- 51. Barbara Gilbert

Restaurant Inspection Audit

- 52. David Lerman

Proposed Fire Code Modification

- 53. Ben Gerhardstein (3)
- 54. David Sprague (2)

Gap of Bollards

- 55. Shirley Kirsten (2)

Zone Zero and Water Hose

- 56. Krista Denton

Kala Bagai Way

- 57. Guneeta Singh Bhalla

Men's World Cup

58. Jeffrey Church

New Star Street Fair

59. Sofia Naranjo (2)

Persian New Year Invitation

60. Jacob Cohen on behalf of The Persian Center

Harrison Street

61. John Waters

Special Assessments

62. Jamila Dunn

Joy of Cooking

63. Oona Garthwaite

Labor Dispute Concern

64. Julie Guilfooy

AC Transit Driver

65. Janie Mansfield

BESO

66. Megan Enright

EMBER

67. Margot Murtaugh

California Department of Insurance

68. Sharon Smith

Performance Metrics/Outcomes

69. Steve Kromer

World Cities Summit 2026 Invite

70. Hugh Lim

Hillegass and Ashby

71. Jim Thornton

Overnight Construction Concerns

72. Matt Weber (2)

73. Jen Loy

URLs

- 74. Fred Dodsworth
- 75. John J. Parman
- 76. Russbumper (2)

Newsletters

- 77. Berkeley Art Center
- 78. Shelbi Walker
- 79. Downtown Berkeley Association
- 80. Russbumper

Forwards

- 81. Russbumper (3)

E-Scooters

- 82. Robert Borghese (9)
- 83. Carson Lepre (6)
- 84. Lime Virtual Ride Expert

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase

- 85. A Protected Whistleblower

Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority

- 86. Gregory Kalkanis
- 87. Justin Weber-Stover
- 88. Morgan Presley
- 89. Jackie Patterson Brenner
- 90. Steve Kanofsky
- 91. Leonard Pitt (2)
- 92. Maryann O'Sullivan
- 93. Jose Vilar
- 94. James Angus
- 95. Cheryl Flippen
- 96. Liz Christiano
- 97. Jan Scantlebury
- 98. Wilson Conn
- 99. Tobey M. Weibe
- 100. Margot Smith (3)
- 101. George Perezvelez
- 102. Sierra Zephyr
- 103. Anna vB
- 104. Charlene M. Woodcock
- 105. Rachel Bradley
- 106. Deborah Abraham

107. Summer Brenner
108. Russbumper
109. Ruth Rogow
110. Janice Murota
111. Bernard Marszalek
112. Grantsthompson
113. Jesse Rosemoore
114. 11 Similarly worded form letters "Flock markets itself..."
115. 45 Similarly worded form letters "The data that is being collected..."

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

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116. Urgent item submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
117. Catherine Ryan (2)
118. Stacy Taylor
119. Peggy Scott
120. Marguerite Lee
121. Tyler K Johnson
122. Eric Friedman (2)
123. Theodore Raphael
124. Jesse Stills

Item #7: Mills Act Contract – 2845 Woolsey Street

125. Jeff Baker

Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority

127. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby
128. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Mark Humbert, Councilmember Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember Terry Taplin, and Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
129. Revised agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii, Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember Igor Tregub
130. Office of the Director of Accountability
131. Kitty Calavita
132. Lucas Cantor
133. Olivia Page
134. Beth Roessner
135. Christina Rodriguez
136. Beth Schoenfeld
137. John Waters
138. Rose E. Aplustill
139. Rowyn McDonald
140. Rosa Bay on behalf of the East Bay Community Law Center
141. Tim Beinke

142. Jeremiah Maller
143. Sam Holtzman
144. Jennie Bertone
145. Jason Martens
146. Kelly Hammargren
147. Edith Friedman
148. Alex Stephens
149. Susan Bassein
150. Alexis Adorador
151. Lori Hines
152. Karen Armstead
153. Neil Egbert on behalf of the Berkeley Police Association
154. Gregory Kalkanis
155. Kathy Brasil
156. Liz Grubin
157. Emma Coleman
158. Ztangi
159. Wendy Alfsen
160. Sally Nelson (2)
161. Cheryl Fippen
162. MaryAnn Furda
163. Sibel Guner
164. Clay Spencer
165. Bruce H. Feingold
166. Maggie Lee
167. Visit Berkeley
168. 17 Similarly worded form letters “The data that is being collected...”

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

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169. Linda Franklin

Item #18: Whistleblower Investigation Report on Ambulance Purchase

170. Presentation submitted by the City Auditor

Action Calendar

Item #26: Public Safety Technology: Surveillance Technology Ordinance and Police Equipment Ordinance Approvals, Policy Updates, and Contract Authority

171. Presentation submitted by the Police Department
172. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Ben Bartlett
173. Office of the Director of Police Accountability
174. Kate Rassbach

175. Dirk Neyhart
176. William Gordon
177. Laura Hill on behalf of the Bay Area Council
178. Juli Dickey
179. Patrick Golier
180. Heather Flett
181. Melake Getabecha
182. Margaret Phillips
183. Jack Kurzweil
184. Nathan Henry Mizell
185. Mark McDonald
186. Linda Wood (2)
187. Sanjog Singh
188. Sheila Goldmacher
189. David DeSouza
190. Ann May and Rodney Freeland
191. Noelle Fa-Kaji
192. Deb DenHerder
193. Elizabeth Ferguson
194. Michella Ralston
195. Joan Guilford and Richard J Jackson
196. David Fielder
197. Wendy Patterson
198. Kiara Ott
199. Phillip Wong
200. Devin Pastika
201. Vanessa Drake Moraga
202. Anna Henry
203. Justine Kessler
204. A Coalition of Bay Area Elected Officials, Community Organizations, Small Business Leaders and Owners, and Victims' Advocates
205. Joe Norton
206. Vanessa Cordova
207. Effie Bourgin
208. Steve Kuttner
209. Ben Powers
210. Elizabeth Ditmars
211. Craig Knudsen (2)
212. Paris Cotz
213. Andrew Sauter
214. Michael Singer
215. David Lerman
216. Tammy Kremer
217. Thomas Yamaguchi
218. Jonathan Ruchlis
219. Shok Saidmuradov

220. Linda Maio
221. Laralynn Rapoza
222. Daivd Rosen
223. Christine Staples
224. Jim Best
225. Lorraine Mahley
226. Lisa Jervis
227. Almira Tanner
228. Becca Schonberg
229. Diana Maria Rossi
230. John J. Parman
231. Joel Myerson
232. Friends of Adeline
233. Maryann O'Sullivan (2)
234. Oren
235. Kathy Kojimoto
236. Helen Walsh
237. Kelly Hammargren
238. Rebecca on behalf of the Berkeley Immigration Collaborative
239. Patricia Erwin
240. Wendy Alfsen
241. Russbumper
242. Peter Deibler
243. Patrick Golier
244. Becca Freed
245. Elena Pinsky
246. Jeremiah Maller
247. Moni Law
248. Andrew Glickman
249. Frances Ann Haselsteiner (2)
250. Bob O'Leary
251. Hemptrez
252. 42 Similarly worded form letters "The data that is being collected..."

Miscellaneous

253. Carole Marasovic