



AGENDA

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

6:00 PM

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 5101 GREAT AMERICA PKWY, SANTA CLARA, CA
95054

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

COUNCILMEMBERS:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O'KEEFE

DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY

DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA

DISTRICT 8 – MARK HUMBERT

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

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

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: *In addition to those items listed on the agenda, the Mayor may add additional ceremonial matters.*

City Manager Comments: *The City Manager may make announcements or provide information to the City Council in the form of an oral report. The Council will not take action on such items but may request the City Manager place a report on a future agenda for discussion.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: *Up to ten persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda. If five or fewer persons are identified to provide non-agenda comment, each person selected will be allotted two minutes each. If more than five persons are selected to address matters not on the Council agenda, each person selected will be allotted one minute each.*

In-person attendees wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Council agenda during the initial ten-minute period for such comment, must submit a speaker card to the City Clerk in person at the meeting location and prior to the moment that the Presiding Officer calls for public comment on non-agenda items. Remote attendees must raise their hand in the videoconference application when the Presiding Officer calls for non-agenda speakers. The first five raised hands on the videoconference application will be selected to speak and the first five cards drawn at the meeting will be selected to speak. The number of in-person and remote speakers selected may be adjusted by the Presiding Officer if fewer than five speakers from either format are identified.

The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items will be heard at the end of the agenda.

Public Comment by Employee Unions (first regular meeting of the month): *This period of public comment is reserved for officially designated representatives of City of Berkeley employee unions, with five minutes allocated per union if representatives of three or fewer unions wish to speak and up to three minutes per union if representatives of four or more unions wish to speak.*

Consent Calendar

The Council will first determine whether to move items on the agenda for “Action” or “Information” to the “Consent Calendar”, or move “Consent Calendar” items to “Action.” Three members of the City Council must agree to pull an item from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar for it to move to Action. Items that remain on the “Consent Calendar” are voted on in one motion as a group. “Information” items are not discussed or acted upon at the Council meeting unless they are moved to “Action” or “Consent”.

No additional items can be moved onto the Consent Calendar once public comment has commenced. At any time during, or immediately after, public comment on Information and Consent items, any Councilmember may move any Information or Consent item to “Action.” Following this, the Council will vote on the items remaining on the Consent Calendar in one motion.

For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: *The Council will take public comment on any items that are either on the amended Consent Calendar or the Information Calendar. If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking on an individual agenda item, each speaker may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may, with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue, allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue. A speaker may only speak once during the period for public comment on Consent Calendar and Information items.*

Additional information regarding public comment by City of Berkeley employees and interns: Employees and interns of the City of Berkeley, although not required, are encouraged to identify themselves as such, the department in which they work and state whether they are speaking as an individual or in their official capacity when addressing the Council in open session or workshops.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Write-Off of a Delinquent Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Balance of \$42,755 Owed by Minuteman Press (Synthesis Group, Inc)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the write-off of the outstanding loan balance of \$42,755 owed by Synthesis Group, Inc. to the City’s Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) in accordance with the RLF Administrative Plan.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
- 2. Temporary Appropriations FY 2027**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing a temporary appropriation in the sum of \$60,000,000 to cover payroll and other expenses from July 1, 2026, until the effective date of the FY 2027 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

- 3. FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act of 2024 (Measure X)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for the Library Relief Act of 2024, approved by Berkeley voters in the November 2024 election, for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.06297 (6.297 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.09446 (9.446 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 4. FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution to recommend that the Berkeley City Council set the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.3128 (31.28 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.4729 (47.29 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Bankhead, Library, (510) 981-6100, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 5. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Business License Tax on Large Non-Profits**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for Business License Tax on large non-profits at \$0.9168 (91.68 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 6. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on 2015 Refunding General Obligation Bonds (Measures G, S & I)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the 2015 consolidation of Measures G, S and I (General Obligation Bonds - Elections of 1992, 1996 and 2002) at 0.0075%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 7. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018) at 0.0200%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

- 8. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Emergency Services for the Severely Disabled (Measure E)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency services for the disabled at \$0.02339 (2.339 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 9. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness (Measure GG)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness in the City of Berkeley at the rate of \$0.07026 (7.026 cents) per square foot of improvements for dwelling units and setting the rate for all other property at \$0.10634 (10.634 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 10. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF) in the City of Berkeley at the annual tax rate of \$0.13633 (13.633 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 11. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Tax)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents at \$0.0492 (4.92 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

- 12. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Infrastructure and Facilities General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate funding the debt service on the Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016) at 0.0140%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 13. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2783 (27.83 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 14. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding the debt service on the Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election) at 0.0035%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 15. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS) (Measure FF)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2027 tax rate for funding Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS), otherwise known as Measure FF, at an annual rate of \$0.17842 per square foot of dwelling unit improvements and \$0.26238 per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

- 16. FY 2027 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Street and Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Street and Integrated Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012) at 0.0040%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 17. Authorization to Apply for and Accept Funds (when awarded) of FY 2026 USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program for Planning and Demonstration Grant funding; accept grant funds if awarded; execute all related agreements and amendments; and appropriate and allocate grant funds for activities supporting the City's Street Trauma Prevention Program (STPP), Vision Zero, emergency response coordination, and related citywide roadway safety planning activities.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
- 18. Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to receive up to the maximum grant award for the following Shelter Plus Care grants and to execute any resultant agreements and amendments.
a. A Shelter Plus Care grant received via Alameda County in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,035,576 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027; and
b. A Shelter Plus Care grant from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the estimated amount of \$7,305,893 for the Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Consent Calendar

19. Behavioral Health Services Act Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Fiscal Years 2027-2029 Three-Year Integrated Plan which formalizes the mandatory transition from the legacy Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) framework to the updated BHSA model mandated by California Proposition 1 (effective July 1, 2026); authorizing the signature of the City Council Certification form; forwarding the plan to appropriate state officials; and authorizing non-substantive, technical or ministerial modifications to the plan as required by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for final state approval.

Financial Implications: See report

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

20. Memorandum of Understanding: Berkeley Police Association

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) Approving a successor Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter referred to as "MOU") with the Berkeley Police Association (hereafter referred to as the "Union") for a term commencing upon adoption by Resolution of the City Council or on July 1, 2026, whichever occurs later, and expiring at 12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2028;

2) Authorizing the City Manager to execute and implement the successor MOU, including any agreements that may be operationally necessary during the term of the MOU, provided such agreements do not create increased economic obligations for the City or modify negotiated compensation or benefits; and
3) Approving a new Classification and Salary Table for Representation Units E and F, including the salary adjustments and Police Officer salary schedule changes reflected in the successor MOU, and superseding any prior inconsistent salary resolution or table as necessary.

The terms of the proposed successor MOU are within the parameters of authority approved by Council in closed session. The proposals were ratified by the Union following a five-day vote that concluded on May 28, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

21. Utility Easements for East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Water Meters at 80 and 90 Bolivar Drive

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to grant utility easements for two East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) water meters at City-owned buildings at 80 and 90 Bolivar Drive at Aquatic Park.

Financial Implications: None

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

Consent Calendar

- 22. Approving Proposed Projects Anticipated to Be Paid for by the State's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds for FY 2026-27**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a proposed list of projects that will utilize funding from the State of California's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed list to the California Transportation Commission.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 23. Declaration of Intent – Fiscal Year 2027 Street Lighting Assessments**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions granting the City Manager the authority to: 1. Approve the Engineer's Reports;
2. Set a public hearing to be held before the Council of the City of Berkeley at its July 14, 2026, meeting; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to publish a Notice of the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2027 Levy of Assessments for Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and Street Lighting Assessment District 2018.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 24. Contract: Odyssey Power for On-Call Generator Maintenance**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Odyssey Power for On-Call Generator Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for a full three-year contract term, with an option for the City Manager to extend for two additional one-year terms.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 25. Contract No. 32500082 Amendment: Telegraph Property and Business Management Corporation**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending the current contract with the Telegraph Property and Business Management Corporation, commonly known as the Telegraph Business Improvement District, for the janitorial maintenance of the 24-hour, seven days a week, public restroom increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$150,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

- 26. Contract: Radius Earthwork, Inc. for FY 2026 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for the FY 2026 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project, Specification No. 26-11763-C; 2. Accepting the bid of Radius Earthwork, Inc., as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and
3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project, in accordance with the approved plans and specifications in an amount not to exceed \$11,789,219.45.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 27. Contract No. 31900085 Amendment: Syn-Tech Systems Inc. for Fleet Fueling System and Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending the contract with Syn-Tech Systems Inc. for Fleet Fueling System and Software, increasing the contract amount by \$68,528 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 and extend the contract through June 30, 2029.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 28. Contract No. 32400141 Amendment: Mercury Associates, Inc. for Fleet Consulting Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a second amendment to the contract with Mercury Associates, Inc. to continue working with the City on a fleet right-sizing study, fleet electrification analysis and other consulting services to comply with state mandates. This amendment increases the contract amount by \$100,000, for a new total amount not to exceed \$325,000 and extends through December 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
- 29. 2026 Bicycle Plan Update**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the 2026 Berkeley Bicycle Plan Update and directing the City Manager to pursue implementation of the Plan as funding and staffing permit.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

30. Purchase Orders: Graybar Electric Company, Inc., W.W. Grainger, Inc. and WESCO Distribution, Inc. for Electrical Supplies and Parts

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute multi-year purchase orders as outlined below:

1. Purchase Order with Graybar Electric Company, Inc. for electrical supplies and parts, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
2. Purchase Order with W.W. Grainger, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.
3. Purchase Order with WESCO Distribution, Inc. for electrical supplies, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$450,000 from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Council Consent Items

31. Resorcery Org’s Mural Reveal and Food Drive Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to the General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

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 Resorcery Org. 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 would like to contribute.

Financial Implications: See report

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

32. Adopt a Position of Support for SB 954 (Blakespear): Addressing Non-Housing CEQA Exemptions for Industrial Manufacturing and Environmental Health Protections

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Position of support for California Senate Bill (SB) 954 (Blakespear), which amends non-housing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemptions enacted in SB 131 (2025), including clarifying and narrowing the “advanced manufacturing” exemption, establishing environmental and labor safeguards for exempt industrial projects, extending CEQA exemptions for daycare facilities in residential zones, and ensuring habitat for protected species remains subject to environmental review, and distribute copies to Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators Jesse Arreguín and Catherine Blakespear, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks to support its passage.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Council Consent Items

**33. United for Health’s Moffitt Library Clinic: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)**

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra’s discretionary fund, and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to United for Health (UFH) to continue its Moffitt Library Clinic for UC Berkeley students, 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 Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again during the Action Calendar public comment period on the item

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Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

The Presiding Officer may open and close an additional comment period for Action items on this agenda (excluding any public hearings, appeals, and/or quasi-judicial matters), at the start of the Action Calendar. Those who speak on an item during this comment period may not speak a second time when the item is taken up by Council.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their comments. For certain hearings, this is followed by five-minute presentations each by first the appellant and then the applicant. The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to be recognized and to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time.

If ten or fewer persons are interested in speaking during a public hearing, each speaker may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Presiding Officer may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes. The Presiding Officer may with the consent of persons representing both sides of an issue allocate a block of time to each side to present their issue.

When applicable, each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

34. Implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) Program on the 1500 Block of Delaware Street

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 56,508-N.S. Section 25P by adding a subsection to implement Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) on the south side of Delaware Street between California Street and the Ohlone Greenway in RPP Area E.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action Calendar – New Business

35. Policy for Disruption of Remote Participation During Council Meetings

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Policy for Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings and append the Policy to the City Council Rules of Procedure and Order as Appendix C.

Financial Implications: None

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

36. Affirming All-Electric Standards for the 2026 Infrastructure Bond Measure and City Capital Projects *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee)*

From: Environment and Climate Commission

Recommendation: The Berkeley Environment and Climate Commission recommends that the City Council adopt a Resolution to: Adopt a formal policy prohibiting the installation of new natural gas infrastructure (hereafter referred to as “gas”) or the replacement of existing gas equipment with new gas equipment in any project funded by the proposed 2026 General Obligation Bond Measure; Include explicit all-electric construction and retrofit language in the bond measure itself; and Direct staff to apply this no-new-gas standard as a condition of all City capital spending, beyond bond-funded projects, thus affirming that public funds shall not be used to install new gas infrastructure in any municipal facility.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a Qualified Positive Recommendation with an addition to add exception language to be approved by City Council.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400

Action Calendar – New Business

- 37. Placing a Charter Amendment Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to Amend Multiple Administrative Provisions**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution placing charter amendment measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to update election procedures and timelines to conform with modern standards, clarify the recall process, align the referendum process with new changes in state law, and other administrative changes related to candidates, petitions, and officeholders.
2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
- 38. Placing a General Obligation Bond Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot for the Acquisition or Improvement of Real Property for Public Infrastructure and Facilities**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution determining public interest and necessity for issuing a general obligation bond in the amount of \$300 million for public infrastructure and facilities, submitting to the Berkeley electorate on the November 3, 2026 ballot a measure to authorize a general obligation bond in that amount, and finding that the proposed measure is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000
- 39. Placing a Transactions and Use (Sales) General Tax Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution submitting to the Berkeley electorate on the November 3, 2026 ballot a measure to authorize a one-half of one percent (0.5%) transactions and use (sales) tax for general municipal purposes, bringing the aggregate sales tax rate in Berkeley to 10.75%, and finding that the proposed measure is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Designate, by motion, specific members of the Council to file ballot measure arguments on this measure as provided for in Elections Code Section 9282.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

40a. Proposed FY 2027 and FY 2028 Biennial Budget and Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Proposed Biennial Budget and Five-Year CIP Public Hearing No. 2

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Continue discussion and provide comments on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2027 and Fiscal Year 2028 Biennial Budget and Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP); conduct Public Hearing No. 2 on the Proposed Biennial Budget and Five-Year CIP, with final adoption on June 23, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Maricar Dupaya, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

40b. Budget Referral for the Solano Avenue Stroll (Reviewed by the Budget and Finance Policy Committee)

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

Recommendation: 1. Refer to the FY 2027-2028 Budget Process the cost of providing police, fire, and public works services to the Solano Stroll, totaling \$81,000 per year, for a two-year total of \$162,000, including: a. \$55,000 per year for Police, including command/supervision, dispatch, community service officers, and parking enforcement officers to manage traffic control, safety, and missing children; b. \$14,000 per year to cover the cost of Fire Department staffing and the use of fire engines and ambulances; and c. \$12,000 per year for Waste Management Services. 2. Refer to the FY 2027-2028 Budget Process the cost of safety barricades, street closure supplies, and zero waste fees including: a. \$50,000 per year for vehicle barricade rentals (\$100,000 total); b. \$6,000 per year for street closure supplies and rentals (\$12,000 total); and c. \$1,500 per year to cover zero waste fees (\$3,000 total). 3. Refer to the City Manager to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of purchasing barriers for City use compared to the ongoing costs of renting barriers, and report back with findings and recommendations.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation with amendments to include a referral to staff to cost out purchasing barriers as opposed to renting them.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

Information Reports

41. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2276 Shattuck Avenue /#LMSAP2024-0005

From: City Manager

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

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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### **Berkeley Mobile Crisis Team**

1. Jennifer Wydro

### **Letter of Support**

2. Latinos Unidos de Berkeley

### **Sacramento St. and Dwight Way**

3. Valentina Xavier

### **Free College and Career Exploration Night**

4. Lexi Lopez Crothers

### **Proposed Parking Meter Changes**

5. Andres Douzoglou

### **Downtown Revitalization**

6. Krista Denton

### **World Cup Watch Party**

7. Shelbi Walker on behalf of Visit Berkeley

### **Upzoning**

8. Christopher Batson (2)
9. Barbara Hadenfeldt
10. Alice Waters

### **Tax Increase Concerns**

11. Karen Borst-Rothe

**Concern Withdrawal**

12. Elizabeth Johnston (3)

**2720 College Avenue**

13. Anne Whyte

**Solano Stroll**

14. Phoebe Thomas (2)

**Fire Trucks**

15. David Lerman

**San Pablo Ave Development**

16. Gael Alcock

**Bike Lanes**

17. Dorothea Dorenz

**Berkeley Police Dept.**

18. Tillymaui

**Case Concerns**

19. Jon Ruel Holder II

**Building Renovations**

20. Thea Davison

**Oxford Property**

21. Bonnie Mitchell

**Letter**

22. Paul Kamen

**California's 911 Rebuild**

23. 2,280 Similarly worded form letters

**BMR Rent Clarifications**

24. Alex S. Merenkov (2)

25. Misty Garrett

**URLs**

26. Gena McCarthy

27. Russbumper (4)

28. Josh Atwood

**Forwards**

29. Russbumper (3)

**Newsletters**

30. Berkeley Art Center

**E-Scooters**

31. Robert Borghese (4)

32. Carson Lepre (4)

33. Anosh Dumasia

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