AGENDA

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 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
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB
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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. Ordinance Vacating and Authorizing Transfer of Property Adjacent to the North Berkeley BART TOD Site
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,036-N.S. (a) declaring four small pieces of land described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B to the report, adjacent to the North Berkeley BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD), to be exempt surplus land; (b) summarily vacating two of the areas that are presently public right of way; and (c) approving the transfer of all four areas to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART).
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300, Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Consent Calendar

2. Companion Report: Proper Space Allocation for Standardizing Compliance with Source Separated Refuse Collection Procedures
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,037-N.S. amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 12.32 - Storage, Collection and Disposal of Waste.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

3. Amendment to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.18 to Explicitly Require Competitive Procurement for Services to Promote Accountability and Transparency and Refer Development of Regulations to City Manager
From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,038-N.S. amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 7.18, Expenditure Limitations, to require procurement through competitive solicitation for all city contracts for professional services and other services greater than $100,000.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

4. Minutes for Approval
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of September 1, 2026 (closed), September 14, 2026 (closed), September 15, 2026 (regular), September 29, 2026 (special and regular), October 5, 2026 (closed), October 13 2026 (regular), October 19, 2026 (closed), and October 27, 2026 (regular).
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

5. Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID) Petition and Ballot on Behalf of the City of Berkeley
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the “Preliminary Petition to Re-establish the Telegraph Property-Based Business Improvement District (BID)” on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Telegraph BID area; and 2. In the event the petition is successful in generating a ballot process to re-establish a Telegraph BID, authorizing the City Manager to vote YES on any ballots on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Telegraph BID area.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Consent Calendar

6. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2027 Donations from Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting donations for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program in a projected amount of $185,000 from the Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) agency, for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

7. Contracts for Behavioral Health Early Intervention Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt five Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funded contracts and any amendments, with the following vendors outlined below, for behavioral health early intervention services in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 ($300,000 per each contract) for the term of December 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029:
1. Village of Love Foundation: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans;
2. East Bay Sanctuary Covenant: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Latinos/Latinas/Latine;
3. Center for Independent Living: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults;
4. Pacific Center for Human Growth: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Agender, Plus (LGBTQIA+) population; and
5. Youth Spirit Artworks: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

8. Revenue Contract: 2027 Community Services Block Grant
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to: 1. Accept the 2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract to provide services for low-income people from January 1, 2027, to April 30, 2028; and, 2. Execute any resultant agreements and amendments including amendments that may decrease or increase the contract amount, add discretionary funding, change the contract term, or update contract terms.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

Consent Calendar

9. Contract No. 32300198 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Transportation Services for Berkeley Mental Health Clients
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300198 with GoGo Technologies, Inc. for a 24/7 concierge call center to arrange rides with Uber and Lyft for the City's Mental Health clients. This amendment will add $50,000 in funding for a total contract amount not to exceed $100,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

10. Replacing the Project Co-Sponsor for the No Place Like Home Program – Supportive Housing in People's Park from Resources for Community Development to Satellite Affordable Housing Associates
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution that: 1. Approves replacing the project Co-Sponsor for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program – Supportive Housing in People's Park (SHIPP) from Resources for Community Development (RCD) to Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) or their affiliate. 2. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate a side agreement with SAHA regarding mutual responsibilities. 3. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute in the name of Sponsor the NPLH Program Application Package and the NPLH Program Documents as required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for participation in the NPLH program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100

11. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on November 17, 2026
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - $35,259,550
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Consent Calendar

12. Contract Amendment: Contract No. 32000146 Vestis Services, LLC (formerly Aramark Uniform Services) for Uniforms and Laundering
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000146 with Vestis Services, LLC (formerly Aramark Uniform Services) to continue to meet the uniform-related needs of City departments through March 2028, increasing the contract amount by $600,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of $2,117,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

13. Contracts for Recruitment Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with WBCP Inc., Berkeley Search Consultants, Bob Murray & Associates, and Mosaic Public Partners to establish an on-call bench of executive recruitment firms for the period of January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030. Each contract may have an individual not-to-exceed amount of $250,000; however, cumulative expenditures across all four contracts shall not exceed $250,000 during the contract term, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

14. Donation from the Rainin Foundation to the Youthworks Program for the Adeline Area Streetscape and Landscape Project Public Process
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation of $20,000 from the Rainin Foundation to the Youthworks Program for the Adeline Area Streetscape and Landscape Project Public Process.
Financial Implications: $20,000 (revenue)
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

15. Grant Application: Statewide Parks Program (SPP) Cycle 5 – West Berkeley Brownfield to Neighborhood Park Project
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to: submit a grant application in an amount of up to $8 million to the Statewide Parks Program (SPP) Cycle 5 grant program for the West Berkeley Brownfield to Neighborhood Park Project; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Consent Calendar

16. Environmental Review Procedures
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting the Land Use Planning Division's Environmental Review Procedures.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

17. Grant Application: Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant for the University Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the City's application submitted by the October 9, 2026 deadline for up to $700,000 under the Fiscal Year 2027–28 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants, Sustainable Communities Competitive category, for the University Avenue Transit Priority and Multimodal Corridor Study; authorizing the City Manager or designee to commit $150,000 in City funding to meet the required local match of a minimum of 11.7% of the total project cost; and, if awarded, accept the grant and execute the grant agreement and related amendments, subject to the approved project budget and applicable City requirements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

18. Contract No. 32300214 Amendment: Belfor USA Group for On-Call Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Belfor USA Group for on-call emergency restoration, mitigation and remediation services related to fire and water damage at the Berkeley Animal Care Services facility and fire damage at the Public Safety Building; authorizing future restoration, mitigation and remediation services to be funded by departmental budgets or other sources such as the Catastrophic Reserve Fund as needs arise and resources allow; and increasing the contract amount by $1,500,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $2,050,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

19. Final Map of Tract 8713: 1750 Sacramento Street
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the final map of Tract Map 8713 for a parcel merger, re-subdivision and land dedication at the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) North Berkeley station located at 1750 Sacramento Street.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Consent Calendar

20. Renewal of the Elmwood BID for Calendar Year 2027
From: Elmwood Advisory Board
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Elmwood Business Improvement District Advisory Board's (hereafter "Elmwood BID Advisory Board" or "the Advisory Board") recommendation that Council 1) approve the 2026 Annual Report and preliminary budget for proposed improvements in the District for calendar year 2027; 2) declare its intent to levy an assessment to finance improvements in the District for calendar year 2027 and 3) direct the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing on the renewal of the Elmwood BID for December 1, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Vincent McCoy, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530

21. Officially Naming the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets as Delores Cooper Plaza
From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution officially naming the public plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets as Delores Cooper Plaza.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700

22. Officially Naming the Gymnasium at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton
From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution officially naming the gymnasium at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center (MLK Center) in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700

23. Renewal of the Solano Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2027
From: Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District Advisory Board's (hereafter "Solano BID Advisory Board" or "the Advisory Board") recommendation that Council: 1) approve the 2026 Annual Report and preliminary budget for the District for calendar year 2027; 2) declare its intent to levy an assessment for calendar year 2027; and 3) direct the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing on the renewal of the assessment for December 1, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Vincent McCoy, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530

Consent Calendar

24. Allocation of $2,294,774 Million Over 2 Years, FY2028 and FY2029, to Reduce Consumption and Health Impacts of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs)
From: Sugar Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution allocating $2,294,774 from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2028 (July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028) and Fiscal Year 2029 (July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029) that shall be invested in a grant program administered and coordinated by the Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' (HHCS) Public Health Division (HHCS/PHD) consistent with the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts (SSBPPE) Commission's goals to reduce the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages (SSB) in Berkeley and to address the health effects of SSB consumption. The total of $2,294,774 will be distributed in two installments of $1,147,387 for FY2028 and $1,147,387 for FY2029. In each of these years, the funds will be distributed as follows:
a. Direct the City Manager to award up to 42.5% of the allocated funds to Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) through a grant proposal to reduce the consumption of SSBs through the implementation and enhancement of the BUSD cooking and gardening programs. The BUSD funding process is separate from the RFP process for community-based organizations and shall be guided by the SSBPPE Commission's Criteria for the BUSD Funding Proposal.
b. Direct the City Manager to award at least 42.5% of the allocated funds through an RFP process managed by HHCS/PHD for grants to community- based organizations consistent with the SSBPPE Commission's goals to reduce the consumption of SSBs and to address the effects of SSB consumption. The RFP process for community-based organizations is separate from the BUSD funding process and shall be guided by the SSBPPE Commission's Selection Criteria for Community Agency Grants.
c. Direct the City Manager to allocate up to 15% of the funds to support HHCS/PHD and Finance Department to coordinate and monitor the SSB grant process, develop and maintain a website for SSB grantees, and the public and employees involved in the city's SSB procurement policy, collect organize and synthesize performance measures or evaluation as appropriate, provide technical assistance and learning opportunities for grantees, and report annually to the SSBPPE Commission and the public highlights from the SSB-funded programs.
d. Allocate the carryover of any SSB tax revenue received in excess of $2,294,774 during FY2028 and FY2029 to be awarded for related services in FY2029-FY2031.
e. If the voters approve Ballot Initiative AA in November 2026, increasing Berkeley's SSB sugar sweetened beverage excise tax revenue to 2 cents per ounce, the Commission recommends that the City Council authorize a second allocation of funds for FY2029, commensurate with additional distributor tax revenue collected. These additional revenues generated as a result of Measure AA will supplement the FY 2028 and FY 2029 two-year allocations.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100

Council Consent Items

25. Annual Berkeley Holiday Fund: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500 per Councilmember including $500 from Mayor Ishii, $500 from Councilmember Blackaby and $500 from Councilmember Humbert to the Berkeley Holiday Fund with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action 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

The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak line up at the podium, or use the "raise hand" function in Zoom, to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time. 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.

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

26. Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report, Project Approval and Use Permit
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion:
1. Adopt a Resolution certifying the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2025040995) and adopt related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings, a statement of overriding considerations, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and
2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project and affirming, as modified to incorporate the CEQA findings and mitigation measures, the decision of the Zoning Adjustments Board to approve Use Permit #ZP2026-0014 to establish transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier, with certain clarifying modifications.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

27. Ashby BART West Lot Transit Oriented Development Objective Design Standards
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution approving the Ashby West Lot Transit Oriented Development Objective Design Standards.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Action Calendar – New Business

28. Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code - Annual Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Parking Enforcement Officer Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, adopt a Resolution accepting the Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Information Reports

29. Staff Shortages: City Services Constrained by Staff Retention Challenges and Delayed Hiring Audit Status Report
From: City Manager
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

30. City Contracts Audit Status Report
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

31. Expiration of Temporary Cannabis Business Tax Exemption
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

32. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2845 Woolsey Street (Norton Family House) / #LMSAP2026-0003
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

33. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: Daley's Scenic Park Tract / #LMSAP2026-0006
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

34. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: Rose Walk / #LMSAP2026-0005
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

35. Audit Status Reports: Fleet Replacement Fund Short Millions
From: City Manager
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

36. Housing Advisory Commission Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Work Plan
From: Housing Advisory Commission
Contact: Snow Zhu, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS*: If you object to a decision by the City Council to approve or deny a use permit or variance for a project the following requirements and restrictions apply: 1) No lawsuit challenging a City decision to deny (Code Civ. Proc. §1094.6(b)) or approve (Gov. Code 65009(c)(5)) a use permit or variance may be filed more than 90 days after the date the Notice of Decision of the action of the City Council is mailed. Any lawsuit not filed within that 90-day period will be barred. 2) In any lawsuit that may be filed against a City Council decision to approve or deny a use permit or variance, the issues and evidence will be limited to those raised by you or someone else, orally or in writing, at a public hearing or prior to the close of the last public hearing on the project.*

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Item #26: Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report, Project Approval and Use Permit

1. Ian Taylor
2. Rayhannah Dar
3. Jennifer and Brian Mendenhall
4. Dave Severy on behalf of Transform
5. Oleksii
6. Anthony Felli on behalf of Skates on the Bay
7. Benjamin Richey
8. Jack Hlavac on behalf of The DoubleTree Berkeley Marina Hotel
9. Elliot Abrams
10. Jennifer Cogley on behalf of Bayer Healthcare
11. Adrienne Dreyfus
12. Anthony Saxe
13. Peter Scheer
14. Matt Guevara
15. Patrick Oh
16. David Hochschild
17. Rigel Robinson
18. Erika McCulloch on behalf of Gray-Bowen-Scott
19. Nick Menchel on behalf of Berkeley Commons
20. Thomas Minturn
21. Laura Tam
22. Leah Isaacson
23. Cynthia Li
24. Lindsay Nevard (2)
25. Ric O'Connell
26. Susie Medak
27. Gail Tennant
28. James McGrath
29. Joseph Myles Duran
30. Dave Brown on behalf of Nikki Fortunato Bas

31. Chris Watters
32. Stephen Baiter on behalf of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance
33. Lauren Gularte
34. Terence Candell on behalf of UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Council, Bay Planning Coalition, Visit Berkeley, Ciel, Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, Seamless Bay Area, Walk Bike Berkeley & Bike East Bay, Working Waterfront Coalition
35. Robert B. Butchart on behalf of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services
36. Cece Littlepage
37. Heidi Lypps
38. Allison Granzella
39. Salvatore Harkins on behalf of State Senator Jesse Arreguin
40. 54 Similarly worded form letters

Labeling for Animal Products
41. Peter Sherman (2)

Elections
42. Flip Side (2)
43. Flip the BCC (3)
44. Stephen Alpert

PAB Regular Meeting
45. Moni T. Law

Business in Berkeley
46. Thomas Goetzl

Siren Concern
47. Dirk Neyhart

Food Drive
48. Desire Finnie

Flock Concerns
49. Rose Ver
50. Summer Brenner
51. Jan Murota (2)
52. Izumi van Cleave
53. Rachel Carbonell
54. Eileen Starr Moderbacher
55. Janice Schroeder
56. 12 Similarly worded form letters

Parking Citation Request
57. Natalie Fuller

Tents
58. Cecelia Mautner
59. Lauren Parsons

RHSP Billing Concern
60. Ashok Sabhlok (2)

Automasik Sprinkler Concern
61. Ghawar Camij Toschian

Rental Unit Repair Request
62. Bryan Ferreira

Parcel Tax Concern
63. Laura Menard (2)
64. City of Berkeley Finance Department

City Auditor Concern
65. Shaun O'Sullivan

Zoning/Upzoning
66. Teresa Renaker (2)
67. 4 Similarly worded form letters

Insight Housing
68. Tiara Jones

Extra Mile Day
69. Christine Ott

Measure W
70. Dorothea Dorenz

Housing Policy Proposal
71. Nadelynq

Road Obstruction Concern
72. Peter Radu

2128 Oxford St. and Records
73. Steven Schuyler (2)

BHS Concerns
74. Dorothea Dorenz
75. Darca Morgan

76. Meredith Janson and Gunter Waibel
77. Alok Singhal
78. Lina Haldar
79. Rachel Gorham

Sidewalk ADA Concerns
80. Steve Tornallyay (2)
81. Peter Radu

Street Repairs
82. Ricardo Rodriguez

Sewer Concerns
83. Tim Donnelly

Muertos @ Sylvia Mendez
84. Adriana Betti

Housing Shortage Concerns
85. Fred Dodsworth

1130 Oxford St.
86. Derek Abbassi

Wildlife Conservation Board
87. Drew Mahony
88. Cheryl Perkins

1000 Oaks Blvd.
89. Harry Delmer

New Policy Concerns
90. Alex Merenkov

Holiday Lights
91. Anna Giske

Alcohol Consumption Concern
92. Linda Franklin

Measure Z
93. Affordable Berkeley

A Downtown Walk
94. Diana Rossi
95. Michael Wallman

Citation Concern
96. Richard Campbell

Request for Cleanliness
97. Chetna Karkera

Constituents Concerns
98. Elizabeth Monique Comacchio
99. Lauren Purcell
100. Mike Vandeman

United Against Hate Week
101. Itamar Landau
102. Desmid Lyon
103. Naomi Katz
104. Dorothea Dorenz

AC Transit
105. Hana Tylova-Stein
106. Joshua Stein

Marina Paths
107. Dave Mendel (3)

Caregiver Permit
108. Willian Glasser

In Memoriam
109. Gerald Baptiste Jr. (2)

PAB Resolution
110. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

Great American Beer Festival
111. Barry Braden

City Tree Concern
112. Tawab Malekzad

Intern Inquiry
113. Ananyan Jain

Interview Inquiry
114. Andrew Alvarado

E-Scooters
115. Berkeleyans for Accessible Rights of Way
116. Robert Borghese (4)
117. Carson Lepre (2)
118. Devin Dollinger
119. Deven Mitchell (2)

URLs
120. Russbumper (10)
121. Crustyrusty
122. Linda Franklin
123. Fred Dodsworth
124. Tim O'Brien

Forwards
125. Russbumper
126. Eid Abdallah (15)

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