

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

3:00 P.M.

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – CHERYL DAVILA

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN

DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF

DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON

DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 3:03 p.m.

Present: Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Robinson, Droste

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Wengraf, Arreguin

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 3:07 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 3:07 p.m.

Councilmember Wengraf present at 3:45 p.m.

Mayor Arreguin present at 3:57 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 11 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: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources Director, Dania Torres-Wong, Chief Labor Negotiator, Burke Dunphy, Labor Negotiator, Jen Louis, Interim Chief of Police, Abe Roman, Interim Fire Chief.

Employee Organizations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1245, SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-time Recreation Activity Leaders, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227, Berkeley Police Association, Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 Maintenance and Clerical Chapters, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, Local 1227 I.A.F.F./Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association, Public Employees Union Local 1.

Action: No reportable action.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Hahn) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani, Droste.

Councilmember Kesarwani absent 4:58 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.

Councilmember Droste absent 5:01 p.m. – 5:18 p.m.

Adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on April 29, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

1. Ryan Murray
2. Gordon Hansen