

ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 29, 2025
6:00 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - TÜRKMEN MAH. ÜNLÜ SOK. NO. 6 KUŞADASI,
AYDIN, TÜRKIYE

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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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:11 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters: None

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager removed Item 14 regarding Urban Ore from the agenda. The City Manager recommended that Council only take up Title 23 amendments in Item 28 and defer the Title 21 amendments to a later date.

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor provided a presentation following up on the recommendations in the Financial Conditions Audit.

Public Comment on Items not Listed on the Agenda: 10 speakers

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 8 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of June 3, 2025 (closed and regular), June 9, 2025 (closed), June 17, 2025 (regular), June 24, 2025 (special and regular), June 26, 2025 (special), and June 30, 2025 (closed).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.
- 2. Amending the City Council's Policy for the General Fund Reserves**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending the City Council's Policy for the General Fund Reserves and rescind Resolution No. 69,440-N.S.
Financial Implications: see report
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,908–N.S.
- 3. Contract No 32400009 Amendment: Stella Courier, LLC. for Mail Services and Mail Room Coverage**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No: 32400009 with Stella Courier, LLC., to provide mail services to the City's satellite locations, and as-needed mail room coverage, increasing the amount by \$180,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$360,000 over an additional two-year period starting August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,909–N.S.
- 4. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on July 29, 2025**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.

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- 5. Contract: InfoSend for Bill Printing and Mailing Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments which align with the City of Brawley’s existing contract and any amendments, with InfoSend to provide Bill Printing and Mailing Services from July 30, 2025 until June 30, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with an option to renew in increments of two (2) years, in alignment with the City of Brawley contract for an additional \$100,000. The total contract value through September 2028 is not to exceed \$250,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,910–N.S.
- 6. Designate the Line of Succession for the Director of Emergency Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the designated line of succession to the position of Director of Emergency Services in the event of an emergency, and rescinding Resolution No. 70,729-N.S.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,911–N.S.
- 7. Contract with Wildfire Defense to Serve as the Alameda County Coordinator**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:
1. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract with Wildfire Defense to serve as the Alameda County Coordinator for coordination with local agencies, fire safe councils, and wildfire mitigation community groups for the initial period August 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$155,500, and to apply for and receive future grant funding in collaboration with Berkeley Fire Department staff to maintain the position through 2028; and
2. Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute any amendments for not more than \$225,000 per year in Fiscal Year (FY) 25, FY26, and FY27, upon receiving additional California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) grants to continue contracting Wildfire Defense to serve Alameda County communities, provide resources and education on wildfire safety, promote collaboration, assist local groups with funding opportunities, and aid multi-jurisdictional planning.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,912–N.S.

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- 8. Submitting Application for Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to apply for and accept funds from the State of California's Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program, in an amount not to exceed \$849,945.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,913–N.S.
- 9. Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Update**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Update, which identifies uses of funds for mental health programming, and forwarding the Annual Update to appropriate State officials.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,914–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by the City Manager.
- 10. Adopt Resolution Approving Publicly Available Pay Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a publicly available pay schedule effective July 29, 2025, 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: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,915–N.S.
- 11. Contract: Infobond Inc. Leveraging the Omnia Partners Cooperative Contract for Information Technology Security Products, Licenses, and Support**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Infobond, Inc. ("Infobond") for the purchase of information technology security products, licenses, support and services utilizing the Omnia Partners contract #01-154 for a total not to exceed value of \$1,000,000 commencing on July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,916–N.S.

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- 12. Contract No. 32300096 Amendment: SCS Engineers for Landfill Post-Closure Maintenance and Monitoring Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300096 with SCS Engineers for maintenance, monitoring, and compliance services related to the closed landfill at Cesar Chavez Park, increasing the contract amount by \$1,834,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$4,078,022.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,917–N.S.
- 13. Trillium Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) 5-year Sole Source License and Operating Agreement**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a 5-year sole source license and operating agreement for compressed natural gas with Trillium CNG for the five-year period between FY2026 and FY2031, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,918–N.S.
- 14. Contract Amendment No. 32100070: Urban Ore, Inc. for Salvage Operations at the City of Berkeley Transfer Station**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment No. 32100070 with Urban Ore, Inc. for salvage operations of reusable materials at the City's Transfer Station, increasing the contract by \$75,000 from \$189,848 to \$264,848, for a new not to exceed amount of \$264,848 and extending the term through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Item removed from the agenda by the City Manager.
- 15. Authorization to Apply for CalRecycle Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting Grants and Payment Programs**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit grant applications, accept grant funds, and execute any resulting grant agreements, amendments and expenditure reports with the Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) for grant and payment programs related to waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and composting.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,919–N.S.

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- 16. Contract: Environmental Logistics, Inc. and Advanced Chemical Transport, LLC for On-Call Hazardous Waste Management**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:
1. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with Environmental Logistics, Inc. to provide on-call hazardous waste disposal at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed of \$200,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions, for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the terms of the agreement.
2. Execute a three-year contract and any amendment with Advanced Chemical Transport, LLC to provide on-call hazardous waste disposal at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed of \$150,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions, for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the terms of the agreement.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,920–N.S. (Environmental Logistics), and Resolution No. 71,921–N.S. (Advanced Chemical Transport).
- 17. Approval and Levy of 2018 Clean Stormwater Fee in FY 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the proposed adjusted fees for the 2018 Clean Stormwater Fee and ordering the levy of the fees in Fiscal Year 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,922–N.S.
- 18. Contracts: Matrix HG Inc. and Prime Mechanical Service for Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Maintenance and Repair**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:
1. Execute a contract with any amendments with Matrix HG Inc. to provide HVAC repairs and maintenance services for a three-year period from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms.
2. Execute a contract with any amendments with Prime Mechanical Service to provide HVAC repairs and maintenance services for a three-year period from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,923–N.S. (Matrix HG), and Resolution No. 71,924–N.S. (Prime Mechanical).

Consent Calendar

19. Updated Sewer System Management Plan

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the update of the Sewer System Management Plan, as mandated by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,925–N.S.

20. Project Implementation Staffing for Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend the FY 2026 budget to authorizing the City Manager to add three permanent full-time employees, expending \$932,630.73, to support the implementation of prioritized projects associated with Measure FF, the SAFE STREETS Initiative.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,926–N.S.

Consent Calendar

21. Contract: Aurora Environmental Services Inc., GSI Environmental Inc., Northgate Environmental Management Inc., and WSP Global Inc. for On-Call Environmental Consulting

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt four Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with Aurora Environmental Services Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
2. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with GSI Environmental Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$50,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
3. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with Northgate Environmental Management Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed amount of \$75,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2025, to August 1, 2028, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.
4. Execute a three-year contract and any amendments with WSP Global Inc. to provide on-call environmental consulting at various City facilities and locations for a total not to exceed of \$325,000 for an initial three-year term from August 1, 2026, to August 1, 2029, with an option of two one-year extensions for a maximum term of five years. The service rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index and the provisions of the agreement.

Financial Implications: See report.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,927–N.S. (Aurora), Resolution No. 71,928–N.S. (GSI), Resolution No. 71,929–N.S. (Northgate), and Resolution No. 71,930–N.S. (WSP).

Consent Calendar

22. **Contracts: Dream Ride Elevator and Metro Elevator for Maintenance, Repairs and Emergency Response Services for Citywide Elevators**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to:

1. Execute a contract with any amendments with Dream Ride Elevator to provide maintenance, repairs, and emergency response services for citywide elevators for a three-year period from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms. Rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) per the terms of the RFO and the contractor's responses.

2. Execute a contract with any amendments with Metro Elevator to provide maintenance, repairs and emergency response services for citywide elevators for a three-year period from September 1, 2025, to August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, with an option to extend for two additional one-year terms. Rates will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) per the terms of the RFO and the contractor's responses.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,931–N.S. (Dream Ride), and Resolution No. 71,932–N.S. (Metro).

23a. **City Compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)**

From: Commission on Disability

Recommendation: The Berkeley City Council shall refer to the City Attorney the requirement to include a clause in all relevant City of Berkeley contracts that obligates City vendors to supply digital content, intended for or likely to be posted to the City website, that is compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) standard mandated by the U.S. Department of Justice. WCAG defines web content technical standards that, when implemented, meet legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

In addition, relevant City staff should be informed of WCAG requirements, and systems put in place to ensure that documents available on the City of Berkeley website, whether submitted by vendors or created by City staff, meet current WCAG standards. When the City is informed that documents posted to its website do not meet current WCAG standards, remediation is recommended to be made within 30 days.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Thomas Gregory, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300

Action: See action for Item 23b.

Consent Calendar

23b. Companion Report: City Compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: The City Manager recommends that Council refrain from referring the Commission on Disability's report recommendation from the report titled, "City Compliance with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)," to the City Attorney's Office at this time to give staff and the Commission on Disability additional time to develop a mutually agreeable path forward.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Approved recommendation in Item 23b.

Council Consent Items

24. Berkeley Nightlife Council *(Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)*

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to form the Berkeley City Council Nightlife Sub-Committee, convened by the District 2 council office to return recommendations for the formation, structure, and scope of operation of a Berkeley Nightlife Council (Night Council) to support nighttime economic activity, cultural programming, and community safety in city commercial districts.

Policy Committee recommendation: Send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation that Council adopt the item with the caveat that the City Attorney's Office review the ad-hoc committee for Brown Act implications.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Councilmember O'Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 71,933–N.S. as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee and as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 by Councilmember Taplin.

Council Consent Items

25. **Berkeley Green New Deal: Workforce Development** (*Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee*)
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager a feasibility analysis and request for recommendations for possible models to either establish a green workforce development board within the City of Berkeley or strengthen the alignment between City of Berkeley and community partner programs and the Alameda County Workforce development board to create pathways to gainful employment in green industries and accelerate the transition to a fossil-free local economy.
Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the item to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation that Council adopt the item and that the item be revised to include a referral to the budget process, clarify and make explicit that the full-time employee (“FTE”) is either an in-house City of Berkeley employee or is a privately funded employee not on the City’s payroll, and include a privately funded alternative to a full-time City employee when creating the budget referral.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee and as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 by Councilmember Taplin.
26. **Resolution in Support of California Senate Bill 627 (Wiener, Arreguín, Pérez), the No Secret Police Act, to Prohibit Non-Essential Face Covering for Law Enforcement and Require Officer Identification During Operations**
From: Councilmember Tregub(Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in support of California State Senate Bill (SB) 627 (Wiener, Arreguín, Pérez), the No Secret Police Act, which would prohibit law enforcement officers from covering their faces during operations (with exceptions for medical and fire-related protection), and require visible identification on uniforms in the state of California; and distribute copies to the California Governor Gavin Newsom, Senators Scott Wiener, Jesse Arreguín, and Sasha Renée Pérez, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, California Senate President pro tempore Mike McGuire, and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas to advocate for its passage.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 71,934–N.S.

Council Consent Items

27. Berkeley's First Sun Day Event: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds

From: Councilmember Humbert (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember including \$500 from Councilmember Humbert to the Berkeley Rotary Club for the purpose of covering costs associated with hosting Berkeley's inaugural "Sun Day" renewable energy festival on Sunday, September 21, 2025 with funds relinquished to the City's General Fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Councilmember Humbert and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Councilmembers Tregub, O'Keefe, and Lunaparra added as co-sponsors.

Adopted Resolution No. 71,935–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Mayor Ishii - \$250;

Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$500; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$250.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

28. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs, and Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Comply with State Law and Encourage ADU Development

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an Ordinance to 1) amend Title 21 (Subdivisions Ordinance) to implement Assembly Bill (AB) 1033 by establishing local regulations for the separate sale of ADUs as condominiums; and 2) amend Title 23 (Zoning) to bring the City's ADU regulations into compliance with recent changes to State law, to incorporate feedback from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and encourage ADU development.

Financial Implications: None

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 4 speakers.

M/S/C (Taplin/Lunaparra) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Lunaparra) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 7,983–N.S. amending Title 23 of the Berkeley Municipal Code as recommended by the City Manager with the amendments listed below:

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

- Remove reference to Title 21 in Section 23.306.040(C)(2).
- Incorporate amendments from Councilmember Blackaby as published in Supplemental Communications Packet #2, except to change the height standard for detached ADUs to 20 feet.
- Incorporate Councilmember Kesarwani’s proposed amendment adding a footnote to Table 23.306-1 defining New Construction.

Second reading scheduled for September 9, 2025.

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

29. Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Carleton Street from Westerly Terminus Extending 381.23 Feet Easterly

From: City Manager

Recommendation: 1. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the second reading of the Ordinance voted upon at the July 22, 2025 City Council meeting vacating a 381.23-linear-foot (27,449 square foot) portion of the public right-of-way on Carleton Street, located at the westerly terminus of Carleton Street. 2. Upon adoption of the second reading of the Ordinance, authorize the City Manager to execute a deed quit claiming that portion of the right-of-way of Carleton Street and conveying to the adjacent property owner, Bayer Healthcare LLC ("Bayer").

Financial Implications: See report

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 25 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Blackaby) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,982–N.S.

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

Information Reports

30. Status Report - Berkeley’s Financial Condition (FY 2012 – FY 2021): Pension Liabilities and Infrastructure Need Attention

From: City Manager

Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Received and filed.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

- 31. Commission on Labor Fiscal Year 2026 Work Plan**
From: Commission on Labor
Contact: Emily Rose, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400
Action: Received and filed.
- 32. Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Actions**
From: Landmarks Preservation Commission
Contact: Anne Hersch, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
- 33. Zero Waste Commission Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Plan**
From: Zero Waste Commission
Contact: Julia Heath, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6300
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 6 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Communications

Ingram Letter

1. Richard Pettler

EMBER

2. Susanne Kalter DeWitt

E-Scooters

3. Robert Borghese (2)

Plaque Project

4. Sharon Entwistle

Lineage Repair Work

5. Eric Friedman

Ohlone Greenway Park

6. Transition Berkeley Members of the Board: Sylvia Soriano, Linda Currie, Bonnie Borucki, Pierre Thiry, Lori Hines, Ben Rosenthal, Jenifer Azulay, Ginny Hanger

7. Lucia Hammond (4)
8. Peter Radu
9. Lj Cranmer
10. Erik Dreher
11. Seth Kimball
12. Allison Bond
13. Melanie Lawrence

Public Resource for Honey Bee Swarm

14. Mateo Kaiser

Brown Act

15. Jennifer Knight
16. Chris Goldin
17. Micky Duxbury
18. Michael Tompkins

Cyclist Concerns

19. Stephanie Allan

Public Comeback

20. Steve Tracy

Pest Treatment

21. Alex Merenkov
22. Alesia Williams
23. Building & Safety Division, Rental Housing Safety Program

Missing Middle

24. Dylan Miley (2)
25. Olivia Burger (2)

MLK and Virginia Street

26. Sunny

Parking Spot Near School Concern

27. Jordan Pierson

Claremont Ave Pedestrian

28. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
29. Elise Proulx

Soft Story Ordinance

30. Todd Andrew (2)

“Help the Decent People”

31. Tajai Calip

Middle East Conflict

32. Nikki Kofsky

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Item #9: Mental Health Services Act Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Update

33. Revised agenda material submitted by the Health, Housing, & Community Services Department

Item #14: Contract Amendment No. 32100070: Urban Ore, Inc. for Salvage Operations at the City of Berkeley Transfer Station

34. Kat Larrowe on behalf of the Commission on Labor

Item #25: Berkeley Green New Deal: Workforce Development (Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee)

35. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #24: Berkeley Nightlife Council (Reviewed by the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee)

36. Supplemental agenda material, submitted by Councilmember Terry Taplin

Item 28: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amendments to Title 21 (Subdivisions) to Allow Separate Sale of ADUs, and Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Comply with State Law and Encourage ADU Development

37. Supplemental agenda material, submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

38. Supplemental agenda material, submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

39. Supplemental agenda material, submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra

40. Tess Fruge (2)

41. Jeanne Clinton

42. Ben Domingue

43. Eric Johnson

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44. Jeffrey Church

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45. Presentation submitted by the Planning & Development Department

46. Rent Stabilization Board

- 47. Janice Schroeder
- 48. Valerie Knepper
- 49. Lee Bishop
- 50. Veronica Tamsitt

Item #29: Ordinance Vacating a Portion of Carleton Street from Westerly Terminus Extending 381.23 Feet Easterly

- 51. Beth Roessner
- 52. David Bowman

Miscellaneous

- 53. Gary and Anita Ingram