

**ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025
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

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: 6:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:09 p.m.

Councilmember Humbert participated the meeting remotely under the just cause exception in the Brown Act.

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

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognition of Berkeley Residents Esai Santos and Noah Millikan playing for the Oakland Ballers and the Ballers’ Pioneer League Championship
2. Adjourned in Memory of Berkeley Resident Joanna Macy, Author, Teacher, and Activist
3. Adjourned in Memory of Berkeley Resident Professor Geroge Smoot, Nobel Laureate

City Manager Comments: None

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor noted the audit updates presented in Information Items 16 and 18 and the successful completion of several recommendations.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 7 speakers

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 10 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Recess Items

- 1. Contract No. 32400122 Amendment: Buhler Commercial for Willard Park Clubhouse and Restroom Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during the City Council recess to increase Contract No. 32400122 by \$30,000 for a not to exceed amount of \$6,861,067.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,974–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 2. 2026 Tax Rate: Transportation Network Company User Tax**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,985–N.S setting the 2026 tax rate (effective January 1, 2026) for the transportation network company at the following rates: 62 cents on the user for each prearranged trip that originates in the City that is not part of a pooled prearranged trip and 30 cents for each pooled prearranged trip on each user who arranges each prearranged trip that originates in the City and which comprises part of the pooled prearranged trip.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,985–N.S.
- 3. Adopt Revisions to the 2025 City Council Meeting Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution modifying the City Council regular meeting schedule for 2025, with starting times of 6:00 p.m., to reschedule the November 4, 2025, regular meeting to November 10, 2025.
Financial Implications: See Report
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,975–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 4. Contract: Healthy Black Families for the African American Holistic Resource Center Project Sankofa**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Healthy Black Families (HBF) for the African American Holistic Resource Center Project Sankofa, which will be funded through the State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports funds, for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,976–N.S.
- 5. Revenue Grant: FEMA Seismic Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of commitment of matching funds for a seismic Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the City of Berkeley Civic Center Project-Seismic Retrofit of MSB and VMB to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and subject to its award, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments, accept any additional funding allocations from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and designate the City Manager as the applicant’s authorized agent. If awarded, the grant will underwrite the seismic retrofit of two historic and critical buildings in Berkeley’s Civic Center, the Maudelle Shirek Building (“MSB” or “Old City Hall”) and the Veterans Memorial Building (“VMB”).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,977–N.S.
- 6. Revenue Grant: FEMA Fire Hazard Mitigation Grant Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a letter of commitment of matching funds for a Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the City of Berkeley Home Hardening and Defensible Space Grants Project to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and subject to its award, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments, accept any additional funding allocations from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and designate the City Manager and Deputy City Manager as the applicant’s authorized agents.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400, David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,978–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on October 14, 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.
- 8. Contract No. 10271 Amendment: Lease of 1521-1535 University Avenue**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 10271 with Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) through June 30, 2031, adding \$1,200,000 for a total contract amount of \$2,709,949.20, to fund lease payments for 1521-1535 University Avenue.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,979–N.S.
- 9. Contract No. 31900009 Amendment: McKinley House (2111 McKinley Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94703)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900009 with Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS) through June 30, 2026, adding \$84,474 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$911,133, to fund Mental Health clients living at 2111 McKinley Avenue in Berkeley.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,980–N.S.
- 10. Contract: Preferred Alliance, Inc. for Drug and Alcohol Testing Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the amount of the current contract and any amendments with Preferred Alliance Inc., to continue to provide third party administration of the City's Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program which expires at the end of 2025. An extension is necessary through June 30, 2027. A contract cap increase is required in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to continue services.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,981–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 11. Contract: ESI Group for IBM Hardware, Software, and related Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with ESI Group for IBM hardware, software and related services (AS400) for the FUND\$ system for an amount not to exceed \$225,000 for the period 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. 71,982–N.S.

Council Consent Items

- 12. Residents Oppose Broadcasting Obnoxious Cacophony Out in Public (ROBOCOP) (Reviewed by the Public Safety Committee)**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager a request that the City Attorney draft amendments to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.40, Community Noise, to prohibit in certain circumstances the installation and use of motion-activated surveillance devices that emit artificial or pre-recorded sound—including alarms, sirens, or voice recordings—in response to the presence or motion of persons in the public right-of-way or on private property that is open to the public, with additional clarification regarding location parameters and permissible volume levels. This prohibition shall apply to such devices when installed in the public right-of-way or on private property when triggered by motion in the public right-of-way, and when the sound emitted is audible in public areas. The prohibition shall not apply to conventional burglar alarms that activate only in response to unauthorized entry or tampering.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council, requesting that the City Attorney draft ordinance language as outlined in the recommendation, with additional clarification regarding location parameters and permissible volume levels.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Councilmembers Humbert, Tregub, and Lunaparra added as co-sponsors. Approved recommendation as recommended by the Public Safety Committee.
- 13. Urging Police Accountability Board Regulations Completion**
From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution urging the Police Accountability Board (PAB), Berkeley Police Association (BPA), the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and the City of Berkeley to complete negotiations on final PAB Regulations.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,983–N.S. with co-sponsors added in Supplemental Communications Packet #1

Information Reports

- 14. Changes to Special Events Permitting Fees and Requirements**
From: City Manager
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Received and filed.
- 15. Referral Response Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness**
From: City Manager
Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Received and filed. Future update to be submitted through agenda process.
- 16. 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
Action: Received and filed.
- 17. Civic Arts Grant Awards: Fiscal Year 2026**
From: City Manager
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Received and filed.
- 18. Update: HR Response: Audit Directive(s) for Comprehensive Domestic Violence Policy to Support City Employees**
From: City Manager
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Received and filed.
- 19. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2000 Blake Street /#LMIN2025-0003**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.

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

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/O’Keefe) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Communications

Road Repair

1. Gene Hendrix

Spray Paint Concern

2. Phil Ardery

Affordable Housing

3. Margot Smith

Bicycle Accident Concern

4. Suzanne Sattergren

Berkeley Bicycle Plan

5. Nathaniel Kane on behalf of parents of children at Sylvia Mendez Elementary School
6. Kelly Hammargren
7. Evan Lovett-Harris
8. Megan R. Schwarzman
9. Cindi Goldberg
10. Save Hopkins
11. Marguerite Lee
12. Tom Lent
13. Margaret Leventhal
14. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
15. Noah Budnick on behalf of the Transportation and Infrastructure Commission

Railroad Quiet Zones

16. Rod Richardson

Transparency at Commission Meetings

17. Dorothea Dorenz

RV Policy Proposal

18. Tony Boyle

Bologna as Precedent

19. John J. Parman

CareBridge Program

20. Fran Haselsteiner

Rose Street Concerns

21. Walk Bike Berkeley

Ohlone Greenway Safety Improvements Project

22. Transition Berkeley Board Members

Health Policy Change

23. Anson Chau

Berkeley Cannabis Tax

24. Louise Booth

Draft Berkeley Reparations Note

25. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen

Upzoning

26. Vivian Pisano

27. Anne Boersma

Berkeley Beef Concern

28. Cybersailor

SB79

29. Margots999

California Theater

30. Charlene M. Woodcock

Transportation Services

31. Anastasia Gomes

Research Collaboration

32. Neel Shetty

Mr. Mopps Read-In Event

33. Jen Corn

Berkeley High Safety Zone

34. Cassandra Tesch

Sun Day Berkeley

35. Kera Binns

Public Comment

36. Rose A. Davila

Public School Athletic Trainings

37. Nicoletta Karam

EMBER

38. Nenelle Bunnin

Slice of Our Markets

39. Cynthia Murdough

Children Safety Concerns

40. Angela Patterson Briscoe

Downtown Berkeley Concerns

41. Ed Iskander

8th Street

42. Angela Beggs (2)

43. Marriane Riddle

44. Natasha Ravnik

New Micro Mobility Study

45. Nicolas Nagle

46. Scott Artis

Construction Settlement Repairs

47. Hector91 Phuentes

Berkeley Marina

48. Beatriz Quinones

Encampments

49. Jo Ann Driscoll

50. John Waters

Mechanical Street Sweeping

51. Scott Stewart

Kala Bagai Way Naming

52. Prabhjot Singh

53. Negeene Mosead

PIN Request

54. Alexander Merenkov

2020 Kittrege

55. Alexander Merenkov (6)

56. Manreet Gill

57. HCI

58. K Street Flats

E-Scooters

- 59. Robert Borghese (8)
- 60. Devin Dollinger (2)
- 61. Nicolas Nagle (3)
- 62. Wahid Amiri

Eid's Television

- 63. Eid

Elementary Reading Program Concerns

- 64. 2,989 Similarly worded form letters

Newsletters

- 65. Richard Schwartz
- 66. Todd Jersey

Forwards

- 67. Russbumper

URL's

- 68. Russbumper (2)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**Item #13: Urging Police Accountability Board Regulations Completion**

- 69. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

- None