

ANNOTATED 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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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:03 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Councilmember Kesarwani participated in the meeting remotely under the “just cause” exception in the Brown Act due to a child caregiving need.

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. Adjourned in Memory of Bertha Brown, Former City Employee
2. Chris Lynch, Outside Counsel to the City, provided Bond Disclosure training for the City Council

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 5 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 12 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,314–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,315–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,013–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 4. FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,014–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.

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- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,015–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,016–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,017–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,018–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.

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- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,019–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,020–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,021–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,022–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.

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- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,023–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,024–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,025–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.

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- 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
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,026–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,316–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,317–N.S.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,318–N.S.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,319–N.S.

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

Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 8,027–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,320–N.S.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,321–N.S. (District 1982-1), and Resolution No. 72,322–N.S. (District 2018).

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,323–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,324–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,325–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,326–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,327–N.S.
- 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
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,328–N.S.
- 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
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,329–N.S. (Graybar Electric), Resolution No. 72,330–N.S. (W.W. Grainger), and Resolution No. 72,331–N.S. (Omnia Partners).

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

Action: Councilmember Humbert added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 72,332–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Taplin \$150; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

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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: Adopted Resolution No. 72,333–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$150; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Taplin \$150; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.
M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Bartlett) to adopt Resolution No. 72,334–N.S. 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

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to adopt Resolution No. 72,335-N.S. 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.

Vote: All Ayes.

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: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Tregub) to adopt Resolution No. 72,336–N.S. as recommended by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee by including the revisions in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the City Manager, and further amended to add a new resolved clause that reads as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council's authority to grant exceptions to the all-electric construction and electrification requirements is a legislative discretionary act, and neither the granting nor the denial of any such exception shall give rise to any claim or cause of action in any court.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Humbert) to 1) adopt Resolution No. 72,337–N.S. placing charter amendment measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot, including the text amendments in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the City Manager; and 2) designate Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Taplin, and Councilmember Lunaparra to file ballot measure arguments on the measure.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Action: 1 speaker. M/S/C (Humbert/Tregub) to 1) adopt Resolution No. 72,338–N.S. 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; and including the following:

- new ballot measure language in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the City Manager related to all-electric construction and replacement;
- new ballot measure language read into the record by the City Attorney;
- added a severability clause in Section 7 as read into the record by the City Attorney; and

2) designate Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Blackaby, Councilmember Tregub, and Councilmember Taplin to file ballot measure arguments on this measure.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

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: 4 speakers. M/S/C (O’Keefe/Kesarwani) to 1) adopt Resolution No. 72,339–N.S. 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) adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 8,028-N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 30, 2026; and 3) designate Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Kesarwani, and Councilmember O’Keefe to file ballot measure arguments on this measure.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 23 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Tregub) to accept supplemental and revised materials from Mayor Ishii on Item 40a.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Kesarwani) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:45 p.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:00 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: Presentation from the Budget Manager and Deputy City Manager. The Mayor introduced her budget proposal. Council discussion and questions.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

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

Action: M/S/C (O'Keefe/Tregub) to take no action as the item has been subsumed into the Mayor's proposed budget.

Vote: All Ayes.

40c. Proposed Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Proposed Five-Year CIP Public Hearing No. 1 *(Continued from June 9, 2026) (Item contains supplemental material)*

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Accept the Proposed Five-Year (FY 2027 - FY 2031) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for review and consideration by the City Council, conduct Public Hearing No. 1 on the Proposed Five-Year CIP, and final adoption for June 23, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report.

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

Action: City staff presented on the Five-Year Capital Improvement Program. The City Council asked questions and provided comments.

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
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 2 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Communications

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

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #37: Placing a Charter Amendment Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to Amend Multiple Administrative Provisions

34. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the City Clerk Department

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #3: FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act of 2024 (Measure X)

35. 6 Similarly worded form letters

36. 11 Similarly worded form letters

Item #29: 2026 Bicycle Plan Update

37. Joanna Dillon

38. Katherine Silver

39. Ben Gerhardstein

40. Jen Natali

41. Lucas Cantor

42. Gunnar Madsen

43. Nico Tripcevich

44. Morris Fuller

45. Daniel Tahara

46. 38 Similarly worded form letters

Item #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)

47. Revised agenda material submitted by the Planning & Development Department

Item #37: Placing a Charter Amendment Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot to Amend Multiple Administrative Provisions

48. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the City Clerk Department

Item #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

49. Revised agenda material submitted by the Planning & Development Department

Item #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

50. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Mayor

51. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the City Manager's Office

- 52. Cathleen Fogel on behalf of McGee Ave Residents
- 53. Howard Menashe
- 54. Matt Gustafson

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #3: FY 2027 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act of 2024 (Measure X)

- 55. Lauren Parsons
- 56. Bernard Marszalek
- 57. Moni Gangopadhyay
- 58. Kirk G. Mitchel
- 59. Meryl Siegal
- 60. Moni T. Law
- 61. Dina Tasini

Item #26: Contract: Radius Earthwork, Inc. for FY 2026 Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project

- 62. Steven B. Copeland on behalf of Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc.

Item #29: 2026 Bicycle Plan Update

- 63. David Kessler
- 64. Laura Atkins
- 65. Michai Freeman (2)
- 66. Brit Harvey
- 67. Jonathan Walden
- 68. Helen Walsh
- 69. Nancy Rader on behalf of the Berkeley FireSafe Council
- 70. Amy Lyden
- 71. Jennifer Johnston

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

- 72. Presentation submitted by the Public Works Department

Item #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)

- 73. Daniel Tahara

Item #39: Placing a Transactions and Use (Sales) General Tax Measure on the November 3, 2026 Ballot

- 74. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
- 75. Bernard McPhillips
- 76. Lauren Parsons
- 77. Tara Rayder Baker
- 78. Laura Klein

Item #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

- 79. Revised agenda material submitted by the Mayor

- 80. Jan M
- 81. James Lerager
- 82. Courtney Palon behalf of Resources for Community Development
- 83. Hayley Cox
- 84. Candise
- 85. Liz Horowitz

Ceremonial Matters #2: Chris Lynch, Outside Counsel to the City, provided Bond Disclosure training for the City Council

- 86. Presentation submitted by Chris Lynch