

ANNOTATED AGENDA

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
6:00 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 19-4178 WRIGHT ROAD, VOLCANO, HI 96785
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 45 KAI MALINA PARKWAY, LAHAINA, HI 96761
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027 BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94710

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: 6:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:12 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:

1. Adjourned in Memory of Carl Anthony, Architect, Educator, and Community Leader
2. Presentation by AC Transit

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 0 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 5 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to accept revised materials from Councilmember Taplin on Item 8.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

1. **FY 2027 Annual Appropriations Ordinance**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,029-N.S. adopting the FY 2027 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) in the amount of \$921,596,116 (gross appropriations) and \$795,829,332 (net appropriations).

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted new first reading of Ordinance No. 8,029–N.S. to include revised materials from the City Manager in Supplemental Communications Packet #1. Second reading scheduled for July 14, 2026.

2. **Contract No. 114159-1 Amendment: Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 114159-1 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for the continued maintenance and support of the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software and associated public safety systems, increasing the contract amount \$750,000 for a revised total contract value not-to-exceed of \$3,684,123, and extending the term of the contract for two additional years through June 30, 2028.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,370–N.S.

3. **Contract: Willdan Financial Services for Updates to Nexus Studies**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Willdan Financial Services, to make updates to five nexus studies in support of City development fees, in an amount not to exceed \$80,115, and authorizing the City Manager to execute any amendments, extensions, or change orders until the project is completed.

Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$80,115

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,371–N.S.

Consent Calendar

4. **Revenue Grant Agreements: 2024 and 2025 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) for Berkeley Police Department Costs**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to Alameda County Sheriff's Office, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to be used for funding overtime costs associated with focused crime suppression activities, community safety initiatives, and staffing for high impact community events.

1. Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 Local in the projected amount of \$40,714 with a 10% admin fee with a net allocation of \$36,643 for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2027.

2. Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2025 Local in the projected amount of \$47,856 with a 10% admin Fee with a net allocation of \$43,070 for the period to be determined at time of contract execution.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,372–N.S. (2024 Grant), and Resolution No. 72,373–N.S. (2025 Grant).

5. **2025 Annual Police Equipment Report**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the 2025 Annual Police Equipment Report pursuant to Assembly Bill 481 and Berkeley Municipal Code 2.100.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,374–N.S. Supplemental materials submitted in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the Police Accountability Board.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

6. Ambulance Transport Fee Increase

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution adjusting the Ambulance User Fee to match Alameda County's approved ambulance user fee schedule made effective July 1, 2026, for the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont and to adjust the First Responder Fee. The increase would be included as an updated addendum to the Ambulance Provider Agreement, and rescinding Resolution 71,829–N.S.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker. M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/O'Keefe) to adopt Resolution No. 72,375–N.S. adjusting the Ambulance User Fee to match Alameda County's approved ambulance user fee schedule made effective July 1, 2026, for the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont and to adjust the First Responder Fee. The increase would be included as an updated addendum to the Ambulance Provider Agreement, and rescinding Resolution 71,829–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

7. **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Compendium 2026: Agreements with Other Law Enforcement Agencies and Private Organizations**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution to:

1. Approve the MOU Compendium reflecting the current operational agreements between the Berkeley Police Department and other law enforcement agencies and private organizations.
2. Accept the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR).
3. Accept the Mutual Aid requests and responses report as submitted in accordance with existing City Council directives.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 2 speakers.

M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 72,376–N.S. to 1) Approve the MOU Compendium reflecting the current operational agreements between the Berkeley Police Department and other law enforcement agencies and private organizations; 2) Accept the Suspicious Activity Report (SAR); and 3) Accept the Mutual Aid requests and responses report as submitted in accordance with existing City Council directives.

Vote: All Ayes.

Council Action Items

8. Large Vehicle Parking Regulations in the Public Right-of-Way *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsors)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Refer to the City Attorney and City Manager a Review of Amendments to the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 12.98 to ensure the language authorizes the abatement of abandoned vehicles creating public health and safety nuisances in the public right-of-way, clarify the definition of "abandoned" vehicle, and increase the City Manager's discretion in the establishment of abatement timelines.
2. Refer to the City Manager the study of recently adopted legislation across the nine-county Bay Area regarding the management of long-term large vehicle parking in the public right-of-way. Based on this study, staff shall return to the City Council with draft policy and enforcement recommendations that are: a. Regionally consistent; b. Aligned with the City of Berkeley's environmental, housing, and transportation priorities; c. Reflective of the City's ability to enhance the impact and scale of its coordinated alternative housing initiatives via participation in a county-wide RV parking program or joining a comparable program maintained in a neighboring jurisdiction; and d. Operationally feasible given available outreach, enforcement, financial constraints, and site capacity. Including an examination of geographically targeted parking restrictions in high-sensitivity areas such as: a. Manufacturing and industrial zones designated by an "M" zoning classification; and b. Environmentally sensitive water resources, including but not limited to open lagoons, riparian corridors, and critical stormwater infrastructure,
3. Request that the City Attorney and City Manager provide clarity and guidance on how the city's encampment resolution policy intersects with the Berkeley Municipal Code in the absence of shelter availability.
4. Refer to the City Manager the drafting of an ordinance amending BMC Chapter 7.18.010 to authorize City Manager approval of contracts up to \$250,000 for the abatement of abandoned, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles pursuant to BMC 12.98.040(A).

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to more clearly articulate guidance on the intersection of the proposed amendments with applicable State law.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: 11 speakers. Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor. Revised materials submitted at the meeting by Councilmember Taplin. M/S/C

(Taplin/Humbert) to approve the revised item submitted by Councilmember Taplin with a minor wording change to recommendation 2.d.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert; Noes – Lunaparra, Ishii.

Council Action Items

9. Waterfront Specific Plan Environmental Review Authorization and Near-Term Priority Adjustments

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Recommendation:

1. Authorize the City Manager to initiate environmental review of the Waterfront Specific Plan pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR), using Scenario 1 (Highest Buildout, approximately 1,215,000 gross square feet) as the maximum development alternative for purposes of the EIR's environmental analysis and Project Description. As staff noted in the November 18, 2024 Worksession Report, analyzing Scenario 1 for CEQA purposes preserves the Council's full flexibility to scale the final plan to Scenario 2 or Scenario 3 at adoption, while ensuring no additional cost or delay would be incurred if the Council later wishes to pursue higher-density development.
2. Defer and hold in abeyance the November 18, 2024 Council direction to prepare a standalone nature-and-recreation-based conceptual plan for César E. Chávez Park, consistent with the ongoing administrative hold on that work pending resolution of environmental compliance obligations at the former landfill (City Manager Off-Agenda Memorandum, June 5, 2025). Incorporate the park's long-term improvement priorities into the Waterfront Park (WP) zone provisions of the Waterfront Specific Plan as part of the EIR scoping process.
3. Refer \$310,000 to the November 2026 AOO1 process to conduct the EIR.
4. Request that the City Manager return to Council with a certified EIR, a Final Waterfront Specific Plan, and companion Berkeley Municipal Code and General Plan amendments for adoption.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Moved to Consent Calendar. Approved the recommendation.

Action Calendar – New Business

10. Five-Year Street Rehabilitation and Measure FF Plans for Fiscal Years 2027-2031

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting the Five-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 and the Measure FF 5-Year CIP Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Wahid Amiri, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Tregub) to adopt Resolution No. 72,377–N.S. adopting the Five-Year Street Rehabilitation Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 and the Measure FF 5-Year CIP Plan for Fiscal Years 2027-2031 with the added clauses below.

WHEREAS at its June 23, 2026 meeting Council identified the Vision Zero Phased Implementation Plan, Traffic Signal Master Plan, Transportation Fiber Optic Network, and Traffic Signal Modernization Project, and Transportation Nexus Study as unfunded needs requiring further review by the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) and City Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley city Council directs staff to note the Vision Zero Phased Implementation Plan, Traffic Signal Master Plan, Transportation Fiber Optic Network, Traffic Signal Modernization Project, and Transportation Nexus Study are preliminary Measure FF Safety Projects and are subject to subsequent review and approval by the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) and the City Council; and

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Continued Business

- A. Placing an Ordinance Amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance on the November 3, 2026 Ballot** *(Continued from June 30, 2026) (Item Contains Revised Material)*
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation:
1) Adopt a Resolution submitting the Ordinance Amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance to a vote of the people at the November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election.
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: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: 10 speakers. M/S/C (Tregub/Bartlett) to:
1. Adopt Resolution No. 72,378–N.S. as amended in the revised materials submitted by Councilmember Lunaparra in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further amended at the meeting regarding replacement units.
2. Designate Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Lunaparra, and Councilmember Tregub to file ballot measure arguments on behalf of the City Council.
Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

- 11. FY 2026 Third Quarter Investment Report: Ended March 31, 2026**
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 3 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani.

Adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Communications

- Item #10: Five-Year Street Rehabilitation and Measure FF Plans for Fiscal Years 2027-2031**
1. Laura Fujii
2. David Coolidge
3. Josie Gerst

- 4. Carol Hirth
- 5. Chris Baskett
- 6. Hanna Wodaje (4)

The House of Uncommon Grounds

- 7. Benjamin Raya

Renovations of Old City Hall

- 8. Eric Hyman

2920 Shattuck Avenue

- 9. Bonnie Mattison

Harrison Street

- 10. Alana Herron
- 11. Jahlee Arakaki
- 12. Lauren Parsons (2)

Father's Day

- 13. Eid's TV and Electronics

1130 Oxford Street

- 14. Sarah Pfeil
- 15. Richard Harris
- 16. Neal Sauer

North Waterfront Park

- 17. Jeff Malmuth
- 18. Jane Ann Fontenot and Bud Hensley

Zoning/Upzoning

- 19. Mariela Moreno
- 20. Maya Philipson (2)
- 21. Claire Mecredy (2)

World Cup Event

- 22. Andrea Gray

Advocating for Berkeley Residents

- 23. Friends of Adeline

Social Media Conduct

- 24. Vanessa Cordova (3)
- 25. Brent Blackaby

Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness

26. David Peattie

Attorney General Letter

27. M. Eid Abdalla

Public Safety Concern

28. Oscar Fernandez

Forwards

29. Eid Abdallah (6)

30. Russbumper

E-Scooters

31. Robert Borghese (3)

32. Carson Lepre (2)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #1: FY 2027 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

33. Revised agenda material submitted by the City Manager's Office

Item #9: Waterfront Specific Plan Environmental Review Authorization and Near-Term Priority Adjustments

34. Allison Granzella

Item #10: Five-Year Street Rehabilitation and Measure FF Plans for Fiscal Years 2027-2031

35. Daniel Cheng and John-Michael Wong

36. Patty Callahan

37. Anna McGaraghan

38. Andrea Traber

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #5: 2025 Annual Police Equipment Report

39. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Police Accountability Board

Item #8: Large Vehicle Parking Regulations in the Public Right-of-Way (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)

40. Edward Dean

41. Jason N. Lawrence

42. Judy Dater

Item #9: Waterfront Specific Plan Environmental Review Authorization and Near-Term Priority Adjustments

43. Jim McGrath

Item #10: Five-Year Street Rehabilitation and Measure FF Plans for Fiscal Years 2027-2031

44. Cliff Brooks

45. Sandy Steinman

46. Celia Ronis
47. Steven Wang
48. Cindi Goldberg (2)
49. Howard Goldberg
50. Karen Dabrusin
51. Jean Younis
52. Deborah Merola and Bev Hoffman
53. Ben Highton
54. James Storey
55. Richard Neese
56. David Rice
57. Ronna Benjamin
58. Rachel Metz (2)
59. John M. Rea
60. Charles Siegal on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
61. Ed Albanese
62. Kay Englund
63. Patrick Sheahan
64. Aliza Cramer Elias
65. Eva Herzer
66. Matthew Lewis
67. Tatiana Olenina
68. Tony Benado
69. David M. White
70. Jenn Bejaka

Item #A: Placing an Ordinance Amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance on the November 3, 2026 Ballot (*Continued from June 30, 2026*) (*Item Contains Revised Material*)

71. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra
72. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Mark Humbert and Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Ceremonial Matters: Adjourn in Memory of Carl Anthony, Architect, Educator, and Community Leader

73. Presentation submitted by Ryan Lau, AC Transit

Item #7: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Compendium 2026: Agreements with Other Law Enforcement Agencies and Private Organizations

74. Grant Thompson

Item #8: Large Vehicle Parking Regulations in the Public Right-of-Way (*Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*)

75. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Taplin
76. Sally Davey
77. Beth Roessner
78. Jack von Euw

79. Robb M. Walker

Item #10: Five-Year Street Rehabilitation and Measure FF Plans for Fiscal Years 2027-2031

80. Patricia Wilson

81. Tony Bendao (2)

82. Cathy Coggins

83. Wahid Amiri

Item #A: Placing an Ordinance Amending the Rent Stabilization Ordinance on the November 3, 2026 Ballot (*Continued from June 30, 2026*) (*Item Contains Revised Material*)

84. Presentation submitted by the Public Works Department

85. Sophia DeWitt on behalf of East Bay Housing Organizations

86. Kiran Shenoy

87. Angela Cavanaugh

88. Mary Canavan

89. Isaac Kianovsky on behalf of Northern California Land Trust

90. Courtney Pal on behalf of Resources for Community Development