ANNOTATED AGENDA
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 17, 2026
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: 7:01 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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 Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani on the occasion of her last in-person meeting as a member of the City Council.
2. Recognition of Philip Harper-Cotton for his work with youth and families through the Parks and Recreation Department, and honoring the renaming of the new gymnasium at the Youth Services Center in his honor.

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager noted that Item 16 from the Planning Department is removed from the agenda and will return at a later date.

City Auditor Comments:

The City Auditor recognized Councilmember Kesarwani and also noted the progress on the Audit Updates on the Information Calendar.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 8 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

Report from Closed Session:

The Council met in closed session on November 9, 2026, and authorized the City Attorney to avoid potential litigation with Disney by waiving any claims to back Video Service Tax taxes in exchange for Disney and its subsidiaries' agreement to begin collecting the tax from its subscribers on December 1, 2026.

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

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

1. **Ordinance Vacating and Authorizing Transfer of Property Adjacent to the North Berkeley BART TOD Site**
   From: City Manager
   Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,036-N.S. (a) declaring four small pieces of land described in Exhibit A and shown in Exhibit B to the report, adjacent to the North Berkeley BART Transit Oriented Development (TOD), to be exempt surplus land; (b) summarily vacating two of the areas that are presently public right of way; and (c) approving the transfer of all four areas to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART).
   First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
   Financial Implications: See report
   Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300, Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
   Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,036–N.S.

2. **Companion Report: Proper Space Allocation for Standardizing Compliance with Source Separated Refuse Collection Procedures**
   From: City Manager
   Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,037-N.S. amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 12.32 - Storage, Collection and Disposal of Waste.
   First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
   Financial Implications: See report
   Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
   Action: Adopted a new first reading of Ordinance No. 8,037–N.S. with the ordinance text in the revised material in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Public Works Department. Second reading scheduled for December 1, 2026.

Consent Calendar

3. Amendment to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.18 to Explicitly Require Competitive Procurement for Services to Promote Accountability and Transparency and Refer Development of Regulations to City Manager
From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 8,038-N.S. amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 7.18, Expenditure Limitations, to require procurement through competitive solicitation for all city contracts for professional services and other services greater than $100,000.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 8,038–N.S.

4. Minutes for Approval
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of September 1, 2026 (closed), September 14, 2026 (closed), September 15, 2026 (regular), September 29, 2026 (special and regular), October 5, 2026 (closed), October 13 2026 (regular), October 19, 2026 (closed), and October 27, 2026 (regular).
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

5. Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID) Petition and Ballot on Behalf of the City of Berkeley
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Authorizing the City Manager to approve and sign the “Preliminary Petition to Re-establish the Telegraph Property-Based Business Improvement District (BID)” on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Telegraph BID area; and 2. In the event the petition is successful in generating a ballot process to re-establish a Telegraph BID, authorizing the City Manager to vote YES on any ballots on behalf of City-owned properties in the proposed Telegraph BID area.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,503–N.S.

Consent Calendar

6. Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2027 Donations from Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting donations for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program in a projected amount of $185,000 from the Meals on Wheels of Alameda County (MOWAC) agency, for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY2027).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,504–N.S.

7. Contracts for Behavioral Health Early Intervention Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt five Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) funded contracts and any amendments, with the following vendors outlined below, for behavioral health early intervention services in an amount not to exceed $1,500,000 ($300,000 per each contract) for the term of December 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029:
1. Village of Love Foundation: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for African Americans;
2. East Bay Sanctuary Covenant: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Latinos/Latinas/Latine;
3. Center for Independent Living: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Older Adults;
4. Pacific Center for Human Growth: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Agender, Plus (LGBTQIA+) population; and
5. Youth Spirit Artworks: For $100,000 a year for three years, for an amount not to exceed $300,000, for behavioral health early intervention services for Transition Age Youth.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,505–N.S. (Village of Love Foundation), Resolution No. 72,506–N.S. (East Bay Sanctuary Covenant), Resolution No. 72,507–N.S. (Center for Independent Living), Resolution No. 72,508–N.S. (Pacific Center for Human Growth), and Resolution No. 72,509–N.S. (Youth Spirit Artworks).

Consent Calendar

8. Revenue Contract: 2027 Community Services Block Grant
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to: 1. Accept the 2027 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) contract to provide services for low-income people from January 1, 2027, to April 30, 2028; and, 2. Execute any resultant agreements and amendments including amendments that may decrease or increase the contract amount, add discretionary funding, change the contract term, or update contract terms.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,510–N.S.

9. Contract No. 32300198 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Transportation Services for Berkeley Mental Health Clients
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300198 with GoGo Technologies, Inc. for a 24/7 concierge call center to arrange rides with Uber and Lyft for the City's Mental Health clients. This amendment will add $50,000 in funding for a total contract amount not to exceed $100,000 and extending the term through June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,511–N.S.

10. Replacing the Project Co-Sponsor for the No Place Like Home Program – Supportive Housing in People's Park from Resources for Community Development to Satellite Affordable Housing Associates
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution that: 1. Approves replacing the project Co-Sponsor for the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program – Supportive Housing in People's Park (SHIPP) from Resources for Community Development (RCD) to Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) or their affiliate. 2. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate a side agreement with SAHA regarding mutual responsibilities. 3. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute in the name of Sponsor the NPLH Program Application Package and the NPLH Program Documents as required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for participation in the NPLH program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,512–N.S.

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11. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on November 17, 2026
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: Various Funds - $35,259,550
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.

12. Contract Amendment: Contract No. 32000146 Vestis Services, LLC (formerly Aramark Uniform Services) for Uniforms and Laundering
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32000146 with Vestis Services, LLC (formerly Aramark Uniform Services) to continue to meet the uniform-related needs of City departments through March 2028, increasing the contract amount by $600,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of $2,117,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,513–N.S.

13. Contracts for Recruitment Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with WBCP Inc., Berkeley Search Consultants, Bob Murray & Associates, and Mosaic Public Partners to establish an on-call bench of executive recruitment firms for the period of January 1, 2027, through June 30, 2030. Each contract may have an individual not-to-exceed amount of $250,000; however, cumulative expenditures across all four contracts shall not exceed $250,000 during the contract term, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,514–N.S. (WBCP Inc.), Resolution No. 72,530–N.S. (Berkeley Search Consultants), Resolution No. 72,531–N.S. (Bob Murray & Associates), and Resolution No. 72,532–N.S. (Mosaic Public Partners).

14. Donation from the Rainin Foundation to the Youthworks Program for the Adeline Area Streetscape and Landscape Project Public Process
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a donation of $20,000 from the Rainin Foundation to the Youthworks Program for the Adeline Area Streetscape and Landscape Project Public Process.
Financial Implications: $20,000 (revenue)
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,515–N.S.

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15. Grant Application: Statewide Parks Program (SPP) Cycle 5 – West Berkeley Brownfield to Neighborhood Park Project
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to: submit a grant application in an amount of up to $8 million to the Statewide Parks Program (SPP) Cycle 5 grant program for the West Berkeley Brownfield to Neighborhood Park Project; accept any grants; execute any resulting grant agreements and any amendments; and that Council authorize the implementation of the project and appropriation of funding for related expenses, subject to securing the grant.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,516–N.S.

16. Environmental Review Procedures
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution adopting the Land Use Planning Division's Environmental Review Procedures.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Item 16 removed from the agenda by the City Manager.

17. Grant Application: Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant for the University Avenue Multimodal Corridor Study
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the City's application submitted by the October 9, 2026 deadline for up to $700,000 under the Fiscal Year 2027–28 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants, Sustainable Communities Competitive category, for the University Avenue Transit Priority and Multimodal Corridor Study; authorizing the City Manager or designee to commit $150,000 in City funding to meet the required local match of a minimum of 11.7% of the total project cost; and, if awarded, accept the grant and execute the grant agreement and related amendments, subject to the approved project budget and applicable City requirements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,517–N.S.

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18. Contract No. 32300214 Amendment: Belfor USA Group for On-Call Emergency Restoration, Mitigation and Remediation Services
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Belfor USA Group for on-call emergency restoration, mitigation and remediation services related to fire and water damage at the Berkeley Animal Care Services facility and fire damage at the Public Safety Building; authorizing future restoration, mitigation and remediation services to be funded by departmental budgets or other sources such as the Catastrophic Reserve Fund as needs arise and resources allow; and increasing the contract amount by $1,500,000 for a new not-to-exceed amount of $2,050,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,518–N.S.

19. Final Map of Tract 8713: 1750 Sacramento Street
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the final map of Tract Map 8713 for a parcel merger, re-subdivision and land dedication at the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) North Berkeley station located at 1750 Sacramento Street.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,519–N.S.

20. Renewal of the Elmwood BID for Calendar Year 2027
From: Elmwood Advisory Board
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Elmwood Business Improvement District Advisory Board's (hereafter "Elmwood BID Advisory Board" or "the Advisory Board") recommendation that Council 1) approve the 2026 Annual Report and preliminary budget for proposed improvements in the District for calendar year 2027; 2) declare its intent to levy an assessment to finance improvements in the District for calendar year 2027 and 3) direct the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing on the renewal of the Elmwood BID for December 1, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Vincent McCoy, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,520–N.S.

21. Officially Naming the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets as Delores Cooper Plaza
From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution officially naming the public plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets as Delores Cooper Plaza.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,521–N.S.

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22. Officially Naming the Gymnasium at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton
From: Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution officially naming the gymnasium at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center (MLK Center) in honor of Philip Harper-Cotton.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,522–N.S.

23. Renewal of the Solano Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2027
From: Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District Advisory Board's (hereafter "Solano BID Advisory Board" or "the Advisory Board") recommendation that Council: 1) approve the 2026 Annual Report and preliminary budget for the District for calendar year 2027; 2) declare its intent to levy an assessment for calendar year 2027; and 3) direct the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing on the renewal of the assessment for December 1, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Vincent McCoy, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,523–N.S.

24. Allocation of $2,294,774 Million Over 2 Years, FY2028 and FY2029, to Reduce Consumption and Health Impacts of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs)
From: Sugar Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution allocating $2,294,774 from the General Fund in Fiscal Year 2028 (July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028) and Fiscal Year 2029 (July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2029) that shall be invested in a grant program administered and coordinated by the Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services' (HHCS) Public Health Division (HHCS/PHD) consistent with the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts (SSBPPE) Commission's goals to reduce the consumption of sugar sweetened beverages (SSB) in Berkeley and to address the health effects of SSB consumption. The total of $2,294,774 will be distributed in two installments of $1,147,387 for FY2028 and $1,147,387 for FY2029. In each of these years, the funds will be distributed as follows:
a. Direct the City Manager to award up to 42.5% of the allocated funds to Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) through a grant proposal to reduce the consumption of SSBs through the implementation and enhancement of the BUSD cooking and gardening programs. The BUSD funding process is separate from the RFP process for community-based organizations and shall be guided by the SSBPPE Commission's Criteria for the BUSD Funding Proposal.
b. Direct the City Manager to award at least 42.5% of the allocated funds through an RFP process managed by HHCS/PHD for grants to community- based organizations consistent with the SSBPPE Commission's goals to reduce the consumption of SSBs and to address the effects of SSB consumption. The RFP process for community-based organizations is separate from the BUSD funding process and shall be guided by the SSBPPE Commission's Selection Criteria for Community Agency Grants.
c. Direct the City Manager to allocate up to 15% of the funds to support HHCS/PHD and Finance Department to coordinate and monitor the SSB grant process, develop and maintain a website for SSB grantees, and the public and employees involved in the city's SSB procurement policy, collect organize and synthesize performance measures or evaluation as appropriate, provide technical assistance and learning opportunities for grantees, and report annually to the SSBPPE Commission and the public highlights from the SSB-funded programs.
d. Allocate the carryover of any SSB tax revenue received in excess of $2,294,774 during FY2028 and FY2029 to be awarded for related services in FY2029-FY2031.
e. If the voters approve Ballot Initiative AA in November 2026, increasing Berkeley's SSB sugar sweetened beverage excise tax revenue to 2 cents per ounce, the Commission recommends that the City Council authorize a second allocation of funds for FY2029, commensurate with additional distributor tax revenue collected. These additional revenues generated as a result of Measure AA will supplement the FY 2028 and FY 2029 two-year allocations.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 72,524–N.S.

Council Consent Items

25. Annual Berkeley Holiday Fund: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Fund
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500 per Councilmember including $500 from Mayor Ishii, $500 from Councilmember Blackaby and $500 from Councilmember Humbert to the Berkeley Holiday Fund with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council Office Budgets of Mayor Ishii and any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Councilmember O'Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 72,525–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Bartlett - $250; Councilmember Blackaby $500; Councilmember O'Keefe - $500; Councilmember Lunaparra - $500; Councilmember Tregub - $150; Councilmember Taplin - $250; Councilmember Kesarwani - $250.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

26. Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report, Project Approval and Use Permit
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon its conclusion:
1. Adopt a Resolution certifying the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2025040995) and adopt related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings, a statement of overriding considerations, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program, and
2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project and affirming, as modified to incorporate the CEQA findings and mitigation measures, the decision of the Zoning Adjustments Board to approve Use Permit #ZP2026-0014 to establish transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier, with certain clarifying modifications.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 61 speakers.
M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 72,526–N.S. certifying the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2025040995) and adopt related California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) findings, a statement of overriding considerations, mitigation measures, and a mitigation monitoring and reporting program including a revision in Section 5.1.4. of Exhibit B from Supplemental Communications Packet #1.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 72,527–N.S. approving the Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project and affirming, as modified to incorporate the CEQA findings and mitigation measures, the decision of the Zoning Adjustments Board to approve Use Permit #ZP2026-0014 to establish transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier, with certain clarifying modifications.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

27. Ashby BART West Lot Transit Oriented Development Objective Design Standards
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution approving the Ashby West Lot Transit Oriented Development Objective Design Standards.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 19 speakers.
M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 72,528–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from the Planning Department.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

28. Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code - Annual Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Parking Enforcement Officer Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, adopt a Resolution accepting the Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Tregub) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – O'Keefe.

Action: 8 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 72,529–N.S. accepting the Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers.
Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

29. 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.

30. City Contracts Audit Status Report
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Received and filed.

31. Expiration of Temporary Cannabis Business Tax Exemption
From: City Manager
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Received and filed.

32. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2845 Woolsey Street (Norton Family House) / #LMSAP2026-0003
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.

33. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: Daley's Scenic Park Tract / #LMSAP2026-0006
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.

34. Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: Rose Walk / #LMSAP2026-0005
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.

35. Audit Status Reports: Fleet Replacement Fund Short Millions
From: City Manager
Contact: Jamie Parks, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Received and filed.

36. Housing Advisory Commission Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Work Plan
From: Housing Advisory Commission
Contact: Snow Zhu, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5100
Action: Received and filed.

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

Adjournment

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

Adjourned at 12:19 a.m.

Communications

Item #26: Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report, Project Approval and Use Permit

1. Ian Taylor
2. Rayhannah Dar
3. Jennifer and Brian Mendenhall
4. Dave Severy on behalf of Transform
5. Oleksii
6. Anthony Felli on behalf of Skates on the Bay
7. Benjamin Richey
8. Jack Hlavac on behalf of The DoubleTree Berkeley Marina Hotel
9. Elliot Abrams
10. Jennifer Cogley on behalf of Bayer Healthcare
11. Adrienne Dreyfus
12. Anthony Saxe
13. Peter Scheer
14. Matt Guevara
15. Patrick Oh
16. David Hochschild
17. Rigel Robinson
18. Erika McCulloch on behalf of Gray-Bowen-Scott
19. Nick Menchel on behalf of Berkeley Commons
20. Thomas Minturn
21. Laura Tam
22. Leah Isaacson
23. Cynthia Li
24. Lindsay Nevard (2)
25. Ric O'Connell
26. Susie Medak
27. Gail Tennant
28. James McGrath
29. Joseph Myles Duran
30. Dave Brown on behalf of Nikki Fortunato Bas
31. Chris Watters
32. Stephen Baiter on behalf of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance

33. Lauren Gularte
34. Terence Candell on behalf of UC Berkeley, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Council, Bay Planning Coalition, Visit Berkeley, Ciel, Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, Seamless Bay Area, Walk Bike Berkeley & Bike East Bay, Working Waterfront Coalition
35. Robert B. Butchart on behalf of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services
36. Cece Littlepage
37. Heidi Lypps
38. Allison Granzella
39. Salvatore Harkins on behalf of State Senator Jesse Arreguin
40. 54 Similarly worded form letters

Labeling for Animal Products
41. Peter Sherman (2)

Elections
42. Flip Side (2)
43. Flip the BCC (3)
44. Stephen Alpert

PAB Regular Meeting
45. Moni T. Law

Business in Berkeley
46. Thomas Goetzl

Siren Concern
47. Dirk Neyhart

Food Drive
48. Desire Finnie

Flock Concerns
49. Rose Ver
50. Summer Brenner
51. Jan Murota (2)
52. Izumi van Cleave
53. Rachel Carbonell
54. Eileen Starr Moderbacher
55. Janice Schroeder
56. 12 Similarly worded form letters

Parking Citation Request
57. Natalie Fuller

Tents

58. Cecelia Mautner
59. Lauren Parsons

RHSP Billing Concern
60. Ashok Sabhlok (2)

Automasik Sprinkler Concern
61. Ghawar Camij Toschian

Rental Unit Repair Request
62. Bryan Ferreira

Parcel Tax Concern
63. Laura Menard (2)
64. City of Berkeley Finance Department

City Auditor Concern
65. Shaun O'Sullivan

Zoning/Upzoning
66. Teresa Renaker (2)
67. 4 Similarly worded form letters

Insight Housing
68. Tiara Jones

Extra Mile Day
69. Christine Ott

Measure W
70. Dorothea Dorenz

Housing Policy Proposal
71. Nadelynq

Road Obstruction Concern
72. Peter Radu

2128 Oxford St. and Records
73. Steven Schuyler (2)

BHS Concerns
74. Dorothea Dorenz
75. Darca Morgan
76. Meredith Janson and Gunter Waibel
77. Alok Singhal

78. Lina Haldar
79. Rachel Gorham

Sidewalk ADA Concerns
80. Steve Tornallyay (2)
81. Peter Radu

Street Repairs
82. Ricardo Rodriguez

Sewer Concerns
83. Tim Donnelly

Muertos @ Sylvia Mendez
84. Adriana Betti

Housing Shortage Concerns
85. Fred Dodsworth

1130 Oxford St.
86. Derek Abbassi

Wildlife Conservation Board
87. Drew Mahony
88. Cheryl Perkins

1000 Oaks Blvd.
89. Harry Delmer

New Policy Concerns
90. Alex Merenkov

Holiday Lights
91. Anna Giske

Alcohol Consumption Concern
92. Linda Franklin

Measure Z
93. Affordable Berkeley

A Downtown Walk
94. Diana Rossi
95. Michael Wallman

Citation Concern

96. Richard Campbell

Request for Cleanliness
97. Chetna Karkera

Constituents Concerns
98. Elizabeth Monique Comacchio
99. Lauren Purcell
100. Mike Vandeman

United Against Hate Week
101. Itamar Landau
102. Desmid Lyon
103. Naomi Katz
104. Dorothea Dorenz

AC Transit
105. Hana Tylova-Stein
106. Joshua Stein

Marina Paths
107. Dave Mendel (3)

Caregiver Permit
108. Willian Glasser

In Memoriam
109. Gerald Baptiste Jr. (2)

PAB Resolution
110. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

Great American Beer Festival
111. Barry Braden

City Tree Concern
112. Tawab Malekzad

Intern Inquiry
113. Ananyan Jain

Interview Inquiry
114. Andrew Alvarado

E-Scooters
115. Berkeleyans for Accessible Rights of Way

116. Robert Borghese (4)
117. Carson Lepre (2)
118. Devin Dollinger
119. Deven Mitchell (2)

URLs
120. Russbumper (10)
121. Crustyrusty
122. Linda Franklin
123. Fred Dodsworth
124. Tim O'Brien

Forwards
125. Russbumper
126. Eid Abdallah (15)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #2: Companion Report: Proper Space Allocation for Standardizing Compliance with Source Separated Refuse Collection Procedures
127. Revised agenda material submitted by the Public Works Department

Item #5: Authorizing the City Manager to Sign the Telegraph Business Improvement District (TBID) Petition and Ballot on Behalf of the City of Berkeley
128. Gregory Kalkanis

Item #21: Officially Naming the Public Plaza at Adeline and Fairview Streets as Delores Cooper Plaza
129. Kieron Slaughter

Item #26: Berkeley Water Transportation Pier-Ferry Project Environmental Impact Report, Project Approval and Use Permit
130. Revised agenda material submitted by the Parks, Recreation & Waterfront Department
131. Claudia Kawcyznska
132. Karen Davis
133. Fred Krieger
134. Robert Ofsevit
135. Laura Raboff
136. Allison Granzella
137. Gail Greenwood
138. David Grunwald and Priscila Loghry
139. Justin Baldwin
140. Julie Allen (2)
141. Tom Colton
142. Kate Harrison
143. Jim McGrath
144. Milton McClaskey
145. Beth Roessner on behalf of the Berkeley Startup Cluster Steering Committee

146. Terence Candell on bhelaf of High Ambition Climate Collective, IMRSV Sound, and Waterside Workshops
147. Glen Hauer
148. Brian Katz
149. Robert Dering
150. Zach Gima
151. Robert W. Feucht (2)
152. Aye Moah
153. Jason Flanders
154. David Sheh
155. Beth Roessner on behalf of Berkeley Chamber Commerce
156. Holly Scheider
157. Moira Kenney
158. Mark Yampanis
159. Rachel Bradley
160. Janice Schroeder
161. Todd Stellanova
162. Ariana Bribiesca
163. Derek Suring
164. Sloane Morgan
165. Jeff Hoffman
166. Anna Fedman
167. Clifford Fred
168. Timothy Li and Ann Li
169. Terence Candell on behalf of SPUR
170. Erin Diehm
171. Eleanor Ruckman
172. 72 Similarly worded form letters

Item #27: Ashby BART West Lot Transit Oriented Development Objective Design Standards

173. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Planning and Development Department
174. Janis Ching

Item #28: Pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code - Annual Surveillance Technology Report for Body Worn Cameras, GPS Trackers, Fixed Surveillance Video Cameras, Parking Enforcement Officer Automated License Plate Readers, the Street Level Imagery Project, Unmanned Aerial Systems, and Fixed Automated License Plate Readers

175. Letter submitted by the Human Welfare Community Action Commission

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Item #9: Contract No. 32300198 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Transportation Services for Berkeley Mental Health Clients

176. Gregory Kalkanis

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177. Hayley Currier
178. Camille Antinori
179. John Arens (2)
180. A. May Kandarian
181. Shantee Baker
182. Sanjay Ranchod
183. Sage Sobel Robinson
184. Coco Kennedy
185. Britt Hodge
186. Echo Lee
187. Paul Kamen (2)
188. Sandi Peters
189. Charley Paffenbarger
190. Holly Scheider
191. Rebecca Weinstein
192. Mary Lee Noonan
193. Brad Smith
194. Felix Gilmartin
195. Mary
196. Arlene Owseichik
197. Jason Flanders
198. Steve Tracy
199. Clifford Fred
200. Darca Morgan
201. Michael Hummell
202. Daniel Borgstrom
203. Affordable Berkeley
204. Jenny Cole
205. Patricia Erwin and Janie Hillyer
206. Erin Diehm (2)
207. Moni T. Law
208. Katherine Calvert
209. Tom Edwards
210. Aspen Baker
211. Ingrid Good
212. Adria-Ann McMurray
213. Terence Candell (2)
214. Joe Zitomer
215. C. River Black
216. Keith Johnson
217. Cece Littlepage
218. Dane Miller
219. Carla Woodworth
220. Summer Brenner

221. Kelly Hammargen
222. Camille Antinori on behalf of Berkeley Waterfront Community Coalition
223. Virginia Browning
224. Darlene Pratt
225. Emilie Strauss
226. Gina Rieger
227. Meera Chaturvedi
228. Sarah Aminoff
229. 12 similarly worded form letters “I urge you to certify…”
230. 34 Similarly worded form letters “Please require a serious…”

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231. Mickey Butts
232. Berkeley Neighborhoods Council
233. Shannon Dodge
234. Eunice Lee
235. Ronnie M. Turner on behalf of Adeline Alliance Partners/Resources for Community Development

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236. Bernard Marszalek
237. Kate Rassbach
238. Sally Nelson
239. Peter Deibler
240. 23 similarly worded form letters

Item #30: City Contracts Audit Status Report

241. Dorothea Dorenz

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242. Presentation submitted by the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department
243. Helen M. Marcus
244. Joel Libove
245. Nancy Bartell
246. Virginia Browning
247. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
248. Forrest Brown
249. Bonnie Mattison
250. Gael Alcock
251. Sally Tobin

252. Paul Kamen
253. Erin Diehm
254. Cindy Russell
255. Shantee Baker
256. Stacey Singleton
257. Isabelle Hodge
258. John Callaway
259. Janice Schroeder
260. Mike Kohn
261. Karen Rothblatt
262. Geoffrey Lomax
263. Ryan Lau on behalf of AC Transit
264. Maximillian McKnight
265. JX Bell
266. Allison Walton
267. Travis C. Brooks
268. Ryan Gregory
269. Kristin Ng
270. Phillip Palmore
271. Scott Wolland
272. Kira Halpern
273. Cyane Anaya
274. Gabriela Rodriguez
275. Kim Tobanche
276. Ru Banerjee
277. Sarah Reed
278. Vivek Shah
279. 12 Similarly worded form letters
280. Berkeley Waterfront Community Coalition

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282. Office of the Director of Police Accountability on behalf of the Police Accountability Board
283. Grantsthompson
284. Juli Dickey