



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
June 24, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Subject: Minutes for Approval

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of May 5, 2025 (special), May 6, 2025 (special and regular), May 13, 2025 (special), May 20, 2025 (special and regular), May 21, 2025 (special), and May 27, 2025 (special closed).

CONTACT PERSON

Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Attachments:

1. May 5, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. May 6, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
3. May 6, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
4. May 13, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
5. May 20, 2025 – Special Council City Meeting
6. May 20, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
7. May 21, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
8. May 27, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

4:30 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1250 S HAYES ST, ARLINGTON, VA 22202

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:36 p.m.

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

Absent: Tregub

Councilmember Bartlett participated in the meeting remotely pursuant to the “just cause” exemption in the Brown Act.

Councilmember Tregub present at 4:42 p.m.

Public Comment – 0 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b):

Title of position to be filled: Director of Human Resources

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and (d)(1):

a. *Prado, et al. v. City of Berkeley, USDC Case No. 3:23-cv-04537-EMD, in the US District Court for the Northern District of California.*

Action: No reportable action taken.

b. *Berkeley Homeless Union, et al. v. City of Berkeley, et al., USDC Case No. 4:25-cv-01414-HSG, in the US District Court for the Northern District of California.*

Action: No reportable action taken.

c. *Dennison, et al. v. City of Berkeley, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV091288.*

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9

a. *City and County of San Francisco, et al., v. Donald J. Trump, et al., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 25-cv-01350*

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Lunaparra) to direct the City Attorney to initiate an action.

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

OPEN SESSION:

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Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on May 5, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
4:30 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 32581 VIA LOS SANTOS, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO,
CA 92675

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:37 p.m.

Present: Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Ishii

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Humbert

Councilmember Taplin present at 5:09 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 5:12 p.m.

Worksession

1. **Presentation and Discussion: Brown Act Training**

From: City Attorney's Office

Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

Action: 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Blackaby) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Presentation and Discussion: Brown Act Training

1. Presentation, submitted by City Attorney's Office

MINUTES
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:09 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Report from Closed Session:

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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 Chochochenyo (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. Words of Remembrance for David “Chicken” Nesmith

City Manager Comments:

Item 1 CALFIRE Map and Item 9 Fire Code Amendments, will not be heard on this agenda and are rescheduled to the June 17, 2025 meeting.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 7 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 1 speaker.

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Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 2 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,958-N.S. to designate Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ) within the Local Responsibility Area as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Second reading of Ordinance No. 7,958–N.S. is rescheduled to June 17, 2025 at the request of the City Manager.
- 2. Re-Establishment of the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District**
From: City Manager
Recommendation:
 1. Adopt a Resolution declaring the City Council’s intention to renew the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District (BTBID) for ten (10) years starting July 1, 2025, and directing the City Clerk to schedule a public meeting on June 3, 2025 and a public hearing on June 24, 2025 to renew the BTBID.
 2. Adopt a Resolution declaring the City Council’s intention to modify the existing BTBID to end on June 30, 2025, shortening the existing BTBID’s term from ten (10) years to eight (8) years and directing the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing on June 24, 2025 on modification of the BTBID Management District Plan (Plan).
 3. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Visit Berkeley, the BTBID’s Owners’ Association and the City of Berkeley’s Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, for an amount not to exceed total Tourism BID collections for the term of the renewed BTBID, beginning on July 1, 2025 and concluding on June 30, 2035.**Financial Implications:** See report.
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,749–N.S. (BTBID Renewal); Resolution No. 71,750–N.S. (BTBID Modification); and Resolution No. 71,751–N.S. (Contract).
- 3. Contract: Diablo Fire Safe Council for Home Hardening Donations**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with the Diablo Fire Safe Council (DFSC) to serve as the fiscal sponsor for donations that support home hardening work in Berkeley, particularly in its Fire Hazard Severity Zones, for a term of five years.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,752–N.S.

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- 4. Contract No. 32400192 Amendment: GovernmentJobs.com (dba NEOGOV) for Online Data Management Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32400192 with GovernmentJobs.com (dba NEOGOV) for online data management services including applicant tracking, onboarding, learning management, and performance management to extend the contract from May 16, 2025 to May 15, 2028 and increase the contract cap to \$108,884 to cover the cost of three fiscal years.
Financial Implications: General Fund and Training Fund - \$108,884.79
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,753–N.S.
- 5. Reject All Bids and Re-Scope and Re-Bid the Work Associated with South Cove West Lot Repaving Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for South Cove West Lot Repaving Project, Specification No. 25-11687-C; 2. Rejecting all bids for the work associated with the South Cove West Lot Repaving Project (Bid Specification No. 25-11687-C); and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to direct staff to re-scope and re-bid the work associated with the South Cove West Lot Repaving Project.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,754–N.S.
- 6. Contract No. 32200042 Amendment: WCG, Inc. for Updates to the BESO Program's Salesforce Software System**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32200042 with WCG, Inc., to update the Building Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO) program's Salesforce software system, to implement amendments to BESO, for an additional amount of \$100,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$124,750, and extending the term through December 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,755–N.S.

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7. **Contract No. 117441-1 Amendment: Chrisp Company for Painting Red Curbs to Enhance Compliance with California's Daylighting Law (Assembly Bill 413)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 117441-1 with Chrisp Company to paint red curbs at the approach to approximately 918 intersections to improve safety in compliance with California's Daylighting Law (Assembly Bill 413, or AB 413). This contract amendment would increase the contract amount by \$375,574, for a new contract amount not to exceed of \$1,625,575.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,756–N.S.
- 8a. **Notice, tracking and enforcement of California SB 1343 sexual harassment prevention training for Berkeley private, public and non-profit employers and employees**
From: Commission on the Status of Women
Recommendation: That Council refer to the City Manager to develop a procedure for all employers and employees doing business in Berkeley, whether public, private or nonprofit, to take the sexual harassment prevention online training as posted on the California Civil Rights Department website, conducted by a qualified trainer, as required by California SB 1343, on City premises and to provide certification of completion of training to be filed with the City.
That all employers doing business in Berkeley with 5 or more employees be provided with notice of the SB 1343 requirement to take sexual harassment prevention training every 2 years; the availability of free online training on the California Civil Rights Department website (formerly known as the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing) and the availability of the City of Berkeley online trainings if the employee is otherwise unable to access the online trainings.
That the City of Berkeley notice also advise each employer of the SB 1343 requirement to post a poster, in a prominent and accessible location, on discrimination in employment which includes the illegality of sexual harassment. That the notice advise employers that they can secure posters through the California Civil Rights Department or through the City of Berkeley.
That the City of Berkeley notice advise each employer that SB 1343 also requires that a poster on transgender rights, available through the California Civil Rights Department, also be posted in a prominent and accessible location in the workplace.
That the City of Berkeley secure sufficient copies of the California Civil Rights Department posters on sexual harassment and transgender rights and make them available upon request to employers requesting them.
That the City of Berkeley notice advise employers that the City of Berkeley requires them to produce documentation to the City of having otherwise taken and provided the training to employees by submitting written certification that they have taken the training as well as providing written certification from each employee who has taken the training as required by SB 1343.
That written certification provided by employers and employees who have otherwise

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taken the training must include the date the employer and employee took the training as required by SB 1343; the location where the training was otherwise taken; the mode of the training (live or video); and the name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the qualified trainer, under SB 1343, who provided the training. Each certification must be signed.

That the City of Berkeley maintain an online database of employer and employee compliance with SB 1343 with all the data as stated above recorded on the data base.

That the City of Berkeley send out notices to employers and employees if they are out of compliance with the SB 1343 requirement of taking initial sexual harassment trainings or periodic trainings after they have completed the initial training.

That the SB 1343 online training, provided by the City of Berkeley, be available in all the languages that the California Civil Rights Department free online training provides, that being Chinese, English, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

That the City Manager refer to the City Attorney to develop a procedure as to how employer non-compliance should be addressed.

That the City Manager report back to Council with a progress report of the implementation of this notice and enforcement procedure, under SB 1343, no later than the first Council meeting to be held in January, 2025 and continue to provide reports to Council until this procedure is fully implemented.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: See action for Item 8b.

8b. Companion Report: Notice, tracking and enforcement of California SB 1343 sexual harassment prevention training for Berkeley private, public and non-profit employers and employees

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Since the City is already implementing and meeting the Commission's recommendations for City employees, and enforcement of this law for non-City businesses for 5 or more employees is covered by the State of California's Civil Rights Department and not within the City's jurisdiction to enforce, no action on the commission's recommendation is recommended.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved recommendation in Item 8b.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

9. Modification and Adoption of Berkeley Fire Code Local Amendments

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,959-N.S. which proposes to amend certain portions of Section 19.48.020 of the Berkeley Municipal Code (“Amendments to the California Fire Code”).

First Reading Vote: All Ayes.

Financial Implications: Staff time

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

Action: Second reading of Ordinance No. 7,959–N.S. is rescheduled to June 17, 2025 at the request of the City Manager.

10. ZAB Appeal: 1048 Keith Avenue, Use Permit ZP2024-0014

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustment Board (ZAB) decision approving a Use Permit to demolish a 2,760 square-foot single-family dwelling, and construct a two-story (25 feet tall), 3,600 square-foot single-family dwelling. The project includes a reduction of the rear building setback from 20 feet to 15 feet, two unenclosed off-street parking spaces within the front setback, the construction of a trellis within the front setback, and the installation of a fence and retaining wall along the lot line.

Financial Implications: None

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 17 speakers.

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

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Recused – O’Keefe (member of ZAB when project was previously heard).

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 71,757–N.S. to adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustment Board (ZAB) decision approving a Use Permit to demolish a 2,760 square-foot single-family dwelling, and construct a two-story (25 feet tall), 3,600 square-foot single-family dwelling. The project includes a reduction of the rear building setback from 20 feet to 15 feet, two unenclosed off-street parking spaces within the front setback, the construction of a trellis within the front setback, and the installation of a fence and retaining wall along the lot line.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes - Blackaby; Abstain - None; Recused – O’Keefe (member of ZAB when project was previously heard).

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 4 speakers.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Kesarwani) to adjourn the meeting.

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

Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #1: Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones

1. Michael

Item #6: Contract No. 32200042 Amendment: WCG, Inc. for Updates to the BESO Program’s Salesforce Software System

2. Isla Peters (9)
3. Isabella Almeida (9)

EMBER

4. Carl & Nancy Mampaey
5. Julia Bazar
6. Stanley Wulf
7. Nenelle Bunnin
8. Linda Press Wulf

Fire Prevention Proposal

9. Marcia Umland and Robert Higginbotham
10. Geoff Reinhard

Alternative Housing Options

11. Carol Franger
12. Fran Haselsteiner
13. Erwan Illian
14. Office of the Mayor
15. Michael Yohay
16. David Lerman
17. D Dorenz

- 18. Brittany Yohay
- 19. Marian Macindoe
- 20. Sheila Press
- 21. Kathy
- 22. Andrew Pomerantz
- 23. Bryan Vale

Ohlone Park Concern

- 24. Holly Scheider
- 25. David Lerman
- 26. Carole Bennett-Simmons
- 27. Jennifer Kamenetz

Friends Annual Meeting

- 28. Cathy Brown

Berkeley Rides for Seniors

- 29. Larisa Cummings
- 30. Mukta Vie
- 31. Lynn Cooper
- 32. Julia Newton
- 33. Connie Arnold
- 34. Michai Freeman

Work Concerns

- 35. A Concerned Employee (2)

EHBO's Affordable Housing

- 36. Sophia DeWitt

Trees

- 37. Maria Tello

Enforcement Officers

- 38. Karen Weil

Homeless Guest

- 39. Travis Melvin

Public Restroom

- 40. Mike Kim

Vendor Process Inquiry

- 41. Aladdin Awad

Police Oversight

42. Nancy Lemon

Cooling Standards

43. Veena Nambiar (2)

Code Enforcement Concern

44. Willie Phillips

Willard Park

45. Pascale Fisher

Parking Concern

46. Shirley Kirsten

47. Sandra Sanchez

UC Berkeley Project

48. Tyler Lafayette

E-Scooters

49. Robert R. Byler

Nevada Cares Campus

50. John Craner

Bayer's 2024 Development Agreement Annual Report

51. Jennifer Cogley

Middle East Conflict

52. Russbumper

53. George Griener

54. Parker Keyes

Forwards

55. Russbumper

Screenshots

56. Josh Atwood (2)

57. Tom Luce

URL's

58. Russbumper (5)

59. Josh Atwood

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62. Richard Segol
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66. Sheldon Greene
67. Rachel Silvers
68. Ronald Krauss
69. Christine Rosen
70. Tasha Isolani (2)
71. Alex and Elena Blanter
72. Margaret Cullen
73. Harris Brody
74. Sharon Pincus
75. Rhonda Gruska
76. Dani Winston
77. Connie Field and Pierre Divenyi
78. Mary Lee Noonan
79. John Dresslar and Erika Wodinsky
80. Jordan Crane
81. Jane Terjung and Dr. William Naylor
82. Leah Hennick
83. Ashley Kozel
84. Anne Torney
85. Lisa Brunet
86. Deidre Duhan (2)
87. John Stenzel
88. Jan Knecht
89. David Johnson
90. Alistair Sinclair and Nataliya Libina
91. Mary-Louise Hansen
92. Kent Oberheu
93. Krista Denton (3)
94. Vojin G. Oklodzija
95. Rachel Penn
96. Michael Travis and Linda Skory
97. Andrea Zirman
98. Jeremy Rosenblatt
99. Matt Jacobs
100. Janice Thomas
101. Andrew Grant
102. Janice Dost
103. Regina DiMaggio (2)

104. Mona Halaby
105. Tom Miller
106. Ronald Guy Corrie
107. Stephen and Susan Shimm (2)
108. Joan Lester
109. Phillip Yocum
110. Tom Francis (2)
111. Steve Tracy
112. Sylvie Sullivan
113. Gina Rieger
114. Norm Vance
115. Adrienne Cademenos
116. David Grewal and Daniela Cammack
117. John Ngai
118. Kim Marienthal
119. Katherine Hansen
120. C. and M. Sequin
121. David Scott
122. Elizabeth Ferguson
123. Ann Hoyer
124. Richard Hackenberg
125. Gail Machlis
126. Lynne Finley & Charles Taberski
127. Lynda Koolish
128. Lauren Parson
129. Rachael Goodhue
130. Laura Graham
131. Bruce Carter
132. Ethan Karp and Sue Lynn Thomas
133. George Perezvelez and Thomas Francis
134. Alex Mas
135. Mark Petrofsky
136. Susan and Paul Teicholz
137. Margaret Roos-Collins
138. June Hunt
139. Sandra Weber
140. Richard Laden
141. Michael Lonergan
142. Scott Murray
143. Pamela Montanaro
144. John Eric Bertko
145. Scott Seebass
146. Patricia Mapps
147. Darcy Hahn
148. Mary Heffron
149. James Beck

150. Barbara Gilbert
151. Mike Obrien
152. Maria Sakovich
153. Cynthia Sue Larson (3)
154. Colin Arnold
155. Jessica Foreman
156. David Pickell and Colleen Lye
157. Les Girouard
158. Rita and Jack Trumbo
159. Dale Rose
160. Tamara Abrams (2)
161. Liwei Yang (2)
162. Arlene Taylor
163. Amrita Singhal and Michael Tubach
164. Gail McGuire
165. Miki Tal
166. Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Andrew Jervis
167. Julie Mazur-Denison
168. Nancy Coan Torres
169. Alina Larson
170. Jennifer Breckler
171. Claire Kahane
172. Cscawthorn
173. Jule Dalstrand
174. Pat Robak (2)
175. Melissa Hafez
176. John Grossberg
177. Nancy and Daniel Manheim
178. Paul Friedman
179. CV Deering
180. Ginger Parnes
181. Dale Friedman
182. Francine Ostrem

Item #6: Contract No. 32200042 Amendment: WCG, Inc. for Updates to the BESO

183. David Lerman (2)

Item #8a: Notice, tracking and enforcement of California SB 1343 sexual harassment prevention training for Berkeley private, public and non-profit employers and employees

184. Okeya Vance-Dozier on behalf of the Commission on the Status of Women

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186. Zohra Kalinkowitz
187. Penny Barron
188. Pat Robak
189. Cindy Larson
190. David A. Sprague (3)
191. Jane Terjung
192. Ajith and Anoma Amerasekera
193. Geoff (3)
194. Richard Hiersch
195. Travis Longcore and John Harte
196. Cody Andresen
197. Laura Haertling
198. Larry Hyman
199. Nenelle Bunnin (2)
200. Nina Caculitan
201. Joan Kresich
202. Janice Thomas (2)
203. Jeffrey Heller
204. Jacquelyn D. Evans
205. Monica, Scott, and Sammy Smith
206. Simone Miller
207. Lisba Fowler
208. Maggie Owsley
209. David Lerman
210. Matthew and OEnone Youngblood
211. Craig Peterson

Item #3: Contract: Diablo Fire Safe Council for Home Hardening Donations

212. Shivaom
213. David Sprague

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214. Carole Marasovic

Item #10: ZAB Appeal: 1048 Keith Avenue, Use Permit ZP2024-0014

215. Peter Weiler and Lisa Rose (2)
216. Dominic & Zoe Glynn
217. Daniel Winokur and Anne Richardson
218. Gautam Jagannath
219. Michael J. Mugglebee
220. Aaron Forrest & Yasmin Vobis
221. Joachim Kainz

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- 222. Margaret Cullen (5)
- 223. Chief David Sprague (4)
- 224. Leslie Winkor (3)
- 225. Deb Morales (2)
- 226. Margaret Conkey
- 227. Mary Louise Zernicke
- 228. Jocelyn Sevilla
- 229. Colin Arnold (2)
- 230. Steve Tracy
- 231. Steve Taylor
- 232. Colleen Lye
- 233. Cindy Larson
- 234. Richard Hirsch
- 235. Nancy Gillette
- 236. Nadine Kreisberger
- 237. Barbara Freeman
- 238. David Forbes
- 239. Geoff
- 240. Leni Siegel
- 241. Evan Meyer

Item #7: Contract No. 117441-1 Amendment: Crisp Company for Painting Red Curbs to Enhance Compliance with California's Daylighting Law (Assembly Bill 413)

- 242. Ben Gerhardstein, on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley

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- 243. Presentation, submitted by Planning and Development Department
- 244. Lee Bridges
- 245. Will Harwood and Fang Xu
- 246. Leslie Winokur
- 247. Alyona Marenchuk
- 248. Gary Feiner
- 249. Matthew Feiner
- 250. Tony Quan and Alice Lee
- 251. Dan Haddick
- 252. Eric Scheie
- 253. Kajsa M. Minor

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

4:00 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704 – REDWOOD ROOM
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:10 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 0 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, Monica Walker, Interim Human Resources Director, Chaka Young, Employee Relations Manager

Employee Organizations: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Fire EMS Professionals Association, Berkeley Police Association; SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-Time Recreation Activity Leaders, SEIU 1021 Maintenance and Clerical, IBEW Local 1245, Public Employee Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8:

Property Address: 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley CA
Agency Negotiators: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront; Christina Erickson, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Negotiating Parties: City of Berkeley and 200 Marina Blvd LLC (Double Tree)
Property Owner: City of Berkeley
Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8:

Property Address: 235 University Avenue, Berkeley CA
Agency Negotiators: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront; Christina Erickson, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Negotiating Parties: City of Berkeley and Yoonaco (Hana Japan)
Property Owner: City of Berkeley
Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

Action: No reportable action taken.

4. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.8:

Property Address: 199 Seawall Avenue, Berkeley CA
Agency Negotiators: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront; Christina Erickson, Parks, Recreation & Waterfront
Negotiating Parties: City of Berkeley and TSA Holdings
Property Owner: City of Berkeley
Under Negotiation: Lease Price and Terms

Action: No reportable action taken.

5. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and (d)(1):

a. *Welch v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV048497

Action: No reportable action taken.

b. *Leon v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV069677

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on May 13, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025
4:30 PM**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027D BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY CA 94710

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:36 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett, Blackaby

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:41 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

1. **Authorizing the Execution, Sale, and Delivery of Lease Revenue Notes for the Fire Administration and Training Project**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale by the Berkeley Joint Powers Financing Authority of federally taxable Lease Revenue Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000 to provide financing for the construction of improvements to property used for fire administration and training, and approving related documents and actions.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,758–N.S. authorizing the issuance and sale by the Berkeley Joint Powers Financing Authority of federally taxable Lease Revenue Notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$11,000,000 to provide financing for the construction of improvements to property used for fire administration and training, and approving related documents and actions.

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

Action Calendar – New Business

2. Issuance of \$35,000,000 General Obligation Bonds for Measure O – Affordable Housing

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance acquisition and improvement of affordable housing and authorizing actions related thereto.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,759–N.S. authorizing the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds to finance acquisition and improvement of affordable housing and authorizing actions related thereto.

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

Adjournment

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

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

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Authorizing the Execution, Sale, and Delivery of Lease Revenue Notes for the Fire Administration and Training Project

1. Presentation, submitted by the Finance Department

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

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 Chochochenyo (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 Jewish American Heritage Month
2. Recognition of Affordable Housing Month
3. Recognition of Asian-American Pacific Islander Heritage Month
4. Adjourned in memory of Christina Murphy, City of Berkeley Employee and former Rent Board Commissioner

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager extended condolences to the family of Christina Murphy and noted her positive impact on the community as a City employee.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 8 speakers.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 20 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Tregub) to add an item to the agenda titled “Excused Absence for Councilmember Ben Bartlett” pursuant to Government Code Section (54954.2(b)(2).

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

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

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

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Excused Absence for Councilmember Ben Bartlett

From: Mayor Ishii (Author)

Recommendation: Excuse Councilmember Ben Bartlett from the May 20, 2025 council meeting as a result of a medical procedure connected to a medical illness/condition.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action: Approved recommendation.

1. Adding an additional qualifying skillset for appointment to Measure FF Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC); Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Section 7.11.040

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,960-N.S. approving an amendment to the Measure FF SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC) Resolution and Ordinance approved for establishment at the March 18, 2025 Council Meeting, to add an additional qualifying skillset for appointment: a background in ADA compliance and the accessible infrastructure challenges that seniors and disabled community members face.

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

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Brent Blackaby, Councilmember, District 6, (510) 981-7160

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,960–N.S.

2. Amendment: FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt the first reading of an Ordinance amending the FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 7,940–N.S. for fiscal year 2025 based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2025 funding and other adjustments in the amount of \$78,091,135 (gross) and \$58,150,646 (net).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,961–N.S. with revisions in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from City Manager’s Office to add \$129,000 in the FEMA Fund (Fund 340) to pay for FEMA construction grant reimbursement requests; and to add \$7,500,000 in the Fire Admin Training Fund (Fund 514) to pay for Headquarters Lease Bond Escrow account; with revised dollar amounts of \$85,720,135 (gross) and \$58,279,646 (net). Second reading scheduled for June 3, 2025.

Consent Calendar

- 3. Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of April 14, 2025 (closed), April 15, 2025 (special and regular), April 22, 2025 (special), April 25, 2025 (special), April 28, 2025 (special) and April 29, 2025 (regular).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.
- 4. Contract Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for Legislative and Funding Advocacy Strategy**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for an ongoing tailored legislative and funding advocacy strategy from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$108,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,760–N.S.
- 5. Appointment of Director of Human Resources**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Janelle Rodrigues as the Director of Human Resources to be effective June 9, 2025, at an annual salary of \$240,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,761–N.S.
- 6. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on May 20, 2025**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 7. Contract No: 32300104 Amendment: The Village of Love for Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee, to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300104 with The Village of Love to add \$250,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, for services and operations at the Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center and extend the contract term through May 31, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,762–N.S.
- 8. Funding Application: California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Infrastructure in connection with the proposed North Berkeley BART Affordable Housing Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1) Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate, enter into, and cause the City to perform its obligation under an agreement (including amendments) with East Bay Asian Local Development Consortium (EBALDC) and/or their affiliate relating to a funding application to the California Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program for project-related transportation and infrastructure improvements for the North Berkeley BART (NBB) EBALDC Affordable Housing Project at the North Berkeley BART Station Area, for a total AHSC award amount of up to \$50 million. 2) Authorizing the City Manager to accept up to \$5.4 million in state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) funds and complete selected transportation improvements if awarded.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,763–N.S.
- 9. Revenue Grant Agreements: Funding Support from the State of California and Alameda County to Conduct Public Health Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Alameda County, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the following two revenue agreements: (1) Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control in the projected amount of \$33,688 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 from CDPH. (2) Public Health Infrastructure Program in the projected amount of \$32,080 for FY 2026 from Alameda County.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,764–N.S. (Tuberculosis Prevention), and Resolution No. 71,765–N.S. (Public Health Infrastructure).

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- 10. Adopt a Resolution Establishing the Unrepresented Job Class Specification and Pay Scale of Fire Mechanic Lead**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution establishing the unrepresented job class specification and pay scale of Fire Mechanic Lead as outlined, with an hourly pay range of \$51.0771 - \$54.1740.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,766–N.S.
- 11. Revise the Personnel Rules and Regulations to Add Section 9.02.1 Promotion – Salary Step Placement**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution revising the Personnel Rules and Regulations to add Section 9.02.1 Promotion – Salary Step Placement, which affords promotional placement on the step closest to the employee’s current earning rate that is at least 10% higher.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,767–N.S.
- 12. Revise SEIU-MC MOU Section 17.13 Special Class Commercial Driver’s License Premium to Add 5% for Out-of-Class Lists**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution revising the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021, Maintenance and Clerical (“Union”) Memorandum of Understanding Section 17.13 Special Class Commercial Driver’s License Premium to apply 5% differential to employees who maintain a Class A driver’s license and are approved to serve on out-of-class lists for Tractor Trailer Driver and Construction Equipment Operator.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,768–N.S.
- 13. Revise Unrepresented Manual Section 13.19 to Add 5% Differential to Program Manager I Assigned to City Manager’s Office**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution amending the Unrepresented Employee Manual to add a 5% salary differential to Program Manager I positions assigned to the City Manager’s Office.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,769–N.S.

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- 14. Contract Amendment No. 10789: AMS.NET for Network Hardware, Installation and Professional Support services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 10789 with AMS.NET, Inc. for network support of hardware, installation and professional services, for an additional \$300,000 for a total not to exceed of \$1,270,778.14 from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,770–N.S.
- 15. Contract No. 084534-1 Amendment: NextGen Health Care Information Systems Inc. for Electronic Health Records**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 084534-1 with NextGen Healthcare Information Systems, Inc. (“NextGen”), increasing the amount by \$191,136 for a total contract value not to exceed \$1,010,472.20 and extending the term from September 30, 2010 through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,771–N.S.
- 16. Protiviti Government Services Inc (“Protiviti”): Using General Services Administration (“GSA”) Vehicle for Professional Services Purchase Orders**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders with Protiviti for the procurement of professional services using the GSA purchasing vehicle no. GS-35F-0280X for an amount not to exceed \$900,000 through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,772–N.S.
- 17. Purchase Order: Operation Pride for tennis programs and tournaments**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order and any amendments with Operation Pride to provide youth and adult tennis services and tournaments for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000 through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,773–N.S.

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- 18. Purchase Order: Samuel Kidane dba Life Long Tennis Academy**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order and any amendments with Samuel Kidane dba Life Long Tennis Academy to provide youth and adult tennis services for the City of Berkeley for a total amount not to exceed \$270,000 through June 20, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,774–N.S.
- 19. Contract No. 32400029 Amendment: Baldoni Construction Services, Inc. for Echo Lake Camp Accessibility Upgrades**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution increasing the not to exceed amount for Contract No. 32400029 with Baldoni Construction Service, Inc. for the Echo Lake Camp Accessibility Upgrades Project by \$60,000 for an amended total not to exceed \$616,953.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,775–N.S.
- 20. Contract No. 32400003 Amendment: Cooke & Associates Background Investigations**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Cooke & Associates, a background investigation services provider for public safety personnel, to increase the contract amount by \$280,000 to a total contract of \$580,000 and extend the contract term for two additional years expiring on July 31, 2028. This amendment will allow the Berkeley Police Department (BPD) and Berkeley Fire Department (BFD) to continue utilizing Cooke & Associates for timely, thorough, and high-quality background investigations of candidates, and will provide the City Manager with the authority to spend funds as needed under the amended contract to support ongoing public safety hiring needs.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,776–N.S.
- 21. 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,777–N.S.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Lunaparra; Absent – Bartlett.

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- 22. Contract: Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions Inc., for Civic Center Building, Second Floor Carpet Replacement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: (1) Accepting the California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS) bid procedures, pursuant to City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 requirements; (2) Approving the CMAS Contract with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. for Carpet Replacements at the Civic Center Building located at 2180 Milvia; (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 terms and conditions of the agreements with Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$147,096, including a \$13,372 contingency.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,778–N.S.
- 23. Contract No. 081671-1 (8318C) Amendment: RouteSmart Technologies, Inc. Software Maintenance**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 81671-1 (8318C) with RouteSmart Technologies Inc. to increase the contract by \$25,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$235,743, to fund software license maintenance and support services, from June 30, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,779–N.S.
- 24. Declaration of Intent – Fiscal Year 2026 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 June 17, 2025, meeting; and (3) Authorize the City Clerk to publish a Notice of the Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2026 Levy of Assessments for Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and Street Lighting Assessment District 2018.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,780–N.S. (District No. 1982-1) and Resolution No. 71,781–N.S. (District 2018).

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25. **Authorization for City Manager to evaluate policies to accelerate building decarbonization**
From: Environment and Climate Commission
Recommendation: Authorize the City Manager to evaluate and develop amendments to the 2025 Energy and CALGreen Codes and/or other ordinances to accelerate building decarbonization for Council consideration.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sarah Moore, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7400
Action: Approved recommendation.

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26. **Letter in Support of California State Senate Bill 692 (Arreguín) Relating to Vehicles and Homelessness**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani, Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a letter in support of California State Senate Bill 692 (Arreguín), relating to vehicles and homelessness, and distribute copies to Governor Gavin Newsom, State Senator Jesse Arreguín, State Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, State Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and State Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Approved recommendation.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Lunaparra; Absent – Bartlett.
27. **A resolution recognizing the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) community and urging support for Assembly Bill 91 — the “MENA Inclusion Act” (Harabedian)**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in support of California Assembly Bill 91, the Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Inclusion Act (Harabedian), to ensure accurate and equitable demographic data collection for MENA communities. This bill mandates the creation of distinct categories for MENA groups in official demographic data, starting on January 1, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Councilmember Blackaby added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 71,782–N.S.

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- 28. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the annual Asian Cultural Festival**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Mayor/Councilmember from their D13 Discretionary Accounts, including \$500 from the Mayor and Councilmember Tregub, and contributions of \$250 each from Councilmembers Kesarwani, and Lunaparra. Other Councilmembers are invited to contribute to support annual Asian Cultural Festival in an amount of up to \$500. Funds will be transferred to the City's general fund and provided to the designated fiscal sponsor of the festival to ensure its successful production and community engagement.
 The relinquishment of funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support this impactful event, promoting cultural exchange, unity, and celebration of Berkeley's rich Asian American communities
Financial Implications: See report
 Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,783–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250.
- 29. Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness** *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsors), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsors), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager a request for staff to identify a list of potential locations of City-owned and private properties (to be leased or acquired) – for the purpose of establishing 24/7 staffed shelter sites, including but not limited to indoor/outdoor camping areas, safe RV and car park zones, and/or congregate or non-congregate shelters for people experiencing homelessness based on the model used at Grayson Street and other models deemed successful by the City Manager. Further, refer to the City Manager to provide a report to the City Council that includes:
 (1) Ongoing efforts to address homelessness and the mental health crisis within Berkeley's jurisdiction, including the work of non-governmental organizations the City is relying upon and, where possible, the cost thereof. (2) A gap analysis between resources required by the City to fully address homelessness and its current financial position. (3) A feasibility and cost analysis of Berkeley's ability to support additional shelter or services sites, including staffing and operational constraints. (4) A geographic equity assessment of where homeless services, shelters, and encampments have historically been and currently are located in Berkeley. (5) Opportunities to partner with Alameda County and other public agencies to utilize County, other governing jurisdictions, or state-owned land for temporary shelter and

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services outside of Berkeley's most heavily impacted neighborhoods

Moreover, refer to the City Manager to identify additional funding opportunities available through 2024 Measure W and affirm the City Council's position that local jurisdictions such as Berkeley, that are heavily impacted by the housing and mental health crisis, should be considered for an equitable share and speedy receipt of 2024 Proposition 1 funding from Alameda County.

Refer to the City Manager to affirm that the City Council's position is that, to the greatest extent possible, Measure W and other locally sourced funds should be used to support Berkeley-specific homelessness service needs.

Support the City Manager in collaborating with Alameda County and other neighboring jurisdictions to identify potential sites outside of Berkeley city limits that may be suitable and more cost-effective than sites within Berkeley.

Furthermore, affirm support for the following principles: 1. County resource investment in homelessness across the region should align proportionally with where homelessness is most prevalent and ensure support achieves racially equitable outcomes; 2. The use of Measure W and other funding for homelessness guided by Home Together 2030 Plan should be a local decision, with cities deciding how to divvy up investment between prevention, interim, and permanent housing; 3. Local priority for referrals into interim and permanent solutions – including everything from safe parking to shelter to permanent supportive housing and Homekey projects – should be commensurate with the level of funding provided; 4. Sustaining nonprofit capacity: (a) The homelessness response system relies heavily on nonprofit partners, many of whom face challenges in retaining staff due to funding constraints, salary limitations, and administrative burdens. (b) Measure W funding presents an opportunity to support not just direct services but also nonprofit infrastructure, helping organizations improve long-term sustainability. (c) Considerations include ensuring competitive wages, investing in staff retention strategies, and providing operational support. (d) Bonus funding consideration could be given to organizations that prioritize workforce sustainability through: (i) Competitive salaries and benefits for frontline staff; (ii) Efforts to retain high-performing, low-turnover teams; (iii) Investments in administrative capacity that enhance service quality and long-term viability

Policy Committee Recommendation:

Send item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation which include the following proposed amendments:

Refer to the City Manager a request for staff to identify a list of potential locations of City properties and private properties (to be leased or acquired) – for the purpose of establishing 24/7 staffed shelter sites, including but not limited to indoor/outdoor camping areas, safe RV and car park zones, and/or congregate or non-congregate shelters for people experiencing homelessness based on the model used at Grayson Street and other models deemed by the City Manager to be successful.

Further, direct the City Manager to provide a report to the City Council of ongoing efforts to address the homelessness and mental health crisis within Berkeley's jurisdiction, including efforts by non-governmental organizations the city is relying upon, where possible, including the costs thereof, and a gap analysis between the resources required by the City to fully address homelessness and its current financial

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position.

As part of this report, direct the City Manager:

- 1) Conduct a feasibility and cost analysis of Berkeley's ability to support additional shelter or service sites, including staffing and operational constraints*
 - 2) Include a geographic equity assessment of where homeless services, shelters, and encampments have historically and currently been located in Berkeley;*
 - 3) Identify opportunities to partner with Alameda County and other public agencies to utilize County, other governing jurisdictions – or state-owned land for temporary shelter and services outside of Berkeley's most heavily impacted neighborhoods*
- Direct the City Manager to identify any additional funding opportunities available through 2024 Measure W and affirm the City Council's position that local jurisdictions such as Berkeley that are heavily impacted by the housing and mental health crisis should be considered for an equitable share and speedy receipt of 2024 Proposition 1 funding from Alameda County. Further, direct the City Manager to affirm that the City Council's position is that, to the extent possible, Measure W and any other locally sourced funds should be used to support Berkeley-specific homelessness services needs.*

Support the City Manager in collaborating with Alameda County and other neighboring jurisdictions to identify potential sites outside of Berkeley city limits that may be suitable and more cost-effective than additional sites within Berkeley.

Further, affirm support for the following principles:

- 1. County resource investment in homelessness across the region should be commensurate with where homelessness occurs and targeted for racially equitable outcomes*
- 2. Measure W and other funding for homelessness guided by Home Together 2030: Should be a Local City decision on the split between prevention, interim, and permanent housing*
- 3. Local (City level) priority for referrals into interim and permanent solutions (including everything from safe parking to shelter to permanent supportive housing/HomeKey projects), commensurate with local funding.*
- 4. Sustaining Nonprofit Capacity*
 - The homelessness response system relies heavily on nonprofit partners, many of whom face challenges in retaining staff due to funding constraints, salary limitations, and administrative burdens.*
 - Measure W funding presents an opportunity to support not just direct services but also nonprofit infrastructure, helping organizations improve long-term sustainability.*
 - Considerations include ensuring competitive wages, investing in staff retention strategies, and providing operational support.*
 - Bonus funding consideration could be given to organizations that prioritize workforce sustainability through:*
 - Competitive salaries and benefits for frontline staff.*
 - Efforts to retain high-performing, low-turnover teams.*
 - Investments in administrative capacity that enhance service quality and long-term viability.*

Financial Implications: See report

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Contact: Shoshana O’Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7100

Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee with the addition to request that the City Manager send a letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors communicating the Council’s principles outlined above.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

30. FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and Public Hearing #1

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Receive the FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and conduct Public Hearing #1 on the FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 25 speakers.

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

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

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Kesarwani) to 1) receive the Budget Update from the City Manager, and 2) request that the City Manager work with Charter Officers to develop a plan for a hiring freeze and vacant positions.

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

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

31. LPC Appeal: 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue, Landmark Application #LMIN2024-0004

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution affirming the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) decision to designate 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 054-1780-004-12) a City of Berkeley Landmark, and dismiss the appeal.

Financial Implications: See report

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

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

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,784–N.S. affirming the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) decision to designate 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 054-1780-004-12) a City of Berkeley Landmark, and dismiss the appeal with the amendment to remove from the list of features to be preserved bullet #2 regarding one-story massing, and modify bullet #5 to remove all instances of the words “storefront” and “storefronts.”

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

32. Appointment of Four Berkeley Residents to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of up to four Berkeley residents to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC), to be appointed by the City Council as a whole.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: M/S/Failed (Tregub/O’Keefe) to appoint Rena Fischer, Zachary Fraser, Douglas Legg, Susi Marzuola, and Stephanie Allan (Alternate) to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee.

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

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/Carried (Ishii/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 71,785–N.S. to appoint Rena Fischer, Ben Gerhardstein, Sybil Hatch, Douglas Legg, and Zachary Fraser (Alternate) to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee.

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

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

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on May 20, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #21: 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report

1. Hansel Aguilar on behalf of the Police Accountability Board
2. Jennifer Louis
3. Margaret A. Baker
4. John Lindsay-Poland

Item #29: Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness *(Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)*

5. Kate Pocrass
6. Aimee Baldwin (2)
7. Cris Benton
8. Grant Damron
9. Pamela Michaud
10. Stacey Hara
11. Jack Anderson
12. Namita Gupta
13. Fran Haselsteiner
14. Patricia Brooks
15. Catherine Jenkins
16. Amber Richardson
17. Tamar J.
18. Kelley Kahn

Ashby BART

19. Peter Minor
20. Charlotte Daniels
21. 2076 Ashby Residences
22. Sotirios Vlavianos
23. Peter Magganas

Encampments

24. Halima Franklin (2)

Ohlone Park

25. Cynthia Harbaugh
26. Adam Leive
27. Daniel Jurnove
28. Roberta Focht
29. Lynn Jehle
30. Sasha Futran
31. Carlton and Alma
32. Tracy Thompson
33. Fred Schlachter
34. Patricia Itamoto
35. Julia Boekelheide
36. Dominique Ayako Baillet
37. Tamara Birdsall
38. Laura Garcia-Moreno
39. David Lerman (3)
40. Will Masterson
41. Karthik Gopalan
42. Erika Shore (2)
43. Diane Ross-Leech and Family
44. Isaac Nicholson
45. Elisabeth Goldstein
46. Nancy S. Rothschild
47. Stefany Reich-Silber
48. Diana Jensen
49. Wei-Bing Chen

Rides for Seniors

50. Kathi Pugh
51. Gerald Lenoir
52. Bonnie Lewkowicz
53. Darlene Bronson on behalf of the Commission on Aging

Missing Middle

54. Zelda Bronstein (3)
55. Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

2nd Street Encampments

- 56. David White
- 57. Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
- 58. Councilmember Mark Humbert
- 59. Councilmember Igor Tregub
- 60. Councilmember Terry Taplin

E-Scooters

- 61. Robert Borghese (4)

Public Restroom Proposal

- 62. James Chang
- 63. Mike Kim

Bateman Mall Park

- 64. Yula Paluy

Bikeway Intersection Control

- 65. Meryl Siegal

Food Fest Invitation

- 66. Dr. Ramesh Konda on behalf of the Association of Indo Americans

Infill Housing

- 67. Constance Rivemale

Security Incidents

- 68. Dixon Brooke

UA Theater

- 69. Melanie Lawrence & John Smail
- 70. Pamela Zelnik
- 71. Anne Herrick

Housing Concerns

- 72. Patricia Kipnis
- 73. Lynn Winsten
- 74. Jonnyruel Holder

Treatment of Herbivorous Animals

- 75. Rsw (2)

Elevator Outrage

- 76. Tony Schmiesing
- 77. Aryne Bailey

Workshop

78. Joel A. Biatch

Crime Concerns

79. Fran Haselsteiner

ABSC Concern

80. Abby Thorne-Lyman

Drop-off Mailboxes

81. Hali Hammer

Deliberative Democracy

82. Phil Allen

Free Speech

83. Sheila Jordan

Specialized Care Unit

84. Barbara Gilbert

Work Concerns

85. Pgcountymd63 (2)

Hopkins/McGee

86. Shirley Kirsten

87. Sandra Sanchez

Edward Way

88. Helen Hogg

Home Alterations

89. Marian and Desmond Simpson

BUSD Investment Policies

90. Cielo Rios

Budget Concerns

91. Rachel Bradley

92. Ben Buettner

Arbor Day

93. Mary-Louise Hansen

Effects of Cement

94. Cecelia Mautner

Street Access

95. Nenelle Bunnin

Homeless Housing

96. Aimee Baldwin

97. John Vinopal

More Types of Homes

98. Lee Bishop

Habitability for Berkeley Residents

99. Veena Nambiar

Public Facilities Concern

100. 2,084 Similarly worded form letters

Middle East Conflict

101. Chris Gilbert

102. Alicia Dattner

103. Barbara Erickson

104. Nicoletta Karam (4)

105. Barbara Romanowicz

106. Rachel Gita Schiff

107. Sophie Sawyer

108. Iris Gold

109. Gael Alcock

110. Russbumper

111. Camille watts-Zagha

112. Marc Sapir (2)

113. Allen Mayer

114. Dr. Roman Kazinnik and Dr. Sophia Kazinnik

115. Deborah Goldeen

116. Russbumper

Letter

117. Eid's TV and Electronics

Screenshots

118. Josh Atwood (2)

Forwards

119. Josh Atwood

120. Daveed Mandell (3)

121. David Lerman

122. Eid's TV

URL's

- 123. Inetjalopy
- 124. Josh Atwood (4)
- 125. Russbumper (7)
- 126. Madeleine Shearer
- 127. Lavell Young
- 128. Barryett Enge

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Item #21: 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report

- 129. Hansel Alejandro Aguilar on behalf of the Police Accountability Board (2)

Item #22: Contract: Shaw Integrated and Turf Solutions Inc., for Civic Center Building, Second Floor Carpet Replacement Project

- 130. David Freeling

Item #26: Letter in Support of California State Senate Bill 692 (Arreguín) Relating to Vehicles and Homelessness

- 131. Meryl & Aimee on behalf of Beautiful San Pablo
- 132. Phil Allen

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #2: Amendment: FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

- 133. Revised material submitted by City Manager's Office

Item #7: Contract No: 32300104 Amendment: The Village of Love for Telegraph Neighborhood Sacred Rest Drop-In Center

- 134. Alex Knox

Item #21: 2024 Police Equipment and Community Safety Ordinance Annual Report

- 135. Gregory Kalkanis
- 136. Elana Auerbach

Item #29: Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness (Reviewed by the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee)

- 137. John Craner on behalf of Berkeley Alliance of Business Organizations, Berkeley Chamber, Downtown Berkeley Association, Gilman District Coordinating Committee, North Shattuck Association, Rebuilding Together East Bay Network, Telegraph Business Improvement District, University Avenue Association, Upper Solano Organizing Committee, and West Berkeley Design Loop
- 138. Diana Bohn
- 139. Aimee Baldwin and Meryl Siegal, on behalf of Beautiful San Pablo

Item #30: FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and Public Hearing #1

- 140. Supplemental material submitted by City Manager's Office
- 141. Jasmine Sozi

Item #32: Appointment of Four Berkeley Residents to the SAFE STREETS Citizen Oversight Committee

- 142. Supplemental material submitted by City Clerk Department
- 143. Kristi Holmes
- 144. Henry Siegel and Kyra Subbotin
- 145. Andrea Traber
- 146. Michael Boland

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Adding an additional qualifying skillset for appointment to Measure FF Safe Streets Citizen Oversight Committee (SSCOC); Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Section 7.11.040

- 147. Helen Walsh

Item #29: Alternative Housing Options for People Experiencing Homelessness

- 148. Helen Walsh
- 149. Larry Strain
- 150. Maryann OSullivan

Item #30: FY 2026 Proposed Mid-Biennial Budget Update and Public Hearing #1

- 151. Presentation, submitted by the Budget Office
- 152. Erik Ferry
- 153. Regina Mouton
- 154. Jocelyn Zorn
- 155. Fran Haselsteiner
- 156. Geoff Lomax (2)
- 157. Henry Oyekanmi

Item #31: LPC Appeal: 2500-2512 San Pablo Avenue, Landmark Application #LMIN2024-0004

- 158. Presentation, submitted by the Planning & Development Department

Urgent Item: Excused Absence for Councilmember Ben Bartlett

- 159. Submitted by Mayor Ishii

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

4:00 P.M.

2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT

DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

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DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY

DISTRICT 7 – CECILIA LUNAPARRA

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:11 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 1 speaker

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and (d)(1):

a. *Berkeley Homeless Union, et al. v. City of Berkeley, et al., 4:25-cv-01414-HSG*

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

4:00 P.M.

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TELECONFERENCE LOCATION – 1619 EDITH STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94703

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:03 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Tregub, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii

Absent: Taplin, Bartlett, O'Keefe

Councilmember O'Keefe present at 4:05 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:42 p.m.

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 0 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1):**
 - a. *Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 v. City of Berkeley*, PERB Case No. SF-CE-1965-M

Action: Item removed from the agenda. No action taken.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Negotiators: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, Monica Walker, Interim Human Resources Director, Chaka Young, Employee Relations Manager

Employee Organizations: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Fire EMS Professionals Association, Berkeley Police Association; SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-Time Recreation Activity Leaders, SEIU 1021 Maintenance and Clerical, IBEW Local 1245, Public Employee Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees.

Action: No reportable action taken.

3. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957(b):**

- a. **Title of position to be evaluated:** City Manager
- b. **Title of position to be evaluated:** City Attorney
- c. **Title of position to be evaluated:** Director of Police Accountability

Action: M/S/C (O'Keefe/Taplin) to create an ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Humbert, and Councilmember Lunaparra to oversee the evaluation process of the non-elected Charter Officers: City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Police Accountability.

Vote: Ayes – Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes - None; Abstain - None; Absent – Kesarwani, Bartlett.

4. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and (d)(1):**

a. *RealPage, Inc. v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, No. 3:25-CV-03004-JSC (N.D. Cal.)

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

The City Council met in closed session on May 27, 2025 and voted to create an ad hoc committee comprised of Mayor Ishii, Councilmember Humbert, and Councilmember Lunaparra to oversee the evaluation process of the non-elected Charter Officers: City Manager, City Attorney, Director of Police Accountability.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

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