



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 29, 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 June 3, 2025 (closed and regular), June 9, 2025 (closed), June 17, 2025 (regular), June 24, 2025 (special and regular), June 26, 2025 (special), and June 30, 2025 (closed).

CONTACT PERSON

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

Attachments:

1. June 3, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. June 3, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
3. June 9, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
4. June 17, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
5. June 24, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
6. June 24, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
7. June 26, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
8. June 30, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

5:00 P.M.

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 117 FORT EVANS RD NE, LEESBURG, VA 20176
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ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 5:09 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin

Councilmember Taplin present at 5:12 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 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:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on June 3, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

MINUTES BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025
6:00 PM**

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani

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. Adjourn in memory of Robert Sheppard, Berkeley Resident
2. Adjourn in memory of Bill de Carion, Berkeley Business Owner
3. Recognition of Maw Shein Win, Berkeley Poetry Festival Lifetime Achievement Award Winner
4. Recognition of Christina Murphy Day in Berkeley, June 3, 2025
5. Recognition of Berkeley Pride Day, August 16, 2025

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 0 speakers.

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

Action: M/S/C (Bartlett/Humbert) to add an urgent item to the agenda pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) related to an excused absence for Councilmember Kesarwani.

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

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

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

Urgent Item: Excused Absence for Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

From: Councilmember Kesarwani (Author)

Recommendation: Pursuant to the City Charter, Article V, § 19, the City Council must approve an absence by a Councilmember from a meeting in order for that absence to be considered excused. Specifically, it states: “If the Mayor or any member of the Council is absent from one or more regular meetings of the Council during any calendar month, unless excused by the Council in order to attend to official business of the City, or unless excused by the Council as a result of their own illness or the illness or death of a “close family member” as defined in the City’s bereavement policy from attending no more than two regular meetings in any calendar year, they shall be paid for each regular meeting attended during such months in an amount equal to the monthly remuneration divided by the number of regular meetings held during such month.”

Councilmember Kesarwani has just recently become sick and is unable to attend the June 3, 2025 Council meeting.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember, District 1, (510) 981-7110

Action: Approved recommendation.

1. Amendment: FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,961-N.S. amending the FY 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 7,940–N.S. for fiscal year 2025 based upon recommended re-appropriation of committed FY 2024 funding and other adjustments in the amount of \$85,720,135 (gross) and \$58,279,646 (net).

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

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,961–N.S.

2. Police Accountability Board – Appointment of New Member

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution appointing a new member to the Police Accountability Board (PAB) nominated by Councilmember Kesarwani.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,786–N.S. revised to correct the name of the appointee in the title of the resolution.

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- 3. Grant Application: California Arts Council Grant (\$30,000), for the Civic Arts Grant Program General Operating Support Category**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or their designee to submit a grant application to the California Arts Council (CAC) to receive up to \$30,000 for the Civic Arts grants program (“General Operating Support” category), to accept the grant if awarded; and to execute any resulting grant agreements. If received, the funds would be regranted to Berkeley-based nonprofit and fiscally sponsored arts organizations for general operational support starting in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27).
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,787–N.S.
- 4. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on June 3, 2025**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids 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.
- 5. Notice of Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution providing notice that: 1) Council will adopt an appropriations limit for Fiscal Year 2026 at its meeting of June 24, 2025; and 2) the amount of the limit and the background material used in its calculation will be available for public review in the City Clerk’s Office on or before June 9, 2025.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,788–N.S.
- 6. Appointment of Public Health Officer – Dr. Noemi C. Doohan**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to appoint Noemi C. Doohan, M.D., PhD, MPH, as the Public Health Officer for the City of Berkeley.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,789–N.S.

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- 7. Contract: SEP Technology Consulting, LLC for Environmental Health Database Migration to Accela Cloud**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute a contract and any amendments or extensions with SEP Technology Consulting, LLC. for the Environmental Health Division’s database migration from Envision Connect to Accela Cloud, in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 for the period June 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,790–N.S.
- 8. Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from Essential Access Health to Conduct Public Health Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a grant application to Essential Access Health, to accept the grant, execute any resultant revenue agreement and amendment, and implement the projects and appropriation of funding for related expenses to conduct public health promotion, protection, and prevention services for the Essential Access Health revenue agreement in the projected amount of \$120,000 for April 1, 2025, to March 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,791–N.S.
- 9. AHEAD, Inc (“AHEAD”): Using the California Department of General Services Software Licensing Program (“CDGS SLP”) for Software License Purchases**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase spending authority with AHEAD, a qualified reseller for the purchase of Varonis subscription software licenses, utilizing pricing and contracts, amendments, and extensions from the CDGS SLP, increasing the amount by \$971,784.00 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,945,589.00 during the period beginning January 31, 2023 through June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,792–N.S.

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- 10. Contract No. 112798-1 Amendment: Geographic Technologies Group for Geographic Information System Professional Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 112798-1 with Geographic Technologies Group (“GTG”) for Geographic Information System (“GIS”) professional services, increasing the amount by \$600,000 for a total contract value of \$1,149,411 from September 14, 2016 to June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: \$600,000 - IT Cost Allocation Plan Fund.
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,793–N.S.
- 11. Contract No. 32000281 Amendment: ConvergeOne for Avaya Administration, Maintenance and Support**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32000281 to increase the spending authority with ConvergeOne (previously named Integration Partners) for Avaya telephone system administration, maintenance and support services increasing the amount by \$920,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,638,633 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,794–N.S.
- 12. Contract No. 32400095 Amendment: Superior, LLC for AS400 Software Maintenance and Support**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to contract No. 32400095 with Superior, LLC (“Superior”) for software maintenance and support of the City of Berkeley (“City”) Public Sector System (“FUND\$”) hosted on an AS400 platform, increasing the amount by \$309,000 for a total not-to-exceed amount \$592,500.00 from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,795–N.S.
- 13. Contract: CompuCom Systems, Inc. (“CompuCom”) for Professional Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with CompuCom for professional services for an amount not to exceed \$1,051,000 through June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,796–N.S.

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- 14. Contract 31900042 Amendment: CivicPlus for an Online Recreation Registration and Reservation System (CivicRec)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31900042 with CivicPlus, Inc. to provide an online recreation registration and reservation system (CivicRec) by increasing the contract amount by \$28,000, for a total not to exceed amount of \$181,756, and extending the expiration date from November 30, 2025 to November 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,797–N.S.
- 15. Contract: BayGreen, Inc. for Mobile Pumpout and Related Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract and any amendments with BayGreen, Inc. for mobile vessel pumpout and related services at the Berkeley Marina in an amount not to exceed \$195,898 for a period of three years, with an option to renew for an additional two years not to exceed \$150,725, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$346,623.
Financial Implications: Marina Fund - \$346,623
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,798–N.S.
- 16. Contract: Cazadero Performing Arts Camp (CPAC) for Erosion Control Improvements**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract and any amendments with Cazadero Performing Arts Camp (CPAC) for creek erosion repair in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,799–N.S.

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17. **Contract: E.F. Brett & Company, Inc. for MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/Y.A.P Seismic Retrofit and Renovation Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving the plans and specifications for the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/Y.A.P. Seismic Retrofit and Renovation project, Specification No. 25-11695-C; 2. Rejecting the bid protest of W.E. Lyons Construction Co., the second lowest bidder; 3. Accepting the bid of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, E.F. Brett & Company, Inc.; and 4. Authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions or other change orders until completion of the project in accordance with the approved plans and specifications, with E.F. Brett & Company, Inc. for the MLK Jr. Youth Services Center/Y.A.P. Seismic Retrofit and Renovation Project at 1730 Oregon Street, in an amount not to exceed \$11,859,100 which includes a contract amount consisting of the base bid and bid alternates 1, 4 and 5 of \$10,781,000 and a 10% contingency in the amount of \$1,078,100.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,800–N.S.
18. **Contract No. 32500009 Amendment: Dixon Resources Unlimited**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32500009 and any necessary future amendments with Dixon Resources Unlimited for the Police Department, to include contract implementation support while increasing the contract amount by \$50,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$100,000, and a contract extension date to January 31, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,801–N.S.

Council Consent Items

19. **Berkeley Humane 11th Annual Pints for Paws Fundraiser: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (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 Councilmember Taplin, to support the Berkeley Humane 11th Annual Pints for Paws Fundraiser.
Financial Implications: \$500 - Councilmember Discretionary Fund.
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,802–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$500; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember O’Keefe - \$250.

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20. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Taste of Downtown Berkeley 2025 Event**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including contributions of \$500 from Mayor Ishii and Councilmembers Tregub and Taplin and \$200 from Councilmember O'Keefe, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to support the Third Annual Taste of Downtown Berkeley 2025 with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquished funds will help the Berkeley Rotary Endowment to host an event featuring and increasing visibility for local business and raise funds for their RotaCare Health Clinic, 4-year Collegiate Scholarship program, and Supportive Housing hygiene kit programs. This year's event will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025, starting at the Downtown Berkeley Plaza.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,803–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100.
21. **Resolution in Opposition to California Assembly Bill 942 (Calderon), Net energy metering: eligible customer-generators: tariffs**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in opposition to California State Assembly Bill 942 (Calderon), Net energy metering: eligible customer-generators: tariffs, and distribute copies to California Governor Gavin Newsom, Senator Jesse Arreguín, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, California Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire, and California Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas to oppose its passage.
Financial Implications: Limited staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Councilmember O'Keefe added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 71,804–N.S.

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22. Resolution Opposing the Removal of USPS Mailboxes at the Berkeley Main Post Office

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution opposing the removal of public mailboxes from the Berkeley Main Post Office on Allston Way and urging immediate engagement with United States Postal Service (USPS) leadership to restore these essential public services and send the Resolution to the attention of US Congresswoman Lateefah Simon and US Postmaster.

Financial Implications: Staff time

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Approved recommendation as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 by Councilmember Tregub to send a letter instead of adopting a resolution and making other amendments.

23. Resolution in Support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act Legislative Package – AB 1243 and SB 684

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution in strong support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act Legislative Package (Assembly Bill (AB) 1243 (Addis, et al) and Senate Bill (SB) 684 (Menjivar, et al), which would hold fossil fuel corporations accountable for their fair share of the damages caused by climate change in California, and transmit the Council's support to Governor Gavin Newsom, Attorney General Rob Bonta, Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire, Senator Jesse Arreguin (SD7), Speaker Robert Rivas, and Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (AD14).

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Councilmembers Blackaby and Bartlett added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 71,805–N.S.

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24. **Referral: Oxford for All** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation:

1. Refer to the City Manager to design and construct a quick-build class IV bicycle facility on the east side of Oxford Street and Fulton Street between Bancroft Way and Hearst Avenue and implement pedestrian safety improvements on the corridor, potentially through quick-build planning and construction methods.
2. Refer \$400,000 to the June budget process (FY26 Mid-Biennial Update) to provide the City of Berkeley Public Works Department with necessary funds to support design, engineering, and construction costs for the project.
3. Refer to the City Manager and to The City/UC/Student Relations “4x6” Committee to explore opportunities to leverage existing and establish new financial partnerships with UC Berkeley on safety projects along Oxford Street and adjacent areas, including the Oxford and Bancroft volleyball courts project and similar initiatives.

Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to City Council with a positive recommendation.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Approved revised recommendation from Councilmember Tregub in to add Councilmember Humbert as a co-sponsor and revise the recommendation to read as below.

1. Provide direction to City Manager and staff to implement city-adopted 2017 Bike Plan, the 2021 UC Berkeley Oxford St./Fulton St. Multimodal Mobility and Urban Design Study and the 2025 Bike Plan Update recommendations on Oxford Street and Fulton Street from Bancroft Way to Hearst Avenue alongside upcoming repaving.

2. Beforehand and until such permanent capital improvements are feasible, refer to the City Manager to design and construct a an interim “quick build” project if deemed feasible, prudent, and non-disruptive to permanent improvements. Improvements implemented should, at minimum, include Class IV protected bike lanes and pedestrian safety facilities. Pedestrian facilities may include daylighting, high-visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, and other improvements that increase safety for pedestrians on the corridor, informed by the above-mentioned plans.

3. Refer to the City Manager to seek funding in the amount of \$400,000 from all available sources including, but not limited to the Street and Open Space Improvement Fund (SOSIP), Measure FF (2024), Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) and refer to the June budget process (FY26 Mid-Biennial Update) to provide the City of Berkeley Public Works Department with funds to support design, engineering, and construction costs for the quick build and permanent components of the project.

4. Refer to the City Manager and to The City/UC/Student Relations “4x6” Committee to explore opportunities to leverage existing and establish new financial partnerships with UC Berkeley on safety projects along Oxford Street and adjacent areas, including the Oxford and Bancroft volleyball courts project and similar initiatives.

Council Consent Items

25. The Berkeley Baby Book Project: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds

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

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$250 per Councilmember, including \$250 from Councilmember Blackaby, the Mayor and Councilmembers Humbert and Taplin, to support the Berkeley Baby Book Project, a non-profit, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquishment of funds from Councilmember Blackaby and all other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, will provide books to Berkeley children aged 0-5 years. The books are delivered by USPS and addressed to the child who owns them at no cost to their family.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,806–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$100.

Action Calendar – New Business

26. Re-Establishment - Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District (Public Meeting)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public meeting to review and discuss the intention to renew the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District (BTBID) for ten (10) years starting July 1, 2025 (hereafter, "BTBID", "Tourism BID", "BID" or "the District"). On May 6, 2025 Council adopted Resolution No. 71,749–N.S., which states the intention to renew the Tourism BID and directed the City Clerk to schedule a public meeting on June 3, 2025, and a public hearing on June 24, 2025 to consider the renewal of the District. Per state law, a public meeting is required at which local officials allow public testimony regarding the proposed new assessment in addition to the noticed public hearing at which the legislative body proposes to enact the assessment.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Action: 2 speakers. Public meeting held.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

27. **Conduct a Public Hearing in Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 / Government Code § 3502.3 Regarding Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts**
From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing in compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 (AB 2561) / Government Code § 3502.3 (GC § 3502.3) regarding vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Monica Walker, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

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

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

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

Action: Presentation made and discussion held. Report received, including material in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from the City Manager.

28. **Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 1950-1998 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0040**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision approving Use Permit ZP#2023-0040.

Financial Implications: None

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to adopt Resolution No. 71,807–N.S. to adopt a Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Zoning Adjustments Board (ZAB) decision approving Use Permit ZP#2023-0040 with an amendment to Condition of Approval #82 to extend post entitlement deadlines.

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

Information Reports

29. **Section 115 Trust Investment Report from Inception to Period Ended June 30, 2024**

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 1 speaker.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on June 3, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #23: Resolution in Support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act Legislative Package – AB 1243 and SB 684

1. Ashley E. McClure

Encampments and Homelessness

2. Kimberly Cohn
3. Alastair MacDowell
4. Rosemary Hardy
5. Patricia Itamoto
6. Helga Recke
7. Kasaia Luckel
8. Loren Passmore
9. Peter Radu
10. David Lerman
11. A concerned Berkeley resident
12. Lillie Brum
13. Cecelia Mautner
14. Eric Larsen
15. Cris Arguedas
16. Nicholas Alexander
17. Russbumper
18. Elsa Tranter (2)
19. Rebecca Braun
20. Ben Buettner
21. Daniel Jurnove
22. Patty Lipinska
23. Shelly Chaiken
24. Judy Stamps
25. David Freeling (3)

26. Daniela

Marina Security

27. Marco Falcioni

28. Robert Ofsevit

29. Melanie E. Beasley

30. Jay Karimi

31. Peter Kuhn

32. Catherine

Buildings Emissions Saving Ordinance (BESO)

33. Nora Coyle (9)

34. Lenora O'Neill (9)

35. Isla Peters (9)

Missing Middle and Zoning Density

36. Emily Rader

37. Barbara Gilbert

38. Hal Leventhal

39. David Lerman (3)

Scooter and Bicycle Parking and Sidewalk Accessibility

40. Sean McMahon

41. Robert Byler

42. Sashafutran

43. Laurie McWhorter

44. Robert Borghese (13)

Middle East Conflict

45. Cheryl Davila (2)

46. Crustyruisty

47. Russbumper (2)

48. Richard Makdisi

49. Cynthia Papermaster

Mutual Aid Agreement with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

50. Hansel Aguilar, on behalf of the Police Accountability Board

51. Office of the Director of Police Accountability

Facilities to Exercise Dogs

52. Colin Brauns (2)

Carl Martineau Documentary

53. Inetjalopy (2)

ADUs and Condo Conversion

54. Toni Mester

55. Matt Taecker

People's Park

56. Russbumper

Bicycle Plan and Bicycle Safety

- 57. Meryl Siegal
- 58. Wahid Amiri
- 59. Donna DeDiemar, on behalf of Friends of Hopkins Street (2)

Ohlone Greenway Plant Garden

- 60. Bonnie Borucki

Demolition of UA Theater

- 61. Annamarta Dostourian

Power Upgrade, PG&E Letter

- 62. Leah Isaacson

Grant Application for Restore Strawberry Creek

- 63. Samantha Kanofsky

Fire Safety and Use of Water

- 64. Nenelle Bunnin

Recognition of Herbivorous Animals

- 65. RSW

Floating Bus Stops

- 66. Daveed Mandell (2)

Censorship Incident

- 67. David Ojakian

Frances Albrier Renovations

- 68. Cian Menzel-Jones

Jewish American Heritage Month

- 69. Dorothea Dorenz

University and San Pablo Avenue Intersection

- 70. Nicola Spence

Parking Citations Concerns

- 71. Avery Ryan

Water Transportation Pier Ferry Project

- 72. Camille Antinori, on behalf of the Berkeley Waterfront Community Coalition

Support Funding for Rail Safety and Grade Crossings

- 73. Nate Kaplan, on behalf of GoRail

Funding for Small Sites Program

- 74. Ellen Wu, on behalf of Urban Habitat

Housing Application Concerns

- 75. Ahmed Elghiyati (2)
- 76. Sophie Hahn

Proposal to Make Derby Street One-Way

- 77. Manu Seth

Tribal Identity Misrepresentation

78. Gabriel Duncan, on behalf of Alameda Native History Project

1048 Keith Avenue, Use Permit #ZP-2024-0014

79. Bahram Gangei

Organizational Oversight

80. Eid Abdallah (2)

Legislative Aide Recruitment

81. Alec Chavez

Turtle Island Monument Fountain

82. John Curl

Historical Plaque

83. Pil Orbison (3)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

**Item #23: Resolution in Support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act
Legislative Package – AB 1243 and SB 684**

84. Deborah Moore

**Item #27: Conduct a Public Hearing in Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 /
Government Code § 3502.3 Regarding Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts**

85. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Human Resources Department

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

**Item #21: Resolution in Opposition to California Assembly Bill 942 (Calderon), Net
energy metering: eligible customer-generators: tariffs**

86. Ariella Granett

87. Andrea Yankowski

88. Igor Tregub

89. Michael Katz

**Item #22: Resolution Opposing the Removal of USPS Mailboxes at the Berkeley
Main Post Office**

90. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub

**Item #23: Resolution in Support of the Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act
Legislative Package – AB 1243 and SB 684**

91. Ariella Granett

**Item #24: Referral: Oxford for All (Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure,
Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)**

92. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub

93. Rachel Bradley

**Item #28: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 1950-1998 Shattuck Avenue, Use
Permit #ZP2023-0040**

94. Clifford Fred

95. James Hendry

96. Mark Rhoades

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgent Item: Excused Absence for Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

97. Submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

Action Calendar

Item #27: Conduct a Public Hearing in Compliance with Assembly Bill 2561 / Government Code § 3502.3 Regarding Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts

98. Presentation submitted by the Human Resources Department

Item #28: Zoning Adjustments Board Appeal: 1950-1998 Shattuck Avenue, Use Permit #ZP2023-0040

99. Presentation submitted by the Planning Department

100. James M. Lloyd on behalf of The California Housing Defense Fund (2)

101. James Hendry (6)

102. Mark Rhoades

Miscellaneous

103. Steve Tracy

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025
4:30 P.M.

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:34 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett, Kesarwani

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, Shana Amenaghawon, Interim Budget Manager, Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources Director, Monica Walker, Human Resources Manager, 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.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Reports of actions taken pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii;

Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani, Bartlett.

Adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct record of the special closed meeting of June 9, 2025 as approved by the Berkeley City Council.

Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
6:00 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - KIAHUNA PLANTATION UNIT 34, 2253 POIPU RD.,
POIPU, HI 96756
TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1027D BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY CA 94710

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 6:08 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:12 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the 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: None

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Ishii/Tregub) to open the public hearing and continue the hearing to June 24, 2025 at 4:00pm at 1231 Addison Street for the following items: Item 33 Fire Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule; Item 37 Selected Marina Fee Increases; Item 40 New Fee Schedule for Carry Concealed Weapon Permits; Item 41 Changes to Select Public Works Transportation Permit Fees.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

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

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Assessments: Downtown Berkeley Property Based Business Improvement District**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Downtown Berkeley Property Based Business Improvement District (DPBID) Annual Report of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and proposed budget for FY 2026 and declaring Council's intention to levy an annual assessment for the DPBID for FY 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,808–N.S.
- 2. Assessments: North Shattuck Property Based Business Improvement District**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the North Shattuck Property Based Business Improvement District (NSBID) Annual Report of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and proposed budget for FY 2026 and declaring Council's intention to levy an annual assessment for the NSBID for FY 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,809–N.S.
- 3. Assessments: Telegraph Property Based Business Improvement District**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the Telegraph Property Based Business Improvement District (TBID) Annual Report of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and proposed FY26 budget and declaring Council's intention to levy an annual assessment for the TBID for FY 2026.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,810–N.S.
- 4. Contract: Fine Art Service Provider - Chandra Cerrito/Art Advisors LLC - for Public Art Curation & Project Management Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Chandra Cerrito/Art Advisors LLC for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Public Art Curation and Project Management services for the City of Berkeley's Public Art Collection for a term of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
Financial Implications: \$100,000 - Cultural Trust Fund
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,811–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 5. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on June 17, 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: General Fund - \$250,000
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 6. Temporary Appropriations FY 2026**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing a temporary appropriation in the sum of \$60,000,000 to cover payroll and other expenses from July 1, 2025, until the effective date of the FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,812–N.S.
- 7. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Business License Tax on Large Non-Profits**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for Business License Tax on large non-profits at \$0.8736 (87.36 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,962–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 8. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Street and Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Street and Integrated Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012) at 0.0050%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,963–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.

Consent Calendar

- 9. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on 2015 Refunding General Obligation Bonds (Measures G, S & I)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the 2015 consolidation of Measures G, S and I (General Obligation Bonds - Elections of 1992, 1996 and 2002) at 0.0090%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,964–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 10. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Tax)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents at \$0.0474 (4.74 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,965–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 11. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS) (Measure FF)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS), otherwise known as Measure FF, at an annual rate of \$0.17 per square foot of dwelling unit improvements and \$0.25 per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional improvements for the 18-month period from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,966–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.

Consent Calendar

- 12. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2652 (26.52 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,967–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 13. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018) at 0.0200%.
Financial Implications: See Report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,968–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 14. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Infrastructure and Facilities General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016) at 0.0110%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,969–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 15. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the debt service on the Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election) at 0.0040%.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,970–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.

Consent Calendar

- 16. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Emergency Services for the Severely Disabled (Measure E)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency services for the disabled at \$0.02229 (2.229 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,971–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 17. FY 2026 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for the Library Relief Act of 2024, approved by Berkeley voters in the November 2024 election, for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.06 (6.00 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.09 (9.00 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Tess Mayer, Library, (510) 981-6100
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,972–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 18. FY 2026 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2980 (29.80 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.4506 (45.06 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Tess Mayer, Library, (510) 981-6100
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,973–N.S. Second reading scheduled for June 24, 2025.
- 19. Cooperative Agreement: Downtown Berkeley Bike Station**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to renew the Cooperative Agreement, expiring on June 30, 2026, with the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for the continued operation of the Downtown Berkeley Bike Station in its Center Street Garage location, provide funding for FY26 and past due funding for FY24 and FY25, for a total not to exceed amount of \$255,000.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,813–N.S.

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- 20. Approving Proposed Projects Anticipated to be paid for by the State's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds for FY 2025-26**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving a proposed list of projects that will utilize funding from the State of California's Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) and authorize the City Manager to submit the proposed list to the California Transportation Commission.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,814–N.S.
- 21. Civic Arts Commission General Fund Request for Continuation of Poet Laureate Program in FY26 & FY27**
From: Civic Arts Commission
Recommendation: The Civic Arts Commission requests that the City Council allocate a total of \$25,000 in the annual budget of the General Fund over two fiscal years to support the continuation of the City of Berkeley's Poet Laureate Program:
- FY26: \$20,000 for Selection Process (including staff time) and Poet Laureate Stipend in Year One
- FY27: \$5,000 for Poet Laureate Stipend in Year Two
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 22. Civic Arts Commission Funding Request - Additional \$41,685 from the General Fund in FY26 for Festival Grants**
From: Civic Arts Commission
Recommendation: Refer to the City's Budget process an increased budget allocation of \$41,685 of general fund monies to bring the total allocation for Festival Grants to \$200,000 in FY26.
Financial Implications: \$41,685 - General Fund
Contact: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 23a. Cesar Chavez Park Nature and Recreation-Based Conceptual Plan**
From: Parks and Waterfront Commission
Recommendation: Request that City Council approve Parks Recreation and Waterfront Commission process and direct Councilmembers Kesarwani and Taplin to appoint members of the César Chávez Park ReVision Team.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700
Action: See action for Item 23b.

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23b. Companion Report: Cesar Chavez Park Nature and Recreation-Based Conceptual Plan

From: City Manager

Recommendation: The City Manager recommends that Council take no action on the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission recommendation that City Council approve the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission process and direct Councilmembers Kesarwani and Taplin to appoint members of the César Chávez Park ReVision Team.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: Approved recommendation in Item 23b and take no action on Item 23.a.

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24. **Grant Allocation: Approve Healthy Berkeley Funding Recommendations for Programs to Reduce Consumption of Sugar-Sweetened Beverages (SSBs) for FY 2026 and FY 2027 Grant Cycle**

From: Sugar Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts

Recommendation: Approve the SSBPPE Commission's recommendations and adopt eight (8) Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to enter into contracts with the Berkeley Unified School District (BUSD) and the Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) listed below to distribute a total of \$1,810,584 for FY 2026 and FY 2027 according to the following schedule:

1. \$905,292 total grant to Berkeley Unified School District to implement the Gardening and Cooking Program and to be disbursed as follows: \$452,646 in FY 2026 and \$452,646 in FY 2027.
2. \$75,000 total grant to Berkeley Food Network to implement the Connecting the Community to Wellness program and to be disbursed as follows: \$37,500 in FY 2026 and \$37,500 in FY 2027.
3. \$108,660 total grant to Berkeley Youth Alternatives to implement the Team Nutrition Program and to be disbursed as follows: \$54,330 in FY 2026 and \$54,330 in FY 2027.
4. \$140,750 total grant to Ecology Center to implement the For Thirst, Water First! program and to be disbursed as follows: \$70,375 in FY 2026 and \$70,375 in FY 2027.
5. \$204,316 total grant to Healthy Black Families to implement the Thirsty for Change! (T4C) program and to be disbursed as follows: \$102,158 in FY 2026 and \$102,158 in FY 2027.
6. \$178,658 total grant to LifeLong Medical Care to implement the LifeLong's Chronic Disease and Oral Health Prevention Project and to be disbursed as follows: \$89,329 in FY 2026 and \$89,329 in FY 2027.
7. \$90,000 total grant to Multicultural Institute to implement the Life Skills/Day Laborer and Domestic Workers Program Health Activities program and to be disbursed as follows: \$45,000 in FY 2026 and \$45,000 in FY 2027.
8. \$107,908 total grant to YMCA of the East Bay to implement the YMCA Healthy Me! Program and to be disbursed as follows: \$53,954 in FY 2026 and \$53,954 in FY 2027.
9. The Commission recommends that indirect or administrative expenses not exceed 10% of the program budget for any entity and that the funds awarded not be used to supplant any other source of funding.
10. The Commission recommends that City Council authorize the City Manager to authorize advances for BUSD and the selected community agencies receiving funds in FY 2026 and FY 2027. The advances are to be equivalent to 25% of the agency's allocation.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Roberto Terrones, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,815–N.S. (Berkeley Unified School District); Resolution No. 71,816–N.S. (Berkeley Food Network); Resolution No. 71,817–N.S. (Berkeley Youth Alternatives); Resolution No. 71,818–N.S. (Ecology Center); Resolution No. 71,819–N.S. (Healthy Black Families); Resolution No. 71,820–N.S. (LifeLong Medical Care); Resolution No. 71,821–N.S. (Multicultural Institute); Resolution No. 71,822–N.S. (YMCA); and approved recommendation.

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- 25. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Poet Laureate Program for FY 2026**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, to the Poet Laureate Program for FY 2026 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: Adopted Resolution No. 71,823–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to amounts listed: Councilmember Tregub - \$500; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.
- 26. Resolution Reaffirming Our Commitment to Vision Zero and Transportation-Related Plans and Policies**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the City of Berkeley's Commitment to Vision Zero and Transportation-related plans and policies.
Financial Implications: None.
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,824–N.S. amended to delete the first Resolved clause.
- 27. Parking Business Improvement District (BID) Formation Update, Lorin and Gilman Commercial Districts**
From: Mayor Ishii (Author), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a resolution enabling the City Manager to reallocate the dedicated funds for Parking Business Improvement District (BID) formation activities in the Lorin and Gilman commercial districts to grants that will be disbursed directly to the Lorin and Gilman commercial district merchant associations. The grants will be disbursed in annual amounts, and phased as follows: \$10,000 each for years one and two, and \$5,000 in year three for a total amount not to exceed \$25,000 per district over three years.
This approach will continue to advance the initiative's original goal to support both the Lorin and Gilman Districts by funding supplemental commercial district improvements, such as enhanced infrastructure and expanded programing, including the production of district-wide marketing efforts and events.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Adena Ishii, Mayor, (510) 981-7100
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,825–N.S.

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28. **Fire Facility Revenue Measures** *(Reviewed by the Budget & Finance Committee)*
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the assessment of potential 2026 revenue ballot measures to support capital improvements to fire department facilities and return recommendations for council adoption.

Policy Committee Recommendation: Forward the item to Council with a positive recommendation.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Budget & Finance Committee.

29. **Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Downtown Berkeley Association's 6th Annual Pride on the Plaza Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, and Councilmembers Tregub and Taplin, and \$200 from Councilmember Lunaparra, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the 2025 Downtown Berkeley Association's Pride Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions with funds relinquished to the City's general fund.

The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support the Downtown Berkeley Association to host a successful event.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,826–N.S. as revised Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Councilmember Tregub, and amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$500.

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30. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Historical Plaque Project of the Berkeley Historical Society & Museum

From: Councilmember Tregub (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Councilmember from the D13 Discretionary Accounts of members of the Berkeley City Council, including \$500 from Councilmember Tregub, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to the Historical Plaque Project of the Berkeley Historical Society & Museum, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund.

The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support this impactful organization, to preserve cultural knowledge, and celebrate Berkeley's rich and diverse history.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,827–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

31. Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Berkeley's First Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth

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

Recommendation: Adopting a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500 per Councilmember from each of their D13 Discretionary Accounts including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, and \$500 from Councilmembers Taplin, Tregub, and inviting other members of the City Council to contribute to Berkeley's first Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth with funds relinquished to the City's general fund. The relinquished funds from the respective discretionary Council Office Budgets of such members of the Berkeley City Council who wish to contribute will support Pacific Center in its endeavor to host a successful event that will set the precedent for Berkeley to continue hosting large-scale Pride celebrations for years to come.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,828–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #1 from Councilmember Tregub and amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

32. Ambulance Transport and First Responder Fee Increase

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution adjusting the Ambulance User Fee to match Alameda County's approved ambulance user fee schedule made effective July 1, 2025, for the Cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, and Piedmont and to adjust the First Responder Fee. The increase would be included as an updated addendum to the Ambulance Provider Agreement, and rescinding Resolution 71,512–N.S. effective July 1, 2025.

Financial Implications: See report

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

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 71,829–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

33. Fire Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving a revised Fire Department fee schedule which incorporates an increase in fire permitting and fire inspection fees from \$392.00 to \$500.00 per hour; and 2. Adding fees to construction and operational permit fees that were new permits from the California Fire Code (CFC) in years 2016, 2019, and 2022, which were adopted with no fee assigned; and 3. Adding a fee amount to the operational permit for Class IIIB Combustible Liquids; and 4. Rescinding Resolution 70,612–N.S.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Item 33 continued to June 24, 2025 special meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

34. Fees: Public Health: Berkeley High School Health Center Services

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a new fee schedule and any annual fee adjustments through June 2028 based on changes in market rates (so long as such fee adjustments do not exceed the City's cost to provide the services) for Public Health Clinic services effective July 1, 2025, and rescinding Resolution No. 68,449-N.S. At the end of Fiscal Year 2028, the fee schedule will remain in effect until another cost analysis is conducted.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,830–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

35. Housing Trust Fund and Small Sites Program Fees

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing the following new fees for the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and Small Sites Programs: - Origination fee equal to 1% of the total loan for new construction; - Subordination fee of \$600 per request; - Assumption fee of \$600 per request; - Loan modification fee of \$3,000 per request; - Hourly rate of \$130 for project management of HTF projects not subject to the origination fee during predevelopment and development.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 71,831–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

36. Affordable Housing Compliance Review Fee

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a Department of Health, Housing, and Community Services (HHCS) fee of \$130 per hour to review and approve the compliance of new construction projects with the City's affordable housing regulations.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,832–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

37. Selected Marina Fee Increases

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution approving new fees and increasing current fees for select Marina fees; and rescinding Resolution No. 70,868-N.S. and all amendatory resolutions.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Action: Item 37 continued to June 24, 2025 special meeting at 4:00 p.m.

38. Changes to Selected Recreation Facilities and Camps Program Fees

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution approving new fees and increasing current fees for select recreation programs and facility rentals; and rescinding Resolution No. 71,657 N.S. and all amendatory resolutions.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,833–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

39. Changes to the Planning & Development Fee Schedule

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving revisions to the fee schedule for the Planning and Development Department effective July 1, 2025, to increase fees for base building permit applications and permit fees based on project valuations, to create permit fees for new types of solar and energy storage systems, to increase fees for certain appeals of Land Use decisions, to increase fees for Zoning Certificate for Short-Term Rentals, to update fees for compliance with new Building Emissions Savings Ordinance (BESO) requirements, to increase the Public Works Department Engineering and Transportation Division fees which reside in the Planning fee schedule, and to make minor clarifications to language in the existing fee schedule; and 2. Rescinding Resolution No. 71,357-N.S. effective July 1, 2025.

Financial Implications: See report

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

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,834–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

40. New Fee Schedule for Carry Concealed Weapon Permits

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a new fee schedule (effective July 1, 2025) to support application processing, background investigations, and license issuance for Carry Concealed Weapon Permits.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Item 40 continued to June 24, 2025 special meeting at 4:00 p.m.

41. Changes to Select Public Works Transportation Permit Fees

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution increasing fees for parking permits, rescinding Resolution No. 68,344-N.S.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: Item 41 continued to June 24, 2025 special meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

42. Levy and Collection of Fiscal Year 2026 Street Lighting Assessments

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt two Resolutions confirming the assessments for the Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and the Street Lighting Assessment District 2018, approving the Engineer's Reports, and authorizing the levying and collection of assessments in Fiscal Year 2026.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 1 speaker.

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 71,835–N.S. (District No. 1982-1); and Resolution No. 71,836–N.S. (District 2018).

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearing

43a. Modification and Adoption of Berkeley Fire Code Local Amendments

(Continued from May 6, 2025)

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

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 69 speakers. M/S/C (Humbert/Blackaby) to close the public hearing.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Lunaparra) to:

1) Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,959–N.S. in Item 43.a. including material in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the City Attorney’s Office, and further amended at the meeting by the Fire Chief to make minor wording changes in paragraph (b) of the supplemental materials.

2) Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,958-N.S. in Item 43.b. 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.

3) Adopt the recommendations in Item 43.c. including materials in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from Councilmember Blackaby to: 1. Refer to the City Manager to develop a comprehensive roll-out and implementation plan for EMBER; then return to City Council before September 9, 2025; 2. Refer to the City Manager to create a working group of Berkeley residents and stakeholders to review the vegetation management portion of the Fire Code to ensure that it is clear, reflects unique local conditions, and incorporates the best available fire science (inclusive of any more conservative code adopted by the California Board of Forestry); then return with additional amendments to the City Council before December 31, 2025 as part of the Fire Department’s Triennial Fire Code Update Process; and 3. Refer to the City Manager to incorporate additional clarifying language listed in this report; then return amendments to the City Council before December 31, 2025 as part of the Fire Department’s Triennial Fire Code Update Process.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Old Business

43b. Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones *(Continued from May 6, 2025)*

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: See the action listed under Item 43.a.

Council Action Items

43c. EMBER Implementation Plan, Vegetation Management Working Group, and Clarifying Fire Code Language

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author), Councilmember O'Keefe (Co-Sponsor)

Recommendation:

1. Refer to the City Manager to develop a comprehensive roll-out and implementation plan for EMBER; then return to City Council before September 9, 2025

2. Refer to the City Manager to create a working group of Berkeley residents and stakeholders to review the vegetation management portion of the Fire Code to ensure that it is clear, reflects unique local conditions, and incorporates the best available fire science (inclusive of any more conservative code adopted by the California Board of Forestry); then return with additional amendments to the City Council before December 31, 2025 as part of the Fire Department's Triennial Fire Code Update Process

3. Refer to the City Manager to incorporate additional clarifying language listed in this report; then return amendments to the City Council before December 31, 2025 as part of the Fire Department's Triennial Fire Code Update Process

Financial Implications: None.

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

Action: See the action listed under Item 43.a.

Information Reports

44. Landmarks Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2845 Woolsey Street/#LMIN2025-0001

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

Information Reports

45. **Landmarks Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 1947 Center Street/#LMSAP2025-0007**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
46. **goBerkeley Parking Management Program - Recommended Adjustments for July 20, 2025**
From: City Manager
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Received and filed.

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

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on June 17, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #37: Selected Marina Fee Increases

1. Rachel Bradley
2. Wisteria
3. Irene Jung-Huang
4. Paul Kamen
5. Sarah Elzea (2)
6. Gordon Stout
7. Robert Ofsevit
8. Joyce Freedman
9. Edward Schlesinger
10. Catherine
11. Deborah Scott
12. Jeff Malmuth and Daniela Calciolari (2)
13. Camille Antinori
14. Stefani Berger (2)
15. Kathy Gee

Item #43a: Modification and Adoption of Berkeley Fire Code Local Amendments
(Continued from May 6, 2025)

Item #43b: Adoption of CALFIRE Map and Additional Areas Designated as the City of Berkeley Fire Hazard Severity Zones (Continued from May 6, 2025)

Item #43c: EMBER Implementation Plan, Vegetation Management Working Group, and Clarifying Fire Code Language

16. Zoe Glynn
17. Nenelle Bunnin (4)
18. Laurie McWhorter (2)
19. Barbara Freeman (5)
20. Janice Dost (3)
21. Ellen Gold
22. Bob Flasher (2)
23. Dorit Hochbaum
24. Martina Reaves
25. Alfred Twu
26. Monica, Scott, and Sammy Smith
27. Sanne DeWitt (2)
28. Colin Arnold
29. Rhonda Gruska
30. Margaret Cullen
31. Mike and Gretchen Schnitzer
32. Portia Pirnia (4)
33. David Sprague
34. Mary Lee Noonan
35. Tony Howlett
36. Jeff White
37. Meg Sedlak
38. John and Donna Schneider
39. Karen Eisenstadt
40. Steven Castleberry
41. John Joisce
42. Robyn Brooke
43. Izzy Nance
44. David Drubin
45. Bryan Michaels
46. Anthony Buckland
47. Michael Buckland
48. Scott Lancaster
49. Seamus Kelly
50. Carol Maga
51. Craig Peterson
52. Jon Kaufman
53. Margot Murtaugh (3)
54. Sarah Clayton
55. Michael J Gollner (2)

56. Joel Ben Izzy
57. Irene Brydon
58. Bernadette Powell
59. Zohra Kalinkowitz (2)
60. Chris Cullander
61. Margit Roos-Collins
62. Michael Stokes
63. Mardi Sicular-Mertens
64. Kevin Burke
65. Harris Brody
66. Hanna Wodjae (33)
67. Mary-Louise Hansen (2)
68. Lezlie Kinyon
69. Debra Savate
70. Anand Varma
71. Phoebe Dedlow
72. Zoe Glass
73. Jeremie Diagana
74. Tai Tachibana
75. Janice Thomas (2)
76. Patrick Golier
77. Mary McGann
78. Abhi Bhat
79. Susan Nunes Fadley
80. Christina M Gillis
81. Michel Thouati
82. Jim Hynes
83. Corwin and Margaret Booth
84. Todd Jersey
85. Maxwell Davis
86. Shivaom
87. Barbara Freeman
88. Keith May
89. Alliance for Practical Fire Solutions
90. Matt Barrio
91. Cindy Larson

Ohlone Park

92. Annika Rogers
93. Daniel Jurnove (2)
94. James Smith
95. Jason Dearborn
96. Patricia Itamoto
97. Diana Jensen
98. Nicholas Alexander
99. Peter Radu

100. Yael Galinson
101. Eric Friedman
102. Eric Larsen (2)
103. Aaron He
104. Vicki Sommer
105. Erika Shore
106. Judy Stamps
107. Rocky Offner
108. Susan Burt (2)
109. Phoebe and Zoe
110. Cynthia Papermaster
111. Andrea Voinot
112. Audrey Bree Tse
113. Toby Salk
114. Allison Bond (2)
115. Lj Cranmer
116. Rainbow Rubin
117. Adam Leive
118. Bernadette Powell
119. Alice Green

Ashby Beach

120. Gordon Meyer

Request

121. Fran Haselsteiner

Housing Concerns

122. John J. Parman
123. Tobey Wiebe
124. Kori Saika Chen
125. David Freeling

Air Raid Alarm Concerns

126. Crystal Hoffman-Kenney

Cell Phone Tower at North Berkeley Library

127. Theodore Small
128. Ms. Fowles
129. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen
130. Tiffany Baer

Affordable Housing Month

131. Betsy Morris and Carol Crooks

Marina Safety Monitors

132. Sarah Alessi

EBMUD Question

133. Nenelle Bunnin

Pickleball Courts

134. Ambrish Chitnis

E-Scooters

135. Robert Borghese (5)

BUSD Buses

136. Valerie McDermott

Berkeley 311 App

137. Daniel Jurnove

Parking Stickers

138. Liz Arenas

139. Wahid Amiri

Thank You

140. Cheryl Davila

Bancroft Rail Crossing

141. Nicholas Rishel

Grievance Concern

142. Margot Ernst

Neighborhood Safety Concerns

143. Stephani Bouvet

California Climate Superfood Act

144. Mary Anne Morgan

Rides for Seniors

145. Mary Nash

146. Phoenix Vie

Buena Vista Way

147. Russ Mitchell

Daylighting

148. Shirley Kirsten

Berkeley Permit Center

149. Alice Yoon

1048 Use Permit #ZP2024-0014

150. Bahram Gangei

Resolution Request

151. Dorothea Dorenz

ADU Ordinance

152. James M. Lloyd

City Care

153. Sheryl Drinkwater

Small Sites

154. Gail McGuire

Sale of Beef

155. Remfan1994

Breach of Privacy Concern

156. Malka Weitman

Encampment Concerns

157. Steve Tracy

158. Peter Radu

Pedestrian Safety

159. David Lerman

160. Shirley Kirsten (2)

Budget

161. Eric Friedman

Middle East Conflict

162. Cynthia Papermaster

163. Cheryl Davila

164. Sky

Forwards

165. Russbumper

URL's

166. Russbumper (14)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #29: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to the Downtown Berkeley Association's 6th Annual Pride on the Plaza Variety Show, in partnership with Om Nom Nom Productions

167. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub

Item #31: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds to Berkeley's First Pride Fair hosted by Pacific Center for Human Growth

168. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub

Item #37: Selected Marina Fee Increases

169. Siegfried Zerweckh and Mimi Brubeck

170. Win Williams

171. Camille Antinori

172. James Mason

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Item #43c: EMBER Implementation Plan, Vegetation Management Working Group, and Clarifying Fire Code Language

173. Michael Brown

174. Frederica Drotos

175. Krishen Laetsch, Alec Dara-Abrams, Annie Johnson, Daphne O'Regan, and Michael Scott

176. Margaret Cullen (2)

177. Cindy Larson

178. David Sprague

179. Rick Wiles

180. Kande Mosley Gandhi on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville

181. Chuck Cornwall

182. Anne Weinberger

183. Melissa Weaver

184. Pam Tellew

185. Barbara Freeman (3)

186. I-Kuan Lin

187. Victoria Frede-Montemayor

188. The Alliance for Practical Fire Solutions

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #37: Selected Marina Fee Increases

189. Tanya Brown

190. Sally Nelson

191. Heike Helmer
192. Patricia Kaplan
193. Irene Nickels
194. Judi Sui
195. Mike Zelinski
196. Karen Walton
197. Julia Collins
198. Eric Lee
199. Ellen Hahn
200. Cindy Shamban
201. Anne Weinberger
202. Monica Rees
203. Ariana Thompson-Lastad
204. Cece Littlepage
205. Dr. David Schneider
206. Louise Rosenkrantz
207. James St Jonh Ferguson
208. Claire Kahane
209. Racquel Watson
210. Stephen Sperber
211. Dan Eckard
212. Gopal Narayan
213. Mason G.
214. David Fawcett
215. John Burrirt McArthur
216. Elsa Tranter
217. Kelly Henderson
218. Erika St John
219. Jean Royson
220. Daniel Korson
221. Jan Ruchlis
222. Jeff Goldstein
223. Laura Schiller
224. George Domingo and Lillian Lerman
225. Elizabeth Scarboro
226. Arlene Marcus
227. Kathleen Lane
228. G. Barry Wagner
229. Brian Foley (2)
230. Renni Lyn Burge
231. Harriet and Robert Johnson
232. C. Mitchell
233. Helena Tiainen
234. Mike Vandeman
235. Ann Rawley
236. Naveen Gattu

237. Ginger Parnes
238. Mary Barlow
239. Holly Scheider
240. Carol Brighton
241. Irene Heller
242. Nancy Rader
243. John "Eric" Arens
244. Erik Ferry
245. Seth Du Pont
246. Jonathan Reinis
247. Helane Zeiger
248. Elizabeth Shaughnessy
249. Jeanne M. Brenna
250. Farah Entezami
251. Pam Johnson
252. Suzanne Pettigrew
253. David Rice
254. Stuart Sugden
255. Dechen Tsering
256. Anne Bernstein
257. Dona Boatright
258. John Allen
259. Carl Hoard
260. John Trumbo
261. Karen Olsen Bruhns
262. JEB
263. James Cline
264. Kenneth Yip
265. Pat Brooks
266. Fredda and Andrew Cassidy
267. Mary Lee Noonan
268. Kristine Samuelson
269. Basil Kent Jones
270. Michael P Aschoff Jr.
271. Neal MacDonald
272. Barry Snyder
273. Mimi Mougovan
274. Yen Trac
275. Elizabeth Exter
276. Sasha Futran
277. George Brooks
278. Alexandra Crisafulli
279. Dr. Natalie Nussbaum
280. Jan Volz-Kelly
281. Patricia Sullivan
282. Janet Stromberg

283. Leonard Pitt
284. Melanie O'Hare
285. Jim McGrath (2)
286. Katherine Hansen
287. Dick Mallory
288. Thea Davison
289. Molly Reno
290. Deborah Lesser
291. Lisa Fruchtman
292. Kenneth Jackson
293. Kenneth Washburn
294. Jill Nephew
295. Kay Englund
296. Linda Spatz
297. Mark Yampanis
298. Jan Lecklikner
299. Robin Sease
300. Jaimee McKinley
301. Brenna Aune Michener
302. Ruggero Balteri
303. Fernando Augusto
304. Hannah Karpilow
305. Steven Tupper
306. Donald Tarahonich
307. Chas Halpern
308. Ellen Rodin
309. Sylvie
310. Frances Christie
311. Gene
312. Alan Berheimer and Melissa Riley
313. Charles King
314. Karen Jacobs
315. Miranda Dunlop
316. Sean Flanagan
317. Jenny Strauss
318. Vivian Resnick
319. Anastasia Kotylo
320. Erik Pearson
321. Dr. Alexey Drobizhev
322. Sarah Markus
323. Eugenia McCauley
324. 192 Similarly worded form letters "I am opposed..."

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325. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the City Attorney's Office

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Item #43c: EMBER Implementation Plan, Vegetation Management Working Group, and Clarifying Fire Code Language

- 326. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby, Councilmember Shoshana O’Keefe, and Mayor Adena Ishii
- 327. Joseph Heil
- 328. Ruth Ehrenkrantz
- 329. Barbara Freeman
- 330. Elizabeth Addison & Gregory Ward
- 331. Eric S. Robinson
- 332. Shabnam Merchant
- 333. Rachel Biale
- 334. Richard Illgen (2)
- 335. Laura Cornwall
- 336. Dr. G.N. Gartenberg
- 337. Jil Geller
- 338. Sara Sanderson
- 339. Allison and Doug Kidder
- 340. Mardawn and Eric Wendt
- 341. Noga Ravid
- 342. Rebecca Mills
- 343. Nancy Riddle
- 344. Gary Croner
- 345. Alison Keene
- 346. Frederique Wynberg and Tom Hutcheson
- 347. Sylvie Erb
- 348. Susan McCutchan
- 349. Saima Jamshed
- 350. Christy Cheung
- 351. Charles, Jessie, and Caty Ruppert
- 352. Mary Pat Farrell
- 353. Yen Trac
- 354. Colleen Busch
- 355. Stephanie Wade on behalf of Parks Hills Homes Association
- 356. Jason McGatlin
- 357. Scott Murray and Sarah Clayton
- 358. Dan Lieberman
- 359. Alliance for Practical Solutions
- 360. George Perezvelez, Rhonda Gruska, David Ritscher, Margaret Cullen, Stephanie Goren on behalf of the Alliance for Practical Solutions (2)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #21: Civic Arts Commission General Fund Request for Continuation of Poet Laureate Program in FY26 & FY27

- 361. Cameron Woo

Item #26: Resolution Reaffirming Our Commitment to Vision Zero and Transportation-Related Plans and Policies

362. Joel Myerson

Action Calendar

Item #35: Housing Trust Fund and Small Sites Program Fees

363. Courtney Pal

Item #36: Affordable Housing Compliance Review Fee

364. Janice Murota (2)

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365. Presentation submitted by the Fire Department

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366. Gloria Polanski

367. Colleen Lye

368. Joan E. Sarnat

369. Sharon Tyson

370. Robin Alley

371. Jan Murota

372. Janice Murota (2)

373. Terry Helbush

374. Jenny Wenk

375. Kamala Visweswaran

376. John J. Parman

377. Isabelle Gaston

378. Jeanette and Jeffrey Wallin

379. Maria T Hannigan

380. Douglas Booth

381. Monica McCarthy

382. Joan Heifetz Hollinger

383. Alex Gerulaitis (2)

384. Bronya Feldmann

385. Patricia and Michael Henry

386. Lisa and Jeff Zahn

387. Ruth Langridge (2)

388. Robert Rogers on behalf of County Supervisor John Gioia and the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments

389. Fred Bamber (2)

390. Susan Aumiller

391. Larry Ruth

392. Katie Johnson

- 393. Pete Bailey
- 394. Victoria J. R. deMara
- 395. Benjamin Lipshitz
- 396. Kathy Aschheim
- 397. Kaelan Thouati de Tazoult
- 398. Alicia D Telford
- 399. Carol Reitan
- 400. Caroline Winnett
- 401. Schuyler Bailey
- 402. James Evans
- 403. Pat Rogers
- 404. Michel G. Thouati
- 405. Judy Dale
- 406. Bart Selden
- 407. Brian Gilbane
- 408. Susan Bailey
- 409. Alfred Twu
- 410. George Perezvelez
- 411. Richard Illgen

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025
4:00 PM**

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:09 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:13 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:41 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

- 1. Fire Permit and Inspection Fee Schedule** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving a revised Fire Department fee schedule which incorporates an increase in fire permitting and fire inspection fees from \$392.00 to \$500.00 per hour; and 2. Adding fees to construction and operational permit fees that were new permits from the California Fire Code (CFC) in years 2016, 2019, and 2022, which were adopted with no fee assigned; and 3. Adding a fee amount to the operational permit for Class IIIB Combustible Liquids; and 4. Rescinding Resolution 70,612–N.S.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Public Testimony: 2 speakers.
M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) to close the public hearing that was previously opened at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Lunaparra) to adopt Resolution No. 71,837–N.S.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

2. **New Fee Schedule for Carry Concealed Weapon Permits** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution establishing a new fee schedule (effective July 1, 2025) to support application processing, background investigations, and license issuance for Carry Concealed Weapon Permits.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Public Testimony: 0 speakers.

M/S/C (Taplin/Blackaby) to close the public hearing that was previously opened at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,838–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

3. **Changes to Select Public Works Transportation Permit Fees** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution increasing fees for parking permits, rescinding Resolution No. 68,344–N.S.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Public Testimony: 4 speakers.

M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to close the public hearing that was previously opened at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 71,839–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

4. Selected Marina Fee Increases *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution approving new fees and increasing current fees for select Marina fees; and rescinding Resolution No. 70,868-N.S. and all amendatory resolutions.

Financial Implications: See report.

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

Public Testimony: 29 speakers.

M/S/C (Taplin/Lunaparra) to close the public hearing that was previously opened at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Kesarwani) to adopt Resolution No. 71,840–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the special meeting held on June 24, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #4: Selected Marina Fee Increases

1. Chris Stratton
2. David Hermele (2)
3. James Peroulas
4. Chuck Siegel on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
5. Oren Cheyette
6. Sandy Oliver on behalf of The Berkeley Racing Canoe Center
7. Cindy Cheong

8. Roger Miller on behalf of the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission
9. Thomas Eusterbrock
10. PJ Podesta (2)
11. Josie Gerst
12. Catherine A
13. Richard Buss
14. Pat Charley and Mark Balkan
15. Krystyna Montauk
16. Robert Ofsevit
17. Meryl Siegal
18. Ryan Gregory
19. Victoria Bowen
20. Bruce Miller
21. Mark Yampanis
22. Abigail Surasky
23. Elana Auerbach
24. Susan Brooks
25. Alyssa Lichtenstein
26. Sloane and Nick Morgan
27. Sima Navaie
28. Usha and Dorji Lama
29. Carla Woodworth
30. Nicholas Marion
31. Randi Shapiro
32. Susan M Black
33. Lexie Price
34. Aviv Nitsan
35. Juana Alicia
36. Craig Malam
37. Mike Graham
38. Amanda Hickman
39. Rev. Mary C. Breland
40. Jane Baraz
41. James Codega
42. Doug Yamamoto
43. Alice Meyers
44. Gordon Stout (2)
45. Jennifer Chou
46. Tracy Wilks
47. Bernard Marszalek
48. Gregory Sweriduk
49. Charissa Hogeboom
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51. Brad Smith
52. Richard Rollins
53. Andrea Cassidy
54. Wynd Kaufmyn
55. Eric Friedman
56. Ariella Seidenberg
57. Donna DeDiemar

58. Gail Stewart
59. Ginger Parnes
60. Marilyn Sagna
61. Deb Todd
62. Wigbert Siekhaus
63. Corey Busay
64. Loek Ten
65. Sheila Goldmacher
66. Richard Arakelian
67. Steve Fick
68. Annette Herskovits
69. Jeb Evans
70. Scott Walters
71. Alyssa Lichtenstein
72. Lena N
73. Roberta Wyn on behalf of Citizens for East Shores Parks
74. Michele Adamson
75. Shantee Baker
76. Norah Bower
77. Noah Sudarsky
78. Preston Thomas
79. Jeffrey Skoller
- 80.6 Similarly worded form letters "I urge you..."
- 81.40 Similarly worded form letters "I am opposed..."

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Item #4: Selected Marina Fee Increases

82. Presentation submitted by the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department
83. Tom Bickley
84. Scott Scheffler
85. Gail Stempler Lake
86. Nancy Bartell
87. Vida Bateau (2)
88. Elizabeth and Nestor
89. Denisia Wash (2)
90. Zm Jurami
91. Mary Law
92. Michelle Piffero
93. Claire Broome
94. Peter Rasmussen
95. Malu Lujan
96. Jamuel Starkey
97. Charles Siegal
98. Cece Littlepage
99. Lauren Parsons
100. Kelly Hammargren
101. Lea Barrow
102. Susan DeMersseman
103. Theresa Gensler
104. Lisa and Tim Goodman

105. Sarah Levin
106. Elliot Abrams
107. Ana Maria Carbonell
108. Julie Searle
109. Lynne-Rachel Altman
110. Arlene Marcus
111. Joseph Brulenski
112. Mary Risala Laird
113. Mateo Hadesian
114. Anne Fulmer
115. Leni Siegel
116. Colin McRae
117. Phyllis Rothman
118. Lisa Bruce
119. Julie Guilfoy
120. Claudia Kawczynska (2)
121. Elizabeth Kowal
122. Sofiane Boudjedaimi
123. Judy Merrill
124. Leah Kaizer and Family
125. Lenore Thompson
126. Mariya Ryazanseva and Nicholas Waton on behalf of the Cal Sailing Club
127. Rachel Bradley
128. Thea Davison
129. Mariya and Ryan Alder
130. Leslie Mikkelsen
131. Chris Stratton
132. Jose RaulRamirez
133. Stephanie Hicks
134. Robert Ofsevit
135. Belle Adler
136. Jason Martens
137. Maria Saxton
138. Baruch Golden
139. Jean Fitz
140. Janice Ruchlis
141. Cynthia Augsjoost
142. Elana Auerbach
143. Sam Shen
144. Sharon Entwistle
145. June Hunt
146. Erin Diehm
147. Edward
148. Maryclare McCauley
149. Eric Friedman
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 7:06 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Report from Closed 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.

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: *In addition to those items listed on the agenda, the Mayor may add additional ceremonial matters.*

1. Adjourn in memory of Marie Gunter, Sustainability Advocate
2. Adjourn in memory of John George Leitmann, UC Berkeley Professor

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager noted corrections for Item 3 and Item 13.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Bartlett) to accept an urgency item for the Consent Calendar from Councilmember Tregub pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled A resolution calling for the protection of healthcare workers’ rights and delaying UCSF Health’s integration plan at Children’s Hospital Oakland pending legal resolution.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 14 speakers.

Consent Calendar

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar – Continued Business

- A. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Business License Tax on Large Non-Profits** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,962–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for Business License Tax on large non-profits at \$0.8736 (87.36 cents) per square foot of improvements.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,962–N.S.
- B. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Street and Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012 Election)** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,963–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Street and Integrated Watershed Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure M, November 2012) at 0.0050%.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,963–N.S.
- C. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on 2015 Refunding General Obligation Bonds (Measures G, S & I)** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,964–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the 2015 consolidation of Measures G, S and I (General Obligation Bonds - Elections of 1992, 1996 and 2002) at 0.0090%.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,964–N.S.

Consent Calendar – Continued Business

- D. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic Tax) (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,965–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency medical services to Berkeley residents at \$0.0474 (4.74 cents) per square foot of improvements.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,965–N.S.
- E. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS) (Measure FF) (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,966–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding Sustainable and Accountable Funding for Equitable Street Transformation, Revitalization, Enhancements, and Essential Traffic Safety (SAFE STREETS), otherwise known as Measure FF, at an annual rate of \$0.17 per square foot of dwelling unit improvements and \$0.25 per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional improvements for the 18-month period from January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,966–N.S.
- F. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Maintenance of Parks, City Trees and Landscaping (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,967–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding all improvements for the maintenance of parks, City trees, and landscaping in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2652 (26.52 cents) per square foot of improvements.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,967–N.S.

Consent Calendar – Continued Business

- G. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018 Election)** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,968–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Affordable Housing General Obligation Bonds (Measure O, November 2018) at 0.0200%.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See Report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,968–N.S.
- H. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund the Debt Service on the Infrastructure and Facilities General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016 Election)** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,969–N.S. the FY 2026 tax rate funding the debt service on the Infrastructure and Facilities Improvements General Obligation Bonds (Measure T1, November 2016) at 0.0110%.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,969–N.S.
- I. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Debt Service on Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election)** *(Continued from June 17, 2025)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,970–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the debt service on the Neighborhood Branch Library Improvements Project General Obligation Bonds (Measure FF, November 2008 Election) at 0.0040%.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,970–N.S.

Consent Calendar – Continued Business

- J. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Emergency Services for the Severely Disabled (Measure E) (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,971–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of emergency services for the disabled at \$0.02229 (2.229 cents) per square foot of improvements.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,971–N.S.
- K. FY 2026 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Relief Act (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,972–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for the Library Relief Act of 2024, approved by Berkeley voters in the November 2024 election, for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.06 (6.00 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.09 (9.00 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Tess Mayer, Library, (510) 981-6100
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,972–N.S.
- L. FY 2026 Special Tax Rate: Fund the Provision of Library Services (Continued from June 17, 2025)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,973–N.S. setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding the provision of Library Services in the City of Berkeley at \$0.2980 (29.80 cents) per square foot for dwelling units and \$0.4506 (45.06 cents) per square foot for industrial, commercial, and institutional buildings.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300, Tess Mayer, Library, (510) 981-6100
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,973–N.S.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: A resolution calling for the protection of healthcare workers' rights and delaying UCSF Health's integration plan at Children's Hospital Oakland pending legal resolution

From: Councilmember Igor Tregub (Author), Mayor Adena Ishii (Author), Councilmember Ben Bartlett (Author), and Councilmember Terry Taplin (Author)

Recommendation:

1. Adopt a Resolution calling on the University of California of San Francisco (UCSF) Health, the University of California, and the University of California (UC) Board of Regents to delay implementation of the proposed July 6, 2025 "integration plan" at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland until all legal proceedings are resolved and the rights and protections of East Bay healthcare workers are fully upheld; and, in addition,
2. Refer any further potential informational discussions on the above-referenced matter to the Berkeley City Council Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee.

Financial Implications: Staff time.

Contact: Councilmember Igor Tregub, Council District 4, 510-981-7140

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,841–N.S. and approved recommendation.

1. Amendments to Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale or Use of Coordinated Pricing Algorithms (BMC 13.63) to Suspend Effective Date Until March 2026

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Amend the Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale or Use of Coordinated Pricing Algorithms (BMC 13.63) to suspend the effective date until March 1, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6998

Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,974–N.S. Second reading scheduled for July 8, 2025.

2. Minutes for Approval

From: City Manager

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

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.

Consent Calendar

3. Recommendations for County Measure W Funding

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Send a letter to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors outlining the City Council's priorities for initial rounds of funding from Measure W, a half-cent sales tax increase passed by Alameda County voters in November 2020.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Approved recommendation with additional materials included in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and the technical corrections noted at the meeting by the City Manager to clarify that the address of the Capri Motel is 1512 University Ave, and not 1619 University Ave.

4. Contract: Cultural Planning Group, LLC for a Plan for a Resilient Arts & Culture Sector in Berkeley

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Cultural Planning Group, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$149,980 for the development of a comprehensive plan to support and maintain a Resilient Arts & Culture Sector in Berkeley. The term of the contract will be 18 months.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,842–N.S.

5. FY 2026 Reaffirming the Investment Policy and Designation of Investment Authority

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the Investment Policy (no revisions are recommended) and to confirm the delegation of investment authority to the Director of Finance to make investments for FY 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,843–N.S.

6. Appropriations Limit for FY 2026

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution establishing the appropriations limit at \$407,546,513 for FY 2026 pursuant to Article XIIB of the Constitution of the State of California based on the calculations for the appropriations limit.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,844–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 7. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness (Measure GG)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding Fire Protection and Emergency Response and Preparedness in the City of Berkeley at the rate of \$0.06695 (6.695 cents) per square foot of improvements for dwelling units and setting the rate for all other property at \$0.10132 (10.132 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,975–N.S. Second reading scheduled for July 8, 2025.
- 8. FY 2026 Tax Rate: Fund Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the FY 2026 tax rate for funding Firefighting, Emergency Medical Response and Wildfire Prevention (Measure FF) in the City of Berkeley at the annual tax rate of \$0.1299 (12.99 cents) per square foot of improvements.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,976–N.S. Second reading scheduled for July 8, 2025.
- 9. Funding Reservation for Resources for Community Development’s Maudelle Miller Shirek Community Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: (1) Reserving an additional \$500,000 for Resources for Community Development’s (RCD) Maudelle Miller Shirek Community project from the FY25 available Small Sites Program fund balance. (2) Conditioning the funding on RCD providing information to tenants on City rental assistance programs with any nonpayment eviction notices issued at the project. (3) Authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate this action.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,845–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 from the City Manager.

Consent Calendar

10. 2024 Housing Trust Fund Request for Proposals - Funding Reservations

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to: 1. Reserve \$2,990,000 in funding for Resources for Community Development's Adeline Street Apartments (3224 Adeline Street); 2. Reserve \$2,868,571 in funding for Satellite Affordable Housing Associates' Ashby Lofts (2909 Ninth Street); 3. Authorize the City Manager to refinance existing HTF loans for each project into new loans with terms consistent with the HTF Guidelines; 4. Waive Section IV.C.1 of the Housing Trust Fund Guidelines for projects receiving funds through this Request for Proposals process; 5. Condition the funding on the respective housing developers providing information to tenants on City rental assistance programs with any nonpayment eviction notices issued at these properties; 6. Approve multi-year operating funding contracts for Resources for Community Development and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, starting Fiscal Year (FY)2025-2026 and ending in FY2029-2030, estimated at up to \$30,000 per organization per year; 7. Authorize City Manager or designee to determine the amount of funding to be awarded to Resources for Community Development and Satellite Affordable Housing Associates annually from FY2026 to FY2030, based on the amount of the City's annual allocation of HOME funds and availability of General Fund match; and 8. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute all original or amended documents or agreements to effectuate this action.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,846–N.S.

11. Fiscal Year 2025 - Donations for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels Program

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City to accept donations totaling \$8,000 for the Berkeley Meals on Wheels program for fiscal year 2025.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,847–N.S.

Consent Calendar

12. Shelter Plus Care Program Renewal Grants

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to receive up to the maximum grant award for the following two Shelter Plus Care grants and to execute any resultant agreements and amendments. a. Alameda County Shelter Plus Care grant in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,022,704 to provide tenant-based rental assistance to individuals who are chronically homeless and disabled from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026; and b. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Shelter Plus Care grant in the amount of \$7,305,893 for Supportive Housing Collaborative Project (SHC) for the period September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,848–N.S.

13. Contract: HR Acuity, LLC for Case Management and Employee Relations Software

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32100046 with HR Acuity, LLC for case management and employee relations software, for a total amount not to exceed \$189,000 and extending the contract term to June 30, 2028.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,849–N.S. revised to correct the not-to-exceed dollar amount to \$377,700.

14. Contract: Innovative Claim Solutions for Third Party Claims Administration of City's Workers' Compensation Program

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and implement a contract and any amendments with Innovative Claim Solutions, Inc. (ICS), to provide workers' compensation third-party administrative services in an amount not to exceed \$1,888,570 for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,850–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 15. Contract: Downtown Berkeley YMCA Fitness Center Memberships for City Employees**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with the Downtown Berkeley YMCA in the amount of \$179,136 for fitness center memberships for City employees for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,851–N.S.
- 16. Contract No. 32500005 Amendment: Accela, Inc. for Environmental Health Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32500005 with Accela, Inc. (“Accela”) to increase spending authority by \$90,200 for Environmental Health (“EH”) software for a total amount not to exceed \$1,414,393 for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,852–N.S.
- 17. Contract No. 31900174 Amendment: Carahsoft Technology Corporation Using General Services Administration (“GSA”) Schedule for Website Hosting, Software, and Related Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 31900174 to increase spending authority with Carahsoft Technology Corporation (“Carahsoft”) for website hosting services, core infrastructure software, and related services utilizing pricing established by the GSA, for \$700,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$2,378,953 for the period May 15, 2019 to June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,853–N.S.
- 18. Contract No. 32300210 Amendment: Pacific Site Management for On-Call Vegetation and Reduction Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend contract No. 32500210 with Pacific Site Management for as-needed vegetation management, increasing the amount by \$300,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$900,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,854–N.S.

Consent Calendar

19. **Authorize the City Manager to Accept Metropolitan Transportation Commission Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Planning Grant**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Transit Oriented Communities (MTC TOC) grant in the amount of \$400,000 for the Ashby BART Station Access Plan.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,855–N.S.
20. **Authorization for Additional Civic Arts Commission Meeting in 2025**
From: Civic Arts Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution for one additional meeting of the Civic Arts Commission in 2025.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,856–N.S.
21. **Re-Appointment of Glenn Turner to the Mental Health Commission for the City of Berkeley**
From: Mental Health Commission
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution re-appointing: Glenn Turner as a representative of the Special Public Interest Category - Family member, to complete her second 3-year term beginning June 25, 2025, and ending June 24, 2028.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Jamie Works-Wright, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,857–N.S.

Council Consent Items

22. **Berkeley High School All Class Reunion: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember – including \$500 from Mayor Ishii, \$250 from Councilmember O'Keefe, \$250 from Councilmember Taplin, and \$250 from Councilmember Bartlett – to support the Berkeley High School All Class Reunion Committee (BHS ACRC) by way of its fiscal sponsor, the Berkeley Public Schools Fund, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,858–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$150.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

23. Re-Establishment of the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District From: City Manager

Recommendation:

1. Conduct a public hearing on the renewal of the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District (BTBID) for 10 years starting July 1, 2025.
2. Conduct a public hearing on the modification of the existing BTBID to end on June 30, 2025, shortening the existing BTBID's term from ten (10) years to eight (8) years thus modifying the existing BTBID Management District Plan.

Upon conclusion, declare results of the majority protest proceedings and adopt a Resolution to Re-Establish (renew) the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District (BTBID) for a term of ten (10) years, and adopt a Resolution to modify the term of the existing BTBID to coincide with the renewal/reestablishment of the BTBID.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 4 speakers.

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

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

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to adopt Resolution No. 71,859–N.S. (Re-Establish) and Resolution No. 71,860–N.S. (Modify).

Vote: All Ayes.

24. FY 2026 Proposed Budget Update Adoption

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution adopting the FY 2026 Proposed Budget Update ("FY 26 Proposed Budget") as presented to Council on May 20, 2025, and as amended by subsequent Council action.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Shana Amenaghawon, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Kesarwani) to accept revised material from the City Manager's Office for consideration.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Lunaparra) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,861–N.S. adopting the FY 2026 Proposed Budget Update as revised in the supplemental materials provided by the City Manager and including the revisions and allocations proposed by Mayor Ishii in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 and further revised at the meeting by Council action as noted below:

- *A total of \$2.5 million was allocated to the small sites program. This consists of \$1.4M in FY 25 (carryforward) and \$1.1M in FY 26 resources. Remaining FY 26 resources previously allocated to the small sites program revert back to the Housing Trust Fund and are not assigned to the small sites program.*
- *Resources for deportation defense are augmented as noted in the table below.*
- *F&G Docks – \$250,000 in General Fund and \$250,000 in T1 funds.*

Sources of Funds	City Council Adopted	Fund
Risk Manager (Freeze first 6 months of FY 26)	\$129,484	General Fund
ODPA Analyst (Freeze position in FY 26)	\$172,848	General Fund
ODPA Investigator (Freeze position in FY 26)	\$203,444	General Fund
District 1 & District 8 Office Funds (FY 25)	\$60,000	General Fund
District 3 Office Funds (FY 25)	\$7,000	General Fund
Savings from City Auditor's Office (FY 25)	\$193,000	General Fund
Round Park Council Referral Reallocation	\$100,000	General Fund
Total	\$865,776	

FY 26 Uses of Funds		
Speed Bump at Martin Luther King Jr Way & Russell St.	\$7,000	Traffic Calming
F&G Docks Repair Project	\$250,000	Marina Fund
Youthworks allocation	\$120,000	General Fund
Adventure Playground (defer admission fee)	\$25,000	Marina Fund
Elmwood Music Festival	\$7,000	General Fund
Address Remaining Marina Deficit	\$126,374	Marina Fund
Homeless Response Team Staff Position	\$175,000	General Fund
Deportation Defense	\$70,516	General Fund
Additional Marina Fund allocation	\$84,886	Marina Fund
Total	\$865,776	

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

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Taplin) to suspend the rules and extend to 1:00 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

25. FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance adopting the FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) in the amount of \$781,761,995 (gross appropriations) and \$670,920,315 (net appropriations).

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Blackaby/Taplin) to adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,977–N.S. as revised in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 by the City Manager and further amended by actions adopted at the meeting by the City Council with a gross appropriations amount of \$829,213,359. Second reading scheduled for July 8, 2025.

Vote: All Ayes.

26. Borrowing of Funds and the Sale and Issuance of FY 2025-26 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the borrowing of Not to Exceed (NTE) \$61,000,000 and the sale and issuance of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Tregub/Blackaby) to adopt Resolution No. 71,862–N.S.

Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

27. Voluntary Time Off Program for Fiscal Year 2026

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

28. FY 2025 Third Quarter Investment Report: Ended March 31, 2025

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

29. FY 2025 Second Quarter Investment Report: Ended December 31, 2024

From: City Manager

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

Action: Received and filed.

Information Reports

30. State of Public Health in Berkeley Summary Report

From: City Manager

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Received and filed.

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

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 12:26 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on June 24, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Unhoused Concern

1. Heike Helmer
2. Summer Brenner
3. Leonard Pitt

Encampments

4. Nigel
5. Tom Parrish
6. Susie Medak
7. M B
8. Beth Roessner
9. Julie Rodrigues Widholm
10. Marc Steyer
11. JJ Noire
12. Sylvia
13. James Mcfadden
14. Elana Auerbach

10th and Harrison

15. Gael Alcock (2)

Lithium Ion Batteries

16. Cindy Larson

Parking Restriction Concerns

17. Leah Mazel-Gee

Violence Concern

- 18. Allen Mayer
- 19. Helane Wahbeh
- 20. Irene Chung
- 21. Noura Khouri
- 22. Vish Soroushian

Green Waste Bags

23. Judy Gonzalez-Masih

SafeBears Mission

24. Lisa McSeveney

Convenience Fee

25. Peter Goldreyer

1048 Use Permit #ZP2024-0014

26. Bahram Gangei

Town Hall Type of Debate

27. Fredda Cassidy

Safe Amtrak Boarding Platform

28. Tracy Rosenberg

Ohlone Park

- 29. Daniel Cutter
- 30. Chris Hall
- 31. Matan Gilbert
- 32. Rinda Wardle
- 33. Stephen Sperber
- 34. Margaret Rowland
- 35. Barbara Fisher
- 36. Mat Glaser

E-Scooters

- 37. Robert Borghese (3)
- 38. Stephanie Landry (2)

Middle East Conflict

39. Helene B

Thank You for the Statement

- 40. Stefanie and William Guyunn
- 41. Dorothea Dorenz
- 42. Vicki Sommer
- 43. Susanne (Sanne) DeWitt
- 44. Yael Galinson

Oxford for All

- 45. Michael Frantz

URL's

- 46. Russbumper

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Urgency Item: A resolution calling for the protection of healthcare workers' rights and delaying UCSF Health's integration plan at Children's Hospital Oakland pending legal resolution

- 47. Submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub, Mayor Adena Ishii, Councilmember Ben Bartlett, and Councilmember Terry Taplin

Item #3: Recommendations for County Measure W Funding

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

Item #9: Funding Reservation for Resources for Community Development's Maudelle Miller Shirek Community Project

- 49. Revised agenda material submitted by Health, Housing, and Community Services

Item #23: Re-Establishment of the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District

- 50. Fern Solomon on behalf of Fern's Garden

Item #24: FY 2026 Proposed Budget Update Adoption

- 51. Supplemental agenda material submitted by Mayor Adena Ishii
- 52. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani and Councilmember Mark Humbert
- 53. Revised agenda material submitted by the City Manager's Office
- 54. Corey Busay
- 55. Board Members of Transition Berkeley: Sylvia Soriano, Linda Currie, Bonnie Borucki, Pierre Thiry, Lori Hines, Ben Rosenthal, Jenifer Azulay, Ginny Hanger
- 56. Kate Day
- 57. Suzeth & Bernard Warmsley
- 58. Arianne Senten
- 59. Ben Gerhardstein on behalf of Walk Bike Berkeley
- 60. Dustin Tranberg
- 61. Seth Kimball
- 62. Amanda Chang

63. Josh Jacobs on behalf of the Homeless Services Panel of Experts (2)

Item #25: FY 2026 Annual Appropriations Ordinance

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

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgency Item: A resolution calling for the protection of healthcare workers' rights and delaying UCSF Health's integration plan at Children's Hospital Oakland pending legal resolution

65. Unknown

Item #3: Recommendations for County Measure W Funding

66. Linda Maio

Item #23: Re-Establishment of the Berkeley Tourism Business Improvement District

67. Presentation submitted by the Office of Economic Development

68. Emily Sarlette

69. Jared Brandt

70. Jeffrey Church

Item #24: FY 2026 Proposed Budget Update Adoption

71. Farimah Brown, City Attorney

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

73. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office

74. Jon Shibata

75. Lindsey Newbold

76. Beth Roessner

77. John Caner

78. Rick Lewis

79. Paula Sanenghoi

80. Jocelyn Zorn

81. Ronisha Fuller

82. April King

83. Erik Ferry

84. Anne Weinberger

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

**Thursday, June 26, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1032 BANCROFT WAY, BERKELEY, CA 94710

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – IGOR TREGUB

DISTRICT 5 – SHOSHANA O'KEEFE
DISTRICT 6 – BRENT BLACKABY
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:11 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:13 p.m.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

1. Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Amendments Relating to Middle Housing From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion:

1. Adopt first reading of an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Title 23 (Zoning Ordinance) and the Zoning Map, for the purposes of encouraging development of “middle housing” in areas currently zoned R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-2A and MU-R (“low-density residential districts”), with an effective date of November 1, 2025; and
2. Adopt a Resolution amending the General Plan for the same purpose.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Recess 7:42 p.m. – 7:56 p.m.

Recess 9:53 p.m. – 10:02 p.m.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Kesarwani) to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 12:15 a.m.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 128 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to:

1. Adopt first reading of Ordinance No. 7,978–N.S. as proposed in the item from the City Manager including further changes in the supplemental material from Councilmember Kesarwani in Supplemental Communications Packet #2 with the following amendments:

- Establish a limit of 70 dwelling units per acre in all applicable zones: R-1, R-2, R-2A, and M-UR.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

- Incorporate the request from Councilmember Tregub to consider results from other comparable jurisdictions in the annual report from the Planning Department.
- Incorporate Councilmember Humbert’s amendment to direct Planning Staff to return to the City Council by April 1, 2026 and annually thereafter with a simple, quantitative report listing for the present year and all previous years, beginning in 2025: 1) The number of middle housing project applications; 2) The total number of units proposed within those middle housing project applications; 3) The number of middle housing projects/units granted building permits, and 4) The number of middle housing projects/units granted certificates of occupancy.
- Modify the direction on the equity report to remove the fixed date and direct staff to return to Council with the equity report within 12 months of the City reaching the threshold of 25 middle housing project applications being received by the Planning Department or two years (whichever comes first).
- Incorporate the following request from Councilmember Tregub’s supplemental item: To the extent feasible, the objective design standards referral should consider loss of open or permeable yard space, solar access, privacy, tree canopy, biodiversity, and opportunities for stormwater runoff mitigations with consideration of costs and not reducing the development potential of the ordinance as proposed.
- Further, to make corresponding edits to the General Plan to reflect the amended density standard. And direct that the second reading be scheduled for July 8, 2025 regular meeting agenda.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 71,863–N.S. amending the General Plan for the same purpose.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the special meeting held on June 26, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #1: Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Amendments Relating to Middle Housing

1. Jennifer Fisher
2. Anne Weinberger
3. Lisa Friedlander
4. Leni Siegel
5. Aubrey Grove
6. Jane Martin
7. Lauren Parsons
8. Wade Skeels
9. Carol Hirth (2)
10. Lisa Bruce
11. Colleen Whitney
12. Virginia Browning
13. Eva Herzer and Dechen Tsering
14. Daniel Borgstrom
15. John Oram
16. Neelam Patil
17. Leah Kaizer
18. Bill Kristy
19. T.M. Scruggs
20. Jane Freeman
21. Kathy Stuart
22. Marissa Moss
23. Janice Murota
24. Kori Kody
25. Silvia Turchin
26. Lynn Sherrell
27. Micky Duxbury (4)
28. Julie Lamont
29. Matt Wickland
30. Julie Kramer
31. Merle Lustig
32. Julie Weeks
33. Barbara Erickson
34. Susan Brooks
35. Toni Mester
36. Janice Schroeder
37. Fred Krieger
38. Gael Alcock
39. Christopher Hamilton
40. Darlene Bronson
41. Chris Hudson
42. Jed Harris
43. Lance Williams
44. Kenneth Laws
45. Katherine de Runtz
46. Joan Garvin

47. Alison de Runtz
48. Berkeley Neighborhoods Council Executive Committee
49. Toni Casal
50. Laura Klein
51. Mimi Mougovan
52. David Whipple
53. Elsie Martinez
54. Stephanie Lim
55. Dr. Bruce Feingold
56. Lisa Vogel
57. Robert Riemer
58. Summer Brenner
59. Cindy Shamban
60. Helen Guerrant Toy
61. Dr. A. Boersma
62. Virginia Warheit
63. 36 Similarly worded form letters "I'm writing to urge you to pass..."
64. 95 Similarly worded form letters "Please DO NOT PASS..."

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

65. Jacqueline Wish
66. Michael Tompkins
67. Gael Alcock (2)
68. Desiree Oliver on behalf of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Chair and Commissioners
69. Cindy Shamban
70. Morgan Maxwell
71. Michael John Weber
72. Rachel Katz
73. Walter Wood
74. Tamara Birdsall
75. David Meyer
76. John Coveney
77. Felix Brenner
78. Rob Kirby
79. Leonard Pitt (2)
80. Vicki Sommer
81. John Hagopian
82. Marvin Snow
83. Margret Leventhal
84. Michael Frantz
85. Shirley Kirsten
86. Paul Valenstein
87. Laura Klein
88. Summer Brenner
89. Bruce Bagnell
90. Kenneth Yip (2)
91. Jaime Perkins
92. Tony Corman
93. Clifford Fred

94. Sharon Entwistle (3)
95. Damien Curry
96. Alma Prins
97. Teal Major
98. Helen Stroud
99. Brad Gibson and Nina Zolotow
100. Micky Duxbury
101. Farah Entezami
102. Liz Ozol
103. Tashi Namling
104. Bernard
105. Usha Lama & Dorji Lama
106. Ross Bernet
107. Anuja Mendiratta (2)
108. Kera Binns
109. Jai Jai Noire
110. Mary Claire Heffron
111. Sam Greenberg on behalf of East Bay for Everyone and East Bay YIMBY
112. Charlie Koven
113. Phoebe Thomas Sorgen
114. Mary Wrenn
115. Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani
116. Dietmar Lorenz
117. Bonnie Mattison
118. Corey Busay
119. T. Michai Freeman
120. Zipporah Collins
121. Susan Henderson
122. Cheryl Fippen
123. Evelyn Strickland (2)
124. Lori Pepe-Lunche
125. Brianna Morales on behalf of the Housing Action Coalition
126. Molly Miller
127. Mathison Ott
128. Paola Laverde
129. Peggy Radel
130. Grace Munakata
131. Wade Skeels
132. Jennifer Kelly-DeWitt
133. Veronika S. Fukson
134. Louise Rosenkrantz
135. Glen Hauer
136. 18 Similarly worded form letters "I urge you..."
137. 38 Similarly worded form letters "I support..."
138. 75 Similarly worded form letters "Please DO NOT PASS..."

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #1: Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Amendments Relating to Middle Housing

139. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani, Councilmember Ben Bartlett, Councilmember Cecilia Lunaparra and Mayor Adena Ishii
140. Revised agenda material submitted by Councilmember Igor Tregub
141. Supplemental agenda material submitted by the Planning and Development Department
142. Victor Ichioka
143. Amy Leventhal
144. Teresa Clarke (2)
145. Sallie Hanna-Rhyne
146. Jeanne Clinton
147. Chris Hudson
148. Toni Mester
149. Bernard Marszalek
150. Oren Cheyette
151. Bruce Alexander
152. Steve Robey
153. Sally Hughes
154. Jennifer Cole, Gordon Glasgow, Eve Papajak, Cees-Bart Breunesse, Rodriguez Family, Anuja mendiratta, Moni Gangopadhyay, and Davinder Gabhi
155. Laura Spiekerman
156. Alfred Twu
157. Ben Paulos
158. Nico Calavita
159. Steve Wertheim on behalf of Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
160. Larry Orman
161. Jane Diamond
162. Build a Better Berkeley
163. Joel Myerson
164. Michelle Haner
165. Debbie S.
166. Karen Fiene
167. Karen Chapple
168. Christopher Kroll on behalf of Berkeley Neighborhoods Council
169. Robin Rudy
170. Jacqueline Beth
171. Yes Duffy
172. Matthew Ostrowski
173. Jack Kurzweil (2)
174. Farah
175. Kathryn Jordan
176. Stephen Menendian
177. Mary Siegal and Aimee Baldwin
178. Christina Vecchiato
179. Amy Hill
180. Anne Weinberger
181. Charlene M. Woodcock

182. Elana Auerbach
183. Lisa Park
184. Dan Kammen
185. Esther Lerman
186. Kate Stillwell
187. Sofia Zander
188. T Anne Richards
189. Aimee Baldwin
190. J. Ruth Gendler
191. Judy Bertelsen
192. Grace Munakata
193. Kathy Stuart (2)
194. Olga Bolotina
195. Virginia Warheit
196. Zelda Bronstein
197. Mary Claire Heffron
198. Kurtis Bonano
199. Margaret Leventhal
200. Theo Posselt, Alden Mudge, Ben Gould, Jeff Baker, and Libby Lee-Egan
201. Joan Sprinson
202. Veronika Fukson
203. Serena Hu
204. Mariah Wood
205. Collin Barnwell
206. Virginia Browning
207. Ryan O'Connell
208. Nancy Rader
209. Stephen Bedrick
210. Barbara Hadenfeldt
211. Nancy Carleton
212. Zelda Bronstein
213. Peg Bogle
214. David Brandon
215. Gabriel Abud
216. Anne Sturbaum
217. Emily McAfee
218. Donna DeDiemar
219. Isaac Warshauer
220. 36 Similarly worded form letters "As a committed supporter..."
221. 44 Similarly worded form letters "Please DO NOT PASS..."
222. 28 Similarly worded form letters "I support..."

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Amendments Relating to Middle Housing

223. Presentation, submitting by Planning and Development Department
224. Oskar Cross
225. Leonard Pitt
226. Nico Calavita (3)
227. Dean Metzger, Claremont Elmwood Neighborhood Association

- 228. Andrew Fox
- 229. Maria Kolakowska
- 230. Rosamond Smith
- 231. Kelly Hammargren
- 232. Gael Alcock
- 233. Rachel Fishman and Adam Lieber
- 234. Nina F. Ichikawa
- 235. Yassine Hamdouni Alami
- 236. Sarah Bell (2)
- 237. Zach Franklin
- 238. Juli Dickey
- 239. Ben Gerhardstein and Charles Siegel for Walk Bike Berkeley (2)
- 240. Mary Tatmon and Yvette Tatmon
- 241. Diana Maria Rossi (2)
- 242. Mary Jo Huetteman and William Huber
- 243. Barbara Rydlander
- 244. Ava Mohsenin
- 245. David Mayer
- 246. Sean Kennedy
- 247. Justin Quimby
- 248. Gale Garcia
- 249. Lisa Park
- 250. Carol Hirth
- 251. Candace Hyde-Wang
- 252. Hal Leventhal
- 253. Susan Hunter
- 254. Dietmar Lorenz
- 255. Julian Kraus-Polk
- 256. Alexander Stec
- 257. Mike Dunham
- 258. Christine Cosgrove
- 259. Sheila Moran
- 260. Chuck Cornwall
- 261. Chrissy Hoffman
- 262. Jeanne Schuman and William Pollock
- 263. Bonnie Borucki
- 264. Pam Zelnik
- 265. Nola Burger
- 266. Pamela Rudd
- 267. Ed Weiss
- 268. Madeleine Nicoloff
- 269. Ross Bernet
- 270. Cees Breunesse
- 271. Sharon Richey
- 272. Kamala Visweswaran
- 273. Cielo Rios
- 274. David Lerman
- 275. Wm Di Napoli
- 276. Winthrop Eliot Jordan
- 277. Andres Douzoglou

- 278. Stephanie Thomas
- 279. Elana Auerbach
- 280. Moni Law (2)
- 281. Philip Soffer
- 282. Masha Lifshin
- 283. Virginia Warheit
- 284. Donna DeDiemar
- 285. 5 Similarly worded form letters "As a committed supporter..."
- 286. 7 Similarly worded form letters "I support..."
- 287. 8 Similarly worded form letters "Please DO NOT PASS..."

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

4:00 P.M.

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:08 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Blackaby

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, Shana Amenaghawon, Interim Budget Manager, Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources Director, Monica Walker, Human Resources Manager, 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.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

