



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 9, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk
Subject: Establish 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution establishing the City Council regular meeting schedule for calendar year 2026, with starting times of 6:00 p.m.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Open Government Ordinance, the Council must adopt an annual meeting schedule with at least 24 meetings. The schedule generally consists of either two or three meetings per month and provides for Spring, Summer and Winter recess periods. Meetings have not been scheduled on City holidays, Election Day or days of major religious/cultural observances that have work restrictions pursuant to Council policy.

The Mayor or a majority of the Council may call special meetings as needed. The Council may also amend the regular meeting schedule when necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities, or any climate impacts associated with the subject of this report.

CONTACT PERSON

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

Attachments:

- 1: Resolution
Exhibit A: 2026 Council Calendar
- 2: List of Religious/Cultural Observances for 2026

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

ADOPTING THE CITY COUNCIL 2026 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Government Ordinance, the Council must adopt an annual meeting schedule with at least 24 meetings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule (Exhibit A) provides for regular meetings to occur with starting times of 6:00 p.m. on specified Tuesdays of each month with exceptions provided for recess periods or when a meeting would fall on a City, religious or cultural holiday with work restrictions or Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish as part of their schedule a Winter, Spring and Summer recess period for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor or a majority of the Council may call special meetings or revise the regular meeting schedule when necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council adopts the 2026 regular meeting schedule on specified Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. as indicated:

Winter Recess: December 3, 2025 – January 19, 2026
January 20 and January 27, 2026
February 10 and February 24, 2026
March 10 and March 24, 2026
Spring Recess: March 25 – April 13, 2026
April 14, April 21, and April 28, 2026
May 12 and May 19, 2026
June 9, June 16 and June 30, 2026
July 7, July 14 and July 28, 2026
Summer Recess: July 29 – September 14, 2026
September 15 and September 29, 2026
October 13 and October 27, 2026
November 17, 2026
December 1 and December 15, 2026
Winter Recess: December 16, 2026 – January 18, 2027

Exhibit A: 2026 Council Calendar

City Clerk Department 2026 Council Calendar

(Subject to change. For the latest information, please contact the City Clerk Department, 510-981-6900.)

Date	Time
January	
Winter Recess (Dec. 3, 2025 – Jan. 19, 2026)	
Jan 20	6:00 p.m.
Jan 27	6:00 p.m.
February	
Feb 10	6:00 p.m.
Feb 24	6:00 p.m.
March	
Mar 10	6:00 p.m.
Mar 24	6:00 p.m.
April	
Spring Recess (March 25 – April 13, 2026)	
April 14	6:00 p.m.
April 21	6:00 p.m.
April 28	6:00 p.m.
May	
May 12	6:00 p.m.
May 19	6:00 p.m.
June	
June 9	6:00 p.m.
June 16	6:00 p.m.
June 30	6:00 p.m.
July	
July 7	6:00 p.m.
July 14	6:00 p.m.
July 28	6:00 p.m.
Summer Recess (July 29 – Sept. 14, 2026)	
September	
Sept 15	6:00 p.m.
Sept 29	6:00 p.m.
October	
Oct 13	6:00 p.m.
Oct 27	6:00 p.m.
November	
Nov 17	6:00 p.m.
December	
Dec 1	6:00 p.m.
Dec 15	6:00 p.m.
Winter Recess (Dec. 16, 2026 – Jan. 18, 2027)	

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City Policy Regarding the Scheduling of City Meetings on All Significant Religious Holidays

Pursuant to Resolution No. 70,066-N.S., it is the policy of the City to avoid scheduling meetings of City Legislative Bodies (City Council, Policy Committees, Commissions, Task Forces) on religious holidays that incorporate significant work restrictions for common observance in the United States. City legislative bodies must avoid scheduling meetings on the religious holidays listed below.

Religion	Holiday	2026 Date(s)
Shinto	New Year	1/1/2026 thru 1/3/2026
Hindu	Makara Sankranti	1/14/2026
Cultural	Chinese New Year (Eve, Day, Lantern Festival)	2/16, 2/17, 3/3
Islam	Ramadan (Eve & First Night)	2/17/2026 thru 2/18/2026
Hindu	Holi	3/3/2026
Islam	Eid al-Fitr	3/19/2026 thru 3/20/2026
Cultural	Nowruz*	3/21/2026
Jewish	Passover Nights 1 & 2 (7*, 8*)	4/1 - 4/2 (4/8, 4/9)
Christian	Good Friday	4/3/2026
Christian	Easter Sunday	4/5/2026
Jewish	Shavuot*	5/21/2026 thru 5/23/2026
Islam	Eid al-Adha	5/26/2026 thru 5/27/2026
Buddhist	Vesak	5/31/2026
Shinto	Obon Ceremony*	8/13/2026 thru 8/15/2026
Jewish	Rosh Hashanah	9/11/2026 thru 9/13/2026
Jewish	Yom Kippur	9/20/2026 thru 9/21/2026
Jewish	Sukkot (1st Day)*	9/25/2026 thru 9/26/2026
Jewish	Shmini Atzeret/ Simchat Torah*	10/2/2026 thru 10/4/2026
Hindu	Dussehra	10/20/2026
Hindu	Diwali	11/8/2026
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Bab	11/10/2026
Baha'i Faith	Birth of Baha'u'llah	11/11/2026
Jewish	Chanukah (1st night)	12/4/2026
Christian	Christmas	12/25/2026
Cultural	Kwanzaa	12/26/2026 thru 1/1/2027
Jewish	Shabbat (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset)*	Weekly

* Meetings not prohibited, but avoid scheduling meetings if possible