



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
October 28, 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 September 8, 2025 (closed), September 9, 2025 (regular), September 15, 2025 (closed), September 16, 2025 (special and regular), and September 29, 2025 (closed) and September 30, 2025 (special and regular).

CONTACT PERSON

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

Attachments:

1. September 8, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
2. September 9, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
3. September 15, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
4. September 16, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
5. September 16, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting
6. September 29, 2025 – Special Closed City Council Meeting
7. September 30, 2025 – Special City Council Meeting
8. September 30, 2025 – Regular City Council Meeting

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

3:00 P.M.

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 3:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 3:39 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—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

a. *WCAB Matter –# ADJ16494093; Claim # BER2200136*

b. *WCAB Matter –# ADJ16494099; Claim # BER2300016*

c. *WCAB Matter –# ADJ16494098; Claim # BER1700136*

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve a settlement by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, or in the alternative, by Stipulations with Request for Award with open future medical care, as to a workers’ compensation matter assigned claim numbers BER2200136, BER2300016, and BER1700136 and WCAB case numbers ADJ16494093, ADJ16494099 and ADJ16494098.

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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)

a. *WCAB Matter –# ADJ16082238; Claim # BER2200047*

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to provide direction to outside counsel and approved a settlement by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, or in the alternative, by Stipulations with Request for Award with open future medical care, as to a workers’ compensation matter assigned claim number BER2200047 and WCAB case number ADJ16082238.

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1):

a. *In Re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.*, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, Case No. 19-23649 (SHL). Discussion and direction whether to participate in the Governmental Entity and Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement (“GESA”) in connection with Purdue’s bankruptcy proceedings, which consists of, among other things, a settlement of claims against opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma and its owners, the Sackler family, concerning alleged misconduct related to opioids. <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

- b. *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MDL No. 2804, Case No. 1:17-md-2804. Discussion and direction whether to participate in the nationwide settlements that are proposed to resolve all opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against eight opioids manufacturers—Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun, and Zydus. <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>

Action: M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve participation in two nationwide settlement agreements to resolve claims against opioids manufacturers and authorized the City Manager's Office to receive settlement funds directly instead of allowing them to flow to Alameda County. The two cases at issue are: *In Re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al., United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, Case No. 19-23649 (SHL)* and *In Re: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, MDL No. 2804, Case No. 1:17-md-2804.*

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

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

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

Action: No reportable action taken.

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

Action: No reportable action taken.

- c. *Berkeley Homeless Union v. City of Berkeley, et al., USDC Case No. 4:25-cv-0449-HSG, US District Court for the Northern District of California*

Action: No reportable action taken.

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

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council closed session meeting held on September 8, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6:00 PM

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 6:09 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.*

Report from Closed Session:

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Ceremonial Matters:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Adjourn in memory of Chris Peeples, AC Transit Director
3. Adjourn in memory of John Beaulaurier, Community Advocate

City Manager Comments:

The City Manager noted that three items are removed from the agenda: Item 8 (Project Sankofa), Item 15 (Code Amendment), and Item 24 (Flock Cameras).

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Public Comment by Employee Unions: 0 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to accept 1) an urgency item from Councilmember Blackaby pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Letter of Support – SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888; and 2) an urgency item from Councilmember Lunaparra pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Urgent Item: Send a Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom in Support of a Stopgap Loan for Bay Area Transit Agencies with Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor.

Vote: All Ayes.

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Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 12 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Recess Items

1. **Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After City Manager Approval on July 30, 2025**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Ratify the action taken by the City Manager during recess to approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.

Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Approved recommendation.

Recess Items

- 2. Contract: ImageTrend, Inc. for Fire Department Records Management Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to enter into a contract with ImageTrend, Inc. for Fire Department Records Management Software (Fire RMS) by piggyback using the Sourcewell Contract No. 030425-IMG for an amount not to exceed \$394,736 for the four year base contract period from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2029 with two (2), three (3) year extensions not to exceed \$719,990 from September 1, 2029 through August 31, 2035 with the total contract amount not to exceed \$1,114,726.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,936–N.S.
- 3. Contract: Throne Lab Portable Toilet Pilot Program**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Throne Lab, Inc. to provide a pilot program of portable toilet services for a total amount not to exceed \$70,000.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$70,000
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,937–N.S.
- 4. Amendment to Contract No. 32100160: Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District (AC Transit) For EasyPass Program 2021-2025**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution ratifying the action taken by the City Manager during recess to amend Contract No. 32100160 to cover expenses for the remainder of 2025 for employee transit pass program with an additional \$125,086 for a new total amount not to exceed \$899,539.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,938–N.S.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Letter of Support – SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author)

Recommendation: Send a letter to Appropriations Chair Wicks, Appropriations Vice Chair Sanchez, Assembly Speaker Rivas and Senate Pro Temp McGuire, with a cc to the authors and Senator Arreguín, in support of SB-326 (Becker), AB-1143 (Bennett) and AB-888 (Calderon).

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

Urgent Item: Send a Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom in Support of a Stopgap Loan for Bay Area Transit Agencies

From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-sponsor)

Recommendation: Urgent Item: Send a letter to Governor Gavin Newsom in support of a stopgap loan for Bay Area transit agencies

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: Approved recommendation.

5. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Comply with State Law and Encourage ADU Development

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 7,983-N.S. amending Title 23 (Zoning) to bring the City's ADU regulations into compliance with recent changes to State law, to incorporate feedback from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and encourage ADU development.

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

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,983–N.S.

6. Establish 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule

From: City Manager

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

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,939–N.S.

7. Voting Delegates – League of California Cities Annual Conference

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Designate Councilmember Lunaparra as the voting delegate and Councilmember Humbert as the alternate for the General Assembly of the Annual League of California Cities conference to be held on Friday, October 10, 2025, in Long Beach.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

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- 8. Contract: African American/Black Professional Community Network for Project Sankofa**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with African American/Black Professional Community Network (AABPN) with Healthy Black Families as the fiscal sponsor for the African American Holistic Resource Center, Project Sankofa, which will be funded through the State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Community Services and Supports funds, for a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, through June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: State of California Mental Health Services Act Fund - \$300,000
Contact: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, (510) 981-7000
Action: Item 8 removed from the agenda by the City Manager.
- 9. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on September 9, 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: Various Funds - \$1,250,000
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 10. Authorization to Accept One-Time \$10,000 Stipend for Service on the California Local Government Agency Executive Committee**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a \$10,000 stipend award, for Fiscal Year 2026, from Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. This funding will support the City of Berkeley's Health, Housing, and Community Services Department's Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,940–N.S.

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- 11. Reserving Predevelopment Funds for the Development of Affordable Housing on the Ashby BART West Lot**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to: 1. Reserve \$2 million for Resources for Community Development (RCD) to support the development of affordable housing at Ashby BART West Lot. 2. 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. 71,941–N.S.
- 12. Contract No. 32400192 Amendment: GovernmentJobs.com (dba NEOGOV) for Online Data Management Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32400192 with GovernmentJobs.com (dba NEOGOV) for online data management services including applicant tracking, onboarding, and learning management to increase the contract by \$71,115 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$180,000.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$71,115
Contact: Janelle Rodrigues, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,942–N.S.
- 13. Grant Agreement Amendment with State Coastal Conservancy to reallocate \$1.7M to a) the Bay Trail Segment at Shorebird Park (design phase) and b) recreation improvements at the Gateway Pier and the J&K Parking Lot**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a grant agreement amendment with the State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) to re-allocate \$1.7M in unspent funds from the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Trail Project to a) the Bay Trail Segment at Shorebird Park (design phase) and b) recreation improvements at the Gateway Pier and the J&K Parking Lot.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,943–N.S.
- 14. Reject All Bids Associated with Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution rejecting all bids for the work associated with the Cesar Chavez Park Perimeter Pathway Improvement Project (Bid Specification No. 25-11702-C) in order to return bidder proposal guarantees.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,944–N.S.

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- 15. Ordinance Amendment Relating to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Compendium; Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Section 2.04.190**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Section 2.04.190 to revise the required frequency of City Council approval for agreements, understandings, or policies between the Berkeley Police Department and other law enforcement agencies or private organizations.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Item 15 removed from agenda by the City Manager.
- 16. Grant Acceptance and Execution for the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to: 1. Execute a \$500,000 funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto for the Codornices Creek Restoration at Ninth Street Bend Project. 2. Authorize submission of any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,945–N.S.
- 17. Allocation Request: MTC Safe Routes to Transit and Bay Trail Program: Adeline Street Quick Build**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to submit a grant funding allocation request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the Adeline Street Quick-Build project.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,946–N.S.
- 18. Contract No. 32500001 Amendment: CESCORP, dba Cal Elite Builders for Corp Yard City Fleet EV Charger Project. Specification No.23-11546-C**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32500001 with CESCORP dba Cal Elite Builders to complete the installation of electric vehicle chargers and related work at the Corporation Yard, increasing the current not to exceed contract amount of \$814,680 by \$140,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$954,680.
Financial Implications: Various Funds - \$140,000
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,947–N.S.

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19. **Contract: Mar Con Builders, Inc. for the Corporation Yard Green Room and Building H Improvements Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for the Corporation Yard Green Room and Building H Improvements Project, Specification No. 25-116706-C; and 2. Accepting the bid of Mar Con Builders, Inc. as the lowest, responsive, and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or other change orders until the Project is completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$2,170,003, which includes a contingency of \$283,004.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,948–N.S.
20. **Contract: Bayview Industrial Services, Inc. for Removal of Transfer Station Underground Storage Tanks Project**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution: 1. Approving plans and specifications for Removal of Transfer Station Underground Storage Tanks; and 2. Accepting the bid of Bayview Industrial Services, Inc. as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder; and 3. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments, extensions, or change orders until the Project is completed in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for an amount not to exceed \$292,200, which includes a contingency of \$48,360.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,949–N.S.
21. **Contract Amendments: On-Call Civil Engineering Services, CSW Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. and SCI Consulting Group Inc.**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contract amendments for on-call civil engineering, construction management and various assessment related services for capital improvement projects increasing each contract amount and extending the term of the contracts to December 31, 2027.
1. Contract No. 32300080 with CSW Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group increasing the spending authority by \$750,000, for an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000.
2. Contract No. 32300110 with SCI Consulting Group Inc. increasing the spending authority by \$100,000 for a total not to exceed \$400,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,950–N.S. (CSW Stuber-Stroeh), and Resolution No. 71,951–N.S. (SCI Consulting Group).

Council Consent Items

- 22. Budget Referral: 9th Street Linear Park Design Phase**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)
Recommendation: Refer to the November 2025 (FY25) AAO1 Process \$75,000 to fund the 9th Street Linear Park Design Phase.
Financial Implications: \$75,000 and staff time
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Approved recommendation.
- 23. Waterside Workshops: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds from General Funds and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Taplin, to support the Waterside Workshops in celebration and execution of The Land and Sea Party 2025.
Financial Implications: Councilmember's Discretionary Funds - \$500
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: Councilmembers Tregub, Bartlett, and Humbert added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 71,952–N.S. revised to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Mayor Ishii - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$500; Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$500; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250.

Recess 7:18 p.m. – 7:36 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

- 24. Contract: Flock Safety for Condor Fixed Surveillance Cameras**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Flock Safety to provide Condor fixed surveillance cameras and services for an initial four-year term, in an amount not to exceed \$310,000, with an option to extend the contract for one additional three-year term, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000.
Financial Implications: General Fund - \$600,000
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: 42 speakers. Item 24 removed from the agenda by the City Manager.

Action Calendar

25. **Proposed Sanctuary City Ordinance – Council Referral; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.114**
From: City Attorney
Recommendation: Adopt a Sanctuary City Ordinance (BMC 13.114) to codify the City’s sanctuary policy into the Berkeley Municipal Code.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950
Action: 28 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Humbert) to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 7,984–N.S. including amendments to Section 13.114.040 and 13.114.060 as noted below. Second reading scheduled for September 30, 2025.

Section 13.114.040 Reporting and Transparency

Amend Subsection Section D to read...

D. All City Agencies shall report in writing to the City Council any request described in subsection A within ten (10) business days of the request, with instruction to report such request as an Information Item on the next available agenda for a regular meeting of the City Council. The Berkeley Police Department shall **include an aggregated annual summary of requests reported to City Council in its regular Annual Report.**

Section 13.114.060 Enforcement; No Private Right of Action

Replace Subsection Section A with:

A. In undertaking the adoption and enforcement of Chapter 13.114, the City is assuming an undertaking only to promote the general welfare. This Chapter is not intended to create any new rights for breach of which the City is liable in money damages to any person who claims that such breach proximately caused injury. This section shall not be construed to limit or proscribe any other existing rights or remedies possessed by such person.”

Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

26. **Fire Hazard Severity Zone 0 Implementation Plan**
From: City Manager
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Received and filed.
27. **Update on the 2019 Berkeley Fire Prevention Division City Audit**
From: City Manager
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Received and filed.

Information Reports

28. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2328 Channing Way Way/#LMSAP2025-0004**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
29. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2135 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (Civic Center Park)/#LMSAP2025-0005**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
30. **Update on Implementation Progress of Citygate's Workload Organizational Study of the Police Department**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
Action: Received and filed.
31. **Fair Campaign Practices Commission FY 2025-2026 Work Plan**
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
Action: Received and filed.
32. **Open Government Commission FY 2025-2026 Work Plan**
From: Open Government Commission
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
Action: Received and filed.

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

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Item #5: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Comply with State Law and Encourage ADU Development

1. James M. Lloyd

School Buses

2. Riti Dhesi

SB79

3. Margots999

Property Concern

4. Rajendra Sahai

Civic Center Park

5. Moni T. Law
6. Martin Bourque
7. John Caner
8. Erica Wandner
9. Melanie Lawrence

Hayward Fault

10. Richard Schwartz (7)

Short Term Rental Concern

11. Ramona Cavanaugh

EMBER

12. Susan McCutchan (2)
13. Candace Hyde-Wang
14. Erik Fowle
15. Cynthia Sue Larson (2)
16. Alliance for Practical Fire Solutions

Construction Completion Bonds

17. David Lerman

Police Authority Concern

18. Amos Andrews

Property Transfer Concern

19. David Lerman
20. Andrew Browning
21. Zackary Warren Young

Electric Bikes

22. Jim McGrath

Landlines

23. Cindy Sue Larson

Ada & California Street

24. Heath Maddox

Street Sweeping

25. Mark Chekal

RV Parking Concern

26. John Hershberger
27. Shok Saidmuradov
28. Eric Mason
29. Aaron Shores

Train Horn Quiet Zone

30. Brittany Ferrero

Elmwood Corridor Workshop

31. Peter Allen

Road Paving

32. Brendan Madden

Whale Memorial

33. Ben Grundy

Parking Enforcement Concern

34. Tatiana Wiggins

Crime in Berkeley Concern

35. Cecelia Mautner

IGLTA Global Convention

36. Jeffrey Church

Scientific Adventures for Girls

37. Amy Miller

Berkeley Co-Ops

38. Bernard Marszalek

Half Price Books

39. Summer Brenner

Public Service Delivery

40. Tracy Eaves

AI Use

41. Raj Abhyanker

ICE Concerns

42. Andrew Doran

43. Kitt Saginor

44. Marilyn McMahon

Mutual Aid

45. Moni T. Law

Micro-mobility Services

46. David Shere

Large Vehicle Parking

47. Douglas Smith

48. Beth Roessner

Message for Berkeley

49. Glenda (2)

Flock ALPRs

50. Todd Andrew

Encampments

51. John Waters (2)

52. Erin Rosenberg

53. Jennifer Kamenetz and family

54. Miriam Walden

55. Diana Penney

56. Andrew Graham

57. Cynthia Green

9th Street & Grayson Street

58. Tracy Schrider

Supportive Housing

59. Moni T. Law

Noise Pollution

60. Rod Richardson (4)

Advancing Parenting

61. David Dooley

Traffic Safety

62. Mdbcnm

63. Rachel Bradley

Public Safety Concern

64. Varun Paul

65. Jacques Janson

Oxford Elementary

66. Aimee Baldwin

67. Darrell Owens

Affordable Housing

68. S. Entwistle

69. Kaden Nguyen

70. Candace Hyde-Wang

Middle Housing

71. Michael Smartt

72. John J. Parman

73. Tora Spigner (2)

74. Lorenzo Washinton (2)

75. Center for Food, Faith & Justice CCFJ

76. Willie Phillips

77. Moni T. Law

Age-Friendly Action Plan

78. Barbara Anscher

California Housing supply

79. Margots999

City Video

80. Jason Ybarra

81. AKO2 Account (2)

82. Nick Katsenis

2138 Kittredge AB1633

83. Carol Bagshawe

Proclamation Inquiry

84. Aaron Lowe

Woolsey Concern

85. Beatrice Huff

Mayor's Summit

86. Lisa Katz

San Diego's Solution

87. David Freeling

Berkeley Fire Safety

88. Cynthia Sue Larson

Fire & Building Safety

89. Hector91 Phuentes

Summer Break

90. Gael Alcock

Fire Evacuation Planning

91. Matthew Lewis

California Theatre

92. Charlene M. Woodcock

Tilden Botanical Garden

93. Angie

Public Comment

94. Stephen Alpert (2)

Council Decisions

95. S. Entwistle

HWCAC

96. Mary-Claire Katz on behalf of the Human Welfare and Community Action
Commission

LPC Decisions

97. Tasha (2)

98. Megan Micco

99. Paul Chapman

100. David Shiver

101. Jeff Lipton

City's Future Plan

102. John J. Parman

Lot Division @ 1650 5th Street

103. Margot Smith

Turtle Island Monument

104. John Curl (2)

Swim Lessons

105. David Lerman

Civil Rights Concern

106. Jonnyruel Holder

Up-zoning

107. Patricia Wilson

108. Maxwell Davis

1231 Addison Street

109. Lisa Bruce

Community Health Day

110. Ashley Campos

Measure W Work Session

111. John Caner

RPP Renewal Concern

112. Barbara Gilbert (2)

113. Chris Grier

Local Affects of Federal Budget

114. Kellie Stoddart

Decorum and Civility

115. Berkeley Neighborhoods Council

Secure Bicycle Parking

116. David Lerman

Sunset Celebration

117. Jeffrey Church

Berkeley's Financial Future

118. John Hitchen

Air Quality

119. Evangeline Poulos

120. Justin L.

Street Safety

121. Todd Andrew (2)

Courtyard Housing

122. John J. Parman

Crosswalk Safety Concern

123. David Lerman

Evacuation Map

124. Margot Smith

Housing Concerns

125. Baiyu Chen Be (2)

126. Vincent Chen

127. Jodi Schiller

128. Hector91 Phuentes (4)

129. Alex S. Merenkov (5)

130. Alesia Williams (3)

131. Margaret Mele

132. Gill Manreet

The Grubb Co.

133. DJ Grubb

Heads Up

134. Boona Cheema

Forwards

135. Eid's TV and Electronics

136. Cheryl Davila

E-Scooters

137. Robert Borghese (12)

138. Robert Byler

139. Sandra Sanchez (3)

Middle East Conflict

140. Ayla Azim

141. Nicoletta Karam (3)
142. Crustyrusty (3)
143. Caterina Newman
144. Russbumper
145. Matt O'Brien

URL's

146. Russbumper (12)
147. Crustyrusty
148. Nicoletta Karam
149. Andrea Pritchett
150. Inetjalopy

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Urgent Item: Letter of Support – SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888

151. Submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

Item #24: Contract: Flock Safety for Condor Fixed Surveillance Cameras

152. Adrienne Aron
153. Margot Smith
154. Office of the Director of Police Accountability on behalf of the Police Accountability Board
155. Janice Schroeder
156. Jan Murota
157. Andrea Prichett
158. Genie Stowers and Wendy Alfsen
159. David and Susan Lilly
160. Gael Alcock
161. Leonard Pitt
162. David Lerman
163. Jael
164. Nicky Gonzalez Yuen
165. Rebecca Gerny on behalf of Berkeley Immigration Collaborative
166. 7 Similarly worded form letters "Thank you for listening..."
167. 68 Similarly worded form letters "...I strongly urge you to vote against..."

Item #24: Contract: Flock Safety for Condor Fixed Surveillance Cameras

Item #25: Proposed Sanctuary City Ordinance – Council Referral; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.114

168. Jean Waddell
169. Tracy Rosenberg

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- 170. Sally Nelson
- 171. Janice Schroeder

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Urgent Item: Send a Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom in Support of a Stopgap Loan for Bay Area Transit Agencies

- 172. Submitted by Councilmember Lunaparra, Mayor Ishii, and Councilmember Humbert

Consent Calendar

Item #5: Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Amendments to Title 23 (Zoning) to Comply with State Law and Encourage ADU Development

- 173. James M. Lloyd on behalf of the California Housing Defense Fund

Action Calendar

Item #24: Contract: Flock Safety for Condor Fixed Surveillance Cameras

- 174. Juli Dickey
- 175. Katherine Welsh
- 176. Tim Kingston
- 177. Daniel Jurnove
- 178. Fran Haselsteiner
- 179. Rlange87
- 180. Karen Skinner
- 181. Will Holtz
- 182. Paula Aiello
- 183. Sheryl Snyder
- 184. Luma Cortez on behalf of Denny Abrams and Fourth Street
- 185. Robert Stein
- 186. JT McGrath
- 187. Adrienne Aron
- 188. Marc Steyer
- 189. David Masenten
- 190. Bill Falik
- 191. Simone Arpaio
- 192. Carl Resnikoff
- 193. Jill Travis
- 194. Chrissy Hoffman
- 195. Jeffrey Church
- 196. Cameron Woo
- 197. Lisa Lees
- 198. SafeBears, Inc., Steve Ravellette, Victoria Cole, and Melissa Kerpel
- 199. Denise Hingle

- 200. David Lerman
- 201. Inette Dishler
- 202. John Waters
- 203. Christine Staples
- 204. Diana Bohn
- 205. Fred Smagorinsky & Holly English
- 206. Unknown
- 207. 23 Similarly worded form letters "I urge you to vote against..."

Item #25: Proposed Sanctuary City Ordinance – Council Referral; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.114

- 208. Presentation submitted by the City Attorney's Office
- 209. Berkeley Friends Meeting

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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: 4:33 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett, O'Keefe

Councilmember O'Keefe present at 4:42 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(1):**
 - a. *RealPage, Inc. v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Case No. 3:25-CV-03004-JSC (N.D. Cal.)
Action: *No reportable action taken.*
 - b. *Almashat v. City of Berkeley, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV072899
Action: *No reportable action taken.*
 - c. *Guzman v. City of Berkeley*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 24CV083431
Action: *No reportable action taken.*
 - d. *Riley v. City of Berkeley*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. 23CV048965
Action: *No reportable action taken.*
2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9**
 - a. *King County et al. v. Turner et al.*, 2:25-cv-00814-BJR (W.D. Wash.)
Action *M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to authorize the City Attorney to formally join the lawsuit as a plaintiff.*
Vote: *Ayes – Kesarwani, Tregub, O'Keefe, Blackaby, Lunaparra, Humbert, Ishii; Noes - None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin, Bartlett.*
3. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(2)**
 - a. *Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2) arising from issuance of subpoena by Office of the Director of Police Accountability*
Action: *No reportable action taken.*

OPEN SESSION:

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

The City Council directed the City Attorney to join King County et al. v. Turner et al. Once formally joined as a plaintiff, the particulars shall be disclosed to any person upon inquiry, unless to do so would jeopardize the City's ability to effectuate service of process on one or more unserved parties, or jeopardize the City's ability to conclude existing settlement negotiations to its advantage.

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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

In accordance with the authority in me vested, I do hereby call the Berkeley City Council in special session as follows:

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025
4:00 PM**

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI

DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Taplin, Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:08 p.m.

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:21 p.m.

Action Calendar – Old Business

1a. **Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley’s Homeless Response**

(Continued from July 29, 2025)

From: City Manager

Contact: Peter Radu, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000, Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: Presentation made and discussion held.

1b. **Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes** *(Continued from July 29, 2025)*

From: Auditor

Recommendation: We recommend City Council request that the City Manager report back during the audit follow-up period in Fall 2026, and annually thereafter, regarding the status of our audit recommendations until reported fully implemented by the Homelessness Response Team and the City Manager’s Office. The audit includes six recommendations to improve coordination with service providers, strengthen data procedures, expand and standardize outcome reporting, enhance public transparency, and assess staffing resources needed to support these efforts. The City Manager’s Office agreed to our findings and recommendations. Please see our report for their complete response.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

Action: Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Lunaparra/Taplin) to approve the recommendation with the amendment noted by the City Manager regarding the changing the reporting schedule from quarterly to semi-annually.

Vote: All Ayes.

Public Comment on Items 1a and 1b: 18 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Action Calendar

Item #1a: Presentation: Comprehensive Summary of Berkeley's Homeless Response (Continued from July 29, 2025)

1. Presentation submitted by the City Manager's Office

Item #1b: Homeless Response Team: Opportunities Exist to Strengthen Procedures and Better Track Outcomes (Continued from July 29, 2025)

2. Fran Haselsteiner (2)

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:42 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 6:44 p.m.

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Report from Closed Session:

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

1. Anthony “Tony” Mejia, Small Business Owner and Community Activist
2. Recognition of Steve Moros, Bancroft Community Garden Organizer and Community Activist
3. Adjourn in memory of Malcolm Margolin, Writer, Publisher, and Activist
4. Adjourn in memory of Ann Fagan Ginger, Attorney and Civil Rights Activist

City Manager Comments: None

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 10 speakers.

Action: M/S/C (Blackaby/Tregub) to accept an urgency item from Councilmember Blackaby pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2) entitled Letter of Support to Governor– SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888.

Vote: All Ayes.

Consent Calendar

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

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Urgent Item: Letter of Support to Governor– SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888

From: Councilmember Blackaby (Author)

Recommendation: Send a letter to Governor Newsom in support of SB-326 (Becker), AB-1143 (Bennett) and AB-888 (Calderon), with a cc to the authors, Assemblymember Wicks and Senator Arreguin.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Approved recommendation.

1. **Contract: Sorell Raino-Tsui for Public Artwork Commission for Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project Clubhouse (MLK/YAP)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any necessary amendments with Sorell Raino-Tsui for an amount not to exceed \$442,000 for a public art commission of an 885 square foot mosaic on the exterior East wall, exterior North wall, and interior North wall of the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project Clubhouse located at 1730 Oregon St.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development, (510) 981-7530
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,953–N.S.

2. **Contract No. 32000060 Amendment: Toshiba Business Solutions Inc for Citywide Multi-function Devices**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 32000060 with Toshiba Business Solutions to extend the term through September 15, 2029, and to approve an additional \$2,000,000 for appropriations related for performance of this contract. This brings the total NTE amount of this contract to \$3,750,000 over a ten-year term.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,954–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 3. Purchase Order: Blaisdell's Business Products for Office Supplies, Printing Paper, Small Equipment and Office Furniture**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase the Blanket Purchase Order with Blaisdell's Business Products for the purchase of miscellaneous office supplies, printing paper, small equipment and office furniture. The City is currently piggybacking off Omnia Partners Region 4 ESC Contract No. R190301. The contract term will commence on June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, with the option of one (1) single-year renewal for a total not to exceed amount of \$1,100,000 over a two-year term, subject to the City's annual budget appropriation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,955–N.S.
- 4. Contract No. 32000164 Amendment: CGB Enterprise, LLC (purchased from Synthesis Group, Inc.) dba Minuteman Press Contract for Citywide Copying & Printing Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No: 32000164 with Minuteman Press, to provide copying and printing services to the City, increasing the amount by \$400,000 for an amended total amount not to exceed \$1,375,000 and extending the term until June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,956–N.S.
- 5. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on September 16, 2025**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Approved recommendation.

Consent Calendar

- 6. Contract: Swifthawk Consulting, LLC for Professional Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract and any amendments with Swifthawk Consulting, LLC for surge staffing services for the Berkeley Fire Department (Department), in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 per year for the period October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028, with an option to extend for two (2) additional one-year terms, not to exceed \$300,000 per year.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,957–N.S.
- 7. Updated Findings of Facts Associated with Berkeley Fire Code**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution revised with updated Findings of Facts associated with the Council’s June 17, 2025, adoption of the Fire Code, and rescind Resolution No. 71,710-N.S.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,958–N.S.
- 8. Contract No. 32300108 Amendment: Street Level Advisors, LLC for Housing Consulting Services**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute a fourth amendment to Contract No. 32300108 with Street Level Advisors, LLC increasing the contract by \$36,450 for consulting services in a total amount not to exceed \$415,950, with a contract end date of December 31, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,959–N.S.
- 9. Purchase Orders: CDW-G for using Omnia Partners Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Adobe Acrobat Pro Software**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to issue purchase orders with CDW Government LLC (“CDW-G”) for Adobe Acrobat Pro (“Adobe”) software, licensing and support, utilizing pricing established by Omnia Partners (“Omnia”) for a total not to exceed amount of \$281,400 from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,960–N.S.

Consent Calendar

10. **Updates to the Measure T1 Project List**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the updated list of current Measure T1 projects as outlined in the report.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,961–N.S.

Council Consent Items

11. **The Parent Writing Circles Initiative- Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of funds, including \$500 from the discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett, to The Parent Writing Circles Initiative. The funds will be relinquished to the City's General Fund from the Discretionary Council Office Budget of Councilmember Ben Bartlett and the Discretionary Council Office Budgets of any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
Action: Councilmember Taplin added as a co-sponsor. Adopted Resolution No. 71,962–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$150; Councilmember Humbert - \$200; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Mayor Ishii - \$250.
12. **Zoning Ordinance Modification for Telegraph Avenue Commercial District**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager and Planning Commission to amend BMC Chapter 23.204.020 to allow for Alcoholic Beverage Retail Sales in the Telegraph Avenue Commercial District.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Mayor Ishii and Councilmember Tregub added as co-sponsors. Approved recommendation.

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda - 5 speakers.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the City Council regular meeting held on September 16, 2025.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Global Warming & Homelessness Solution

1. Mike Vandeman

Berkeley Marina

2. Paul Roberts

Freedom of Speech

3. Lori Pottinger

Noise Detectors

4. Rod Richardson

Rent Board

5. Lance Montauk

Muwekma Ohlone Resolution Inquiry

6. Aaron Lobo
7. Imraan Mohammed (2)
8. Etienne Yang

Housing & Homelessness

9. Summer Brenner

Upzoning

10. Susan Nunes Fadley

President

11. Mona VScott

Prop 50

- 12. Robbie Steinhart
- 13. Debbie LeVeen

1598 University Construction Project

- 14. Alice Chuang

Corridor Meetings

- 15. Nori Hudson
- 16. Joaquin R Carbonell IV

Frances Albrier Community Center

- 17. Mira Stein
- 18. Kelly Zito

Vegetation Management Work Group

- 19. Gina Rieger
- 20. Abhijit Bhat
- 21. Colin Arnold

Large Vehicle Parking

- 22. Steven Donaldson

Berkeley's Future

- 23. Margot Smith

Center Street Concerns

- 24. Lori Pottinger

Bike Plan Feedback

- 25. Carol Denney

Tree Trimming Concern

- 26. Kelly Zito

Gray Panthers Speaker

- 27. Betsy Morris on behalf of the Gray Panthers Berkeley East Bay

E-Scooters

- 28. Robert Borghese Byler (9)

Middle East Conflict

- 29. Crystyrusty
- 30. Russbumper

Forwards

31. Russbumper

URL's

32. Russbumper (2)

33. Candace Hyde-Wang

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Urgent Item: Letter of Support to Governor– SB-326, AB-1143, AB-888

34. Submitted by Councilmember Brent Blackaby

Item #12: Zoning Ordinance Modification for Telegraph Avenue Commercial District

35. Alex Knox on behalf of Telegraph Business Improvement District

36. Beth Roessner

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

- None

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

4:30 P.M.

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett, Tregub

Councilmember Tregub present at 4:33 p.m.

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:38 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION:

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, Maricar Dupaya, 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.

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

a. Potential litigation challenging federal funding conditions.

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

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

OPEN SESSION:

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

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Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025
4:00 PM**

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

ADENA ISHII, MAYOR

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Bartlett, O'Keefe

Councilmember O'Keefe present at 4:08 p.m.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:21 p.m.

Worksession

1. Social Housing Study and Recommendations

From: City Manager

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

Action: 7 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

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Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #1: Social Housing Study and Recommendations

1. Presentation submitted by the Health, Housing, and Community Services Department

MINUTES
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 6:05 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Land Acknowledgement Statement: *The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley’s residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley’s incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*

Ceremonial Matters:

1. Recognizing the 33rd Anniversary of Indigenous Peoples’ Day, October 13, 2025
2. Adjourned in Memory of Dan Siegel, Civil Rights Attorney
3. Adjourned in Memory of Dinh Le, Berkeley Resident and Pedestrian Fatality

City Manager Comments: The City Manager highlighted Item 3 on the agenda regarding the acceptance of the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant award and the programs that will be supported by the grant funds.

City Auditor Comments: The City Auditor provided a brief update on Item 21 on the agenda regarding the Berkeley Police overtime audit, and noted the Police Department’s progress in implementing the audit recommendations.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 5 speakers.

Report from Closed Session:

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Consent Calendar

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: 6 speakers.

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

Vote: All Ayes.

- 1. Proposed Sanctuary City Ordinance – Council Referral; Adding Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 13.114**
From: City Attorney
Recommendation: Adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. 7,984–N.S. adopting a Sanctuary City Ordinance (BMC 13.114) to codify the City’s sanctuary policy into the Berkeley Municipal Code.
First Reading Vote: All Ayes.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950
Action: Adopted second reading of Ordinance No. 7,984–N.S.
- 2. Minutes for Approval**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the Council meetings of July 8, 2025 (regular), July 22, 2025 (closed and regular), July 23, 2025 (regular), and July 29, 2025 (special and regular).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900
Action: Approved the minutes as submitted.
- 3. Authorize Acceptance of Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant and Execution of Related Agreements**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to: Accept the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 grant award of \$8,000,000 from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC); Execute any resultant agreements and amendments; and Appropriate the funds for eligible project activities through the Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) consistent with the grant budget.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Carianna Arredondo, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,963–N.S.

Consent Calendar

- 4. 2026 Tax Rate: Transportation Network Company User Tax**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt first reading of an Ordinance setting the 2026 tax rate (effective January 1, 2026) for the transportation network company at the following rates: 62 cents on the user for each prearranged trip that originates in the City that is not part of a pooled prearranged trip and 30 cents for each pooled prearranged trip on each user who arranges each prearranged trip that originates in the City and which comprises part of the pooled prearranged trip.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
Action: Adopted first reading of Ordinance No. 7,985–N.S. Second reading scheduled for October 14, 2025.
- 5. Application to the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 2: Unmet Needs**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to: 1) Authorize the City of Berkeley (City) to apply to the California Department of Health Care Services for Bond BHCIP Round 2 grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$6,947,050; and 2) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Program Funding Agreement and any related documents necessary to secure and administer the grant; and 3) Acknowledge that the City will comply with every term and condition of the Program Funding Agreement; and 4) Designate the City Manager, or designee, as the City's Authorized Signatory for all Program documents.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,964–N.S.
- 6. Contract No. 32300180 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Provision of Transportation Services for Seniors and the Disabled**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300180 for an additional \$150,000 with GoGo Technologies, Inc. for the purpose of providing a 24/7 concierge call center that arranges rides with Uber and Lyft for the City's seniors and disabled community. The contract amendment's not-to-exceed amount will be increased to \$500,000 for the period July 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. 71,965–N.S.

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- 7. Contract No. 32300207 Amendment: Easy Does It for Provision of Wheelchair Van Service for Seniors and Disabled Riders**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute an amendment to Contract No. 32300207 for an additional \$75,000 with Easy Does It for the purpose of providing lift-equipment accessible wheelchair van services to the City of Berkeley's wheelchair riders. The contract's not-to-exceed amount will be increased to a total of \$250,000 for the period of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,966–N.S.
- 8. Revenue Grant Agreement: Funding Support from the California Department of Public Health to Enhance Disease Intervention Workforce Development**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept funds from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) in the projected amount of \$523,953 to execute a revenue agreement, contract, and any necessary amendments and extensions.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,967–N.S.
- 9. Donation: Memorial Bench at Berkeley Marina in Memory of Michael W. Orton**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,400 for a memorial bench to be placed at the Berkeley Marina in memory of Michael W. Orton.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,968–N.S.
- 10. Purchase Order with Coast Counties Peterbilt for Seven 2026 Model Peterbilt 520 Rear-Loader Refuse Trucks with McNeilus Bodies**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Coast Counties Peterbilt for seven 2026 Peterbilt Model 520 rear-loader refuse trucks with McNeilus bodies, in an amount not to exceed \$3,800,000.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Terrance Davis, Public Works, (510) 981-6300
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,969–N.S.

Council Consent Items

11. **Recreation and Community Facility Improvement Measures** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee)*
From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the assessment of potential revenue measures to finance capital improvements for certain recreational and community-serving city facilities that have completed the conceptual or design phase and return to the city council with recommendations for placing such measures on the November 2026 midterm election ballot.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send 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 Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee.
12. **Resolution Supporting California Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act; Which Would Authorize California to Adopt Temporary Congressional Maps in Response to These Partisan Actions While Reaffirming the State's Commitment to Independent, Non-partisan Redistricting By Preserving the Citizens Redistricting Commission for the Decennial Process After the 2030 Census**
From: Councilmember Tregub (Author), Councilmember Lunaparra (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution supporting Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act, which would authorize California to adopt temporary congressional maps in response to partisan mid-decade redistricting efforts in other states while preserving the independent Citizens Redistricting Commission for the 2030 census process.
Financial Implications: Staff time
Contact: Igor Tregub, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,970–N.S.

Council Consent Items

13. **Berkeley Art Center's Fall 2025 Community Dinner: Relinquishment of Budget Office Funds**
From: Councilmember O'Keefe (Author), Mayor Ishii (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember – including \$500 from Councilmember O'Keefe and \$250 from Mayor Ishii – to the Berkeley Art Center (BAC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, for their Fall 2025 Community Dinner, a fundraiser to support BAC's artistic and cultural programming, and to welcome BAC's new Executive Director, Gisela Insuaste, with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose from the discretionary Council office budgets of Councilmember O'Keefe and Mayor Ishii, and from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute. The event will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Berkeley Art Center.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Shoshana O'Keefe, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: Councilmembers Blackaby and Taplin added as co-sponsors. Adopted Resolution No. 71,971–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember Lunaparra - \$200; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Taplin - \$250; Councilmember Bartlett - \$250.
14. **Sacred Rest Drop-in Center Landline: Relinquishment of Council Office Budget Funds to General Fund and Grant of Such Funds**
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$500 per Councilmember, including \$500 from Councilmember Lunaparra's discretionary fund and funds from any other Councilmembers who would like to contribute, to Village of Love for a landline at the Sacred Rest Drop-In Center with funds relinquished to the City's general fund for this purpose.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 71,972–N.S. amended to include contributions from the following Councilmembers up to the amounts listed: Councilmember Taplin - \$500; Councilmember Blackaby - \$250; Councilmember O'Keefe - \$250; Councilmember Humbert - \$250; Councilmember Tregub - \$100; Councilmember Kesarwani - \$100; Councilmember Bartlett - \$200; Mayor Ishii - \$250.

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15. **Refer to the City Manager in Collaboration with the City Attorney’s Office to Develop Proposed Increases to the Shared Micromobility Program Fees**
(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee)
From: Councilmember Lunaparra (Author), Councilmember Blackaby (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Humbert (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager in collaboration with the City Attorney’s Office to develop proposed increases to the shared micromobility program fees and return to Council within 120 days. The proposed amendments should evaluate adjustments to the following fee categories: Application fee; Operating fee; Fee per vehicle; Fee per ride.
Policy Committee Recommendation: To send the item to Council with a positive recommendation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cecilia Lunaparra, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170
Action: Approved recommendation as recommended by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

16. **Changes to the Planning and Development Fee Schedule**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 71,834-N.S. to make revisions to the Land Use Planning section of the Planning and Development Department fee schedule, effective November 1, 2025, to add new fees for Zoning reviews of Middle Housing projects and for arborist consultations when required.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

Public Testimony: The Mayor opened the public hearing. 0 speakers.
M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to close the public hearing.
Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Humbert) to adopt Resolution No. 71,973–N.S.
Vote: All Ayes.

Recess 7:10 p.m. – 7:24 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

17. **Resolution Calling on the California State Legislature to Amend Government Code Section 12519 to Allow Heads of Civilian Oversight Agencies to Directly Request Investigative Assistance from the Attorney General’s Office**
From: Director of Police Accountability
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution calling on the California State Legislature to Amend Government Code Section 12519 to allow heads of civilian oversight agencies to directly request investigative assistance from the Attorney General’s office.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Office of Director of Police Accountability, (510) 981-4950
Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Ishii/Kesarwani) to take no action on Item 17.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Tregub, O’Keefe, Blackaby, Humbert, Ishii; Noes – None; Abstain – Lunaparra; Absent – None.
18. **Resolution Directing the City Manager to Work with the City Attorney’s Office to Establish a Communications Policy, Corresponding Training, and Compliance Mechanisms to Ensure Impartiality and Neutrality During the Pendency of an Active Personnel Investigation**
From: Director of Police Accountability
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution directing the City Manager to work with the City Attorney’s Office to establish a communications policy, corresponding training, and compliance mechanisms to ensure impartiality and neutrality during the pendency of an active personnel investigation.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Hansel Aguilar, Office of Director of Police Accountability, (510) 981-4950
Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Ishii/Tregub) to refer the item to the City Attorney with direction to prepare a memorandum to City staff and the City Council addressing the applicable legal doctrines related to due process, pending investigations, and other related matters.
Vote: All Ayes.

Information Reports

19. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2201-2205 Blake Street/#LMSAP2024-0004**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.
20. **Landmark Preservation Ordinance Notice of Decision: 2939 Dwight Way/#LMIN2020-0007**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
Action: Received and filed.

Information Reports

21. **Audit Recommendation Status - Berkeley Police: Improvements Needed to Manage Overtime and Security Work for Outside Entities**
From: City Manager
Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900
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: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the regular meeting held on September 29, 2025

Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

Communications

Item #12: Resolution Supporting California Proposition 50, the Election Rigging Response Act; Which Would Authorize California to Adopt Temporary Congressional Maps in Response to These Partisan Actions While Reaffirming the State’s Commitment to Independent, Non-partisan Redistricting By Preserving the Citizens Redistricting Commission for the Decennial Process After the 2030 Census

1. Jack Kurzweil (2)
2. Melanie Lawrence and John Smail
3. Harriet Charney

Frontage Road

4. Debbie

BPD Radio Communications

5. Naveen Gattu
6. ScanBerkeley

Kaiser Midwives

7. Neel Arant

Marin Ave and Cragmont Ave Safety Concern

- 8. Robin McGill and Justin Wiley
- 9. Jennie Hicks & Ian Wulfson

FITES Support

- 10. John-Mario Arcilla Sevilla

Honey Bee Swarm Calls

- 11. Mateo Kaiser

Housing Concern

- 12. CRD Contract Center (3)

More Building in Berkeley

- 13. Lynn Cooper

Ohlone Greenway Modernization

- 14. Clifford Fred

Facilities Funding Measure

- 15. Gael Alcock

Parks Tax

- 16. Gael Alcock

Vacant, Blighted Properties

- 17. Ory Sandel

Harrison St.

- 18. David Lerman (2)
- 19. Peter Radu

2128 Oxford St.

- 20. Margots999

Mills Act

- 21. Jeffrey Baker

Health Concerns

- 22. Joel Eng

New Zoning

- 23. Foster Curry
- 24. Mandy Aftel

Affordable Housing for First Responders

- 25. David Lerman

Street Sweeping

26. David Lerman

Citation Appeal Response

27. David Weintraub

Berkeley Reparations Budget Allocation

28. Monique Allen

Civic Joy Fund

29. Eric Friedman

BPD Surveillance Cameras

30. Taj Herzer-Baptiste

Draft Bicycle Plan

31. Henry DeNero on behalf of the Berkeley FireSafe Council

Exhibit Opening and Proclamation

32. Clementina Duron and Beatriz Leyva-Cutler

Construction Settlement/Repairs

33. Hector91 Phuentes (8)

34. Cindy Morgan

35. John Dunlap

Formal Complaint

36. Littleton S. Irby

37. Melanie E. Beasley (2)

38. Scott Gilman

39. Christina Pallmann

Recertification Concern

40. Hector91 Phuentes

Renovation Scheduling

41. Alexander Merenkov (4)

Forwards

42. Russbumper

Middle East Conflict

43. Jack Kurzweil

44. Russbumper

45. Nicoletta Karam (2)

46. Liz Bernstein

E-Scooters & E-Bikes

- 47. Carol Denney
- 48. Summer Brenner
- 49. John Harris
- 50. Rebecca Dahlberg
- 51. Melanie Lawrence & John Smail
- 52. Robert Borghese

Newsletter

- 53. Berkeley Art Center
- 54. Downtown Berkeley Association

SB79

- 55. John Rice

URL's

- 56. Russbumper (3)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

Item #11: Recreation and Community Facility Improvement Measures (Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee)

- 57. Stephani Lesh

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

Item #3: Authorize Acceptance of Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant and Execution of Related Agreements

- 58. Geoff Lomax (2)

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #3: Authorize Acceptance of Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Grant and Execution of Related Agreements

- 59. Paul Mathew
- 60. Steve Kromer
- 61. Joshua Glatt
- 62. Isabelle Gaston
- 63. Geoff Lomax

Item #6: Contract No. 32300180 Amendment: GoGo Technologies, Inc. for Provision of Transportation Services for Seniors and the Disabled

- 64. Barbara Gilbert

