

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

2:30 P.M.

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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AGENDA

Roll Call

Public Comment

Review of Agendas

- 1. Approval of Minutes: October 25, 2021
- Review and Approve Draft Agenda:
 a. 11/16/21 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting
- 3. Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal
- 4. Adjournments In Memory

Scheduling

- 5. Council Worksessions Schedule
- 6. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling
- 7. Land Use Calendar

Referred Items for Review

- 8. Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies
- 9. Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies
- 10. Discussion of Changes to Rules of Procedure for Budget Referrals

Unscheduled Items

11. Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals

Items for Future Agendas

• Discussion of items to be added to future agendas

Adjournment – Next Meeting Monday, November 15, 2021

Additional items may be added to the draft agenda per Council Rules of Procedure.

Rules of Procedure as adopted by Council resolution, Article III, C3c - Agenda - Submission of Time Critical Items

Time Critical Items. A Time Critical item is defined as a matter that is considered urgent by the sponsor and that has a deadline for action that is prior to the next meeting of the Council and for which a report prepared by the City Manager, Auditor, Mayor or council member is received by the City Clerk after established deadlines and is not included on the Agenda Committee's published agenda.

If the Agenda Committee finds the matter to meet the definition of Time Critical, the Agenda Committee may place the matter on the Agenda on either the Consent or Action Calendar.

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BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 2:30 P.M.

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Roll Call: 2:33 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 3 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2021 Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 10/12/21. Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 11/9/21 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting **Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 11/9/21 with the changes noted below.

- Item Added: Mosquitos (Bartlett) Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn added as cosponsors
- Item Added: Bright Streets to Schools (Hahn) Councilmember Wengraf added as a cosponsor
- Item Added: Dependent Care Rollover (City Manager)
- Item 7 United Against Hate Week (Arreguin) Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf added as co-sponsors
- Item 9 Berkeley Ceasefire (Taplin) Councilmember Wengraf and Mayor Arreguin added as co-sponsors; Financial Implications corrected to \$200,000
- Item 10 Strawberry Creek Lodge (Taplin) Revised item submitted
- Item 15 Undergrounding (Wengraf) Councilmembers Taplin and Hahn added as cosponsors; Revised item submitted
- Item 17 Toxic Remediation (Taplin) Referred to Land Use Housing and Economic Development Committee
- Item 18 Bright Streets to Schools (Hahn) Item withdrawn and replaced by version submitted as time-critical.

Vote: All Ayes.

- Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal
 None selected
- 4. Adjournments In Memory None

Scheduling

- 5. Council Worksessions Schedule received and filed
- Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to remove Item 1 regarding kitchen exhaust hoods from the list at the request of the Author.
 Vote: All Ayes.
- 7. Land Use Calendar– received and filed

Referred Items for Review

8. Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies

Action: 2 speakers. No comments from staff or the committee.

9. Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies

Action: 3 speakers. Staff presented the outline of the policies and logistics for holding in-person hybrid meetings of the City Council. The Committee asked questions and discussed the topic of requiring vaccinations to attend Council meetings.

Unscheduled Items

10. Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals

Items for Future Agendas

• Discussion of items to be added to future agendas - None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on October 25, 2021.

Mark Numainville City Clerk

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DRAFT AGENDA



BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 6:00 PM

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE 02.a

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Meetings will adjourn at 11:00 p.m. - any items outstanding at that time will be carried over to a date/time to be specified.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

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

City Manager Comments: The City Manager may make announcements or provide information to the City Council in the form of an oral report. The Council will not take action on such items but may request the City Manager place a report on a future agenda for discussion.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: Persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda. If five or fewer persons wish to speak, each person selected will be allotted two minutes each. If more than five persons wish to speak, up to ten persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda and each person selected will be allotted one minute each. The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items will be heard at the end of the agenda.

Consent Calendar

The Council will first determine whether to move items on the agenda for "Action" or "Information" to the "Consent Calendar", or move "Consent Calendar" items to "Action." Three members of the City Council must agree to pull an item from the Consent Calendar for it to move to Action. Items that remain on the "Consent Calendar" are voted on in one motion as a group. "Information" items are not discussed or acted upon at the Council meeting unless they are moved to "Action" or "Consent".

No additional items can be moved onto the Consent Calendar once public comment has commenced. At any time during, or immediately after, public comment on Information and Consent items, any Councilmember may move any Information or Consent item to "Action." Following this, the Council will vote on the items remaining on the Consent Calendar in one motion.

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Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: The Council will take public comment on any items that are either on the amended Consent Calendar or the Information Calendar. Speakers will be entitled to two minutes each to speak in opposition to or support of Consent Calendar and Information Items. A speaker may only speak once during the period for public comment on Consent Calendar and Information items.

Additional information regarding public comment by City of Berkeley employees and interns: Employees and interns of the City of Berkeley, although not required, are encouraged to identify themselves as such, the department in which they work and state whether they are speaking as an individual or in their official capacity when addressing the Council in open session or workshops.

1. Resolution Making Required Findings Pursuant to the Government Code and Directing City Legislative Bodies to Continue to Meet Via Videoconference and Teleconference

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a resolution making the required findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) and determining that as a result of the continued threat to public health and safety posed by the spread of COVID-19, City legislative bodies shall continue to meet via videoconference and teleconference, initially ratified by the City Council on September 28, 2021, and subsequently reviewed and ratified on October 26, 2021.

Financial Implications: To be determined Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

2. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on November 16, 2021 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: \$15,120,000

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

3. Authorizing Acceptance of California Department of Public Health California Equitable Recovery Initiative Grant Award From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to submit grant agreements to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to accept an award of California Equitable Recovery Initiative (CERI) grant funds, and to execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments in order to support health equity efforts in response to the COVID19 pandemic. **Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

4. ONTRACK Program Resources Inc. - Support Services for African American Community Members

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to execute a contract and any amendments with ONTRACK Program Resources Inc., funded through State of California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) dollars, for support services for African American community members, for an initial contract not to exceed \$75,000 through June 30, 2022.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

5. Salary Adjustment to Market Median for Department Heads From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 69,998-N.S. (Classification and Salary Resolution for classifications in Representation Unit Z-1 Confidential and Executive Management Employees) to increase the salary of the department heads of Finance (\$19,332 to \$21,133), Human Resources (\$19,332 to \$20,179), Information Technology (\$19,332 to \$21,451), Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (\$20,152 to \$20,987), Planning (\$19,332 to \$19,634), Public Works (\$20,152 to \$21,432), and Fire Chief (\$20,439 to \$21,626) be increased per month effective November 14, 2021, to bring their salaries in line with the median of the salaries of City/County department heads in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Donald E. Ellison, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800

6. Commission Reorganization: Creating the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt an Ordinance repealing and re-enacting Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.26 to create the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Commission, and repealing Berkeley Municipal Code Chapters 3.27 (Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission) and 3.08 (Berkeley Animal Care Commission). **Financial Implications:** See report

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

7. Amendment to the Agreement for Maintenance of State Highways in the City between the California Department of Transportation and City of Berkeley From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for maintenance of the State highways within the City of Berkeley. The amendment will address two new traffic signals; 1) the new traffic signal at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Parker Street which will be constructed by Kaiser Permanente as part of their project's mitigation measure, and 2) the new traffic signal constructed by Caltrans at the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Bancroft Way.

Financial Implications: See report Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

 Vision 2050: A Year of Progress to Creating Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure for Berkeley From: City Manager Recommendation: Accept the progress report on the 1-year anniversary of the

Financial Implications: See report Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

9. Contract No. 31900031 Amendment: Downtown Streets Team From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend Contract No. 31900031 with Downtown Streets Team to add additional scope to address enhanced needs for services around encampments and neighborhoods, and increase the contract by \$355,000 for a new not to exceed amount of \$1,275,304. **Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

10. Purchase Order: Atlantic Machinery, Inc. for One Ravo Sweeper From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution satisfying the requirements of City Charter Article XI Section 67.2 allowing the City to participate in Sourcewell contract bid procedures and authorizing the City Manager to execute a purchase order with Atlantic Machinery, Inc. for one (1) Ravo Sweeper in an amount not to exceed \$285,000.

Financial Implications: See report Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

11. Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives of the Poor From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of Mr. George Lippman (District 3) as elected representatives of the poor on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been voted at the HWCAC July 21, 2021 meeting, and that his term expire November 28, 2022. Financial Implications: None Contact: Mary-Claire Katz, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-5400

Council Consent Items

12. Salary Adjustment for City Manager From: Mayor Arreguin (Author)

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 69,998-N.S. (Classification and Salary Resolution for classifications in Representation Unit Z-1 Confidential and Executive Management Employees) to increase the salary of the City Manager from \$25,119 per month to \$32,180 per month effective November 14, 2021 to bring her salary in line with the median of the salaries of City/County Managers and Administrators in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area. **Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

 Budget Referral: Curtis Street Traffic Diverters From: Councilmember Taplin (Author) Recommendation: Refer to the November Annual Appropriation Ordinance the funding of traffic diverters at the following intersections: 1. Curtis Street and Channing Way and 2. Curtis Street and Addison Street. Financial Implications: \$100,000 Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

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Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their comments. This is followed by five-minute presentations each by the appellant and applicant. The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak use the "raise hand" function to be recognized and to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time.

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Each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.

14. Renewal of the Elmwood Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2022 From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution confirming the Annual Report and Budget for the Elmwood Business Improvement District (hereafter, "the District", "the Elmwood BID" or "the BID") for 2021-22 and, if no majority protest exists, levy annual assessments in the District for calendar year 2022 to finance services and improvements and authorize a fiscal agency contract with Elmwood Business Association for receipt and expenditure of District funds

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

15. Renewal of the Solano Avenue BID for Calendar Year 2022 From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution confirming the Annual Report and Budget for the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District (hereafter, "Solano BID Advisory Board" or "the BID") for 2021-2022 and, if no majority protest exists, levy annual assessments in the District for calendar year 2022 to finance services and improvements and authorize a fiscal agency contract for receipt and expenditure of District funds.

Financial Implications: See Report

Contact: Eleanor Hollander, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7530

16. Fees: Vital Records

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Resolution adopting the Vital Records fee schedule adding a \$2.00 increase to the current fee for the issuance of each birth, death, and fetal death certificate. This fee adjustment is to become effective January 1, 2022 pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021), and Health & Safety (H&S) Codes, § 103627, 100425, 100430, and 100435.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

17. Opt-In to Countywide Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and, upon conclusion, adopt a first reading of an Ordinance adding Chapter 12.35 to the Berkeley Municipal Code opting in to the Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Organics Reduction and Recycling Ordinance with an effective date of January 1, 2022. This Ordinance will bring the City into compliance with the regulations of Senate Bill 1383: Short-lived Climate Pollutants Act of 2016.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

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CONSENT CALENDAR November 16, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Submitted by: Praveen Sood, Chairperson, Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

Subject: Filling Vacancies Among the Elected Representatives of the Poor

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointments of Mr. George Lippman (District 3) as elected representatives of the poor on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC), having been voted at the HWCAC July 21, 2021 meeting, and that his term expire November 28, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC, which also acts as the Board of the Berkeley Community Action Agency (CAA), could result in a loss of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding. Vacancies on the Berkeley CAA Board were noted as a "finding" during the most recent desk review of this program conducted by the State Department of Community Services and Development.

BACKGROUND

The HWCAC is made up of fifteen members, nine of whom are appointed by Berkeley City Council members and six of whom are elected representatives of the poor. Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.78.080 stipulates that elections of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years. The next election will take place in November 2022. Subsection C of the code states, "...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election..." and that the, "...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation." BMC 3.78.030 (b) also states in part, that the remaining elected commission members shall recommend to the Council that the newly elected person fill out the term of the appointment.

The elected representative of the poor and the remaining commissioners voted (Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Dunner, Omodele, Romo, Sood,

Pelley, Sim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent: Hill, Kohn (excused), Yun) to select Mr. Lippman to fill a District 3 low-income vacancy.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no known environmental impacts associated with the recommendation of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Failure to maintain full membership on the HWCAC could jeopardize future CSBG funding.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED None.

<u>CONTACT PERSON</u> Mary-Claire Katz, Secretary, HHCS, (510) 981-5414

Attachments: 1: Resolution

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

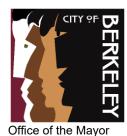
CONFIRMING THAT MR. GEORGE LIPPMAN MAY FILL ONE VACANCY AMONG THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POOR ON THE HUMAN WELFARE AND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION (HWCAC), HAVING BEEN SELECTED AT THE HWCAC JULY 21, 2021 MEETING.

WHEREAS, Berkeley Municipal Code Section 3.78.080 stipulates that election of representatives of the poor are held biennially in the month of November in even numbered years, and the next election will take place in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, Subsection C states "...the remaining representatives of the poor...shall select a person to fill the vacancy until the next election..." and that the "...name of the selected representatives shall be submitted to the City Council for confirmation"; and

WHEREAS, at the July 21, 2021 HWCAC regular meeting, the Commission elected Mr. George Lippman (District 3) to fill one vacancy with his term ending November 28, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Berkeley that Mr. George Lippman is confirmed as an elected representative of the poor serving on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission until November 28, 2022.



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CONSENT CALENDAR November 16, 2021

To: Members of the City Council

From: Mayor Jesse Arreguin (Author)

Submitted by: Donald E. Ellison, Interim Director of Human Resources

Subject: Salary Adjustment for City Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution to amend Resolution No. 69,998-N.S. (Classification and Salary Resolution for classifications in Representation Unit Z-1 Confidential and Executive Management Employees) to increase the salary of the City Manager from \$25,119 per month to \$32,180 per month effective November 14, 2021 to bring her salary in line with the median of the salaries of City/County Managers and Administrators in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The financial impact of this recommendation is approximately \$52,958 for the balance of Fiscal Year 2022 and approximately \$84,732 in Fiscal Year 2023. The cost of this increase will be paid from the General Fund and sufficient funds are available to fund this increase.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City Council conducted a performance evaluation of the City Manager in October 2021. The City Council then designated the Mayor to implement a salary increase for the City Manager on behalf of the City.

On July 29, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 69,998-N.S. that provided for cost of living adjustments and benefit improvements to employees in Representation Unit Z-1 who are Confidential and Executive Management employees; this includes the City Manager. All employees in Representation Unit Z-1 received a 4% cost of living adjustment effective June 25, 2021. The City Manager has more than 6 years of benefited service with the City.

City staff conducted a survey of City Manager/County Administrator salaries in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area. The results of this survey are attached for your information. This survey reflects that Berkeley's City Manager is paid approximately 20% below the median of salaries paid to City Managers in twelve (12) Bay Area jurisdictions, even after factoring in the recent cost of living adjustment. In assessing the comparability of the City Manager responsibilities in several of the

jurisdictions surveyed and given the size of the City of Berkeley budget and staff, the range of services provided and the degree of community involvement, I believe that the Berkeley City Manager position is equally, if not more challenging than most of the City Manager and County Administrator positions surveyed.

The salary survey confirmed that the City Manager is compensated at a lower level than other City Managers and County Administrators in other jurisdictions in the Bay Area. Accordingly, I recommend that the Council approve a salary from \$25,119 per month to \$32,180 per month effective November 14, 2021 to bring the City Manager's salary in line with the salaries of City Managers/County Administrators in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACT

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

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

City staff conducted a survey of City Manager/County Administrator salaries in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area, which showed the Berkeley City Manager is undercompensated as compared to positions surveyed. The salary adjustment is being recommended in order to bring the City Manager's salary in line with that of City Managers/County Administrators in comparable jurisdictions.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED None.

<u>CONTACT PERSON</u> Mayor Jesse Arreguin, 510-981-7100

Attachments: 1: Resolution: Exhibit A: City Manager Salary Survey

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

Salary Adjustment for the City Manager

WHEREAS, under City Charter Section 27, the City Council is responsible to fix the compensation of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, in October 2021 the City Council designated the Mayor to implement a salary increase for the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, the City staff conducted a survey of City Manager and County Administrator salaries in comparable jurisdictions in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the result of the survey reflects that Berkeley's City Manager is paid approximately 20% below the median of City Managers and County Administrators in twelve (12) Bay Area jurisdictions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that authorizes that the salary of the City Manager be increased from \$25,119 per month to \$32,180 per month effective November 14, 2021.

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Exhibit A: City Manager Salary Survey

Agency	Classification	Minimum Base Salary	Maximum Base Salary	Ranking		
Berkeley	City Manager	\$25,119	\$25,119	11		
Alameda County	County Administrator	\$23,982	\$31,257	5		
Concord	City Manager	\$24,476	\$24,476	12		
Contra Costa County	County Administrator	\$29,678	\$32,768	1		
Fremont	City Manager	\$28,028	\$28,028	9		
Hayward	City Manager	\$25,218	\$25,218	10		
Oakland	City Administrator	\$25,559	\$31,949	4		
Palo Alto	City Manager	\$29,668	\$29,668	7		
Richmond	City Manager	\$14,805	\$23,567	13		
San Francisco	City Administrator (Department Head V)	\$22,505	\$28,721	8		
San Jose	City Manager	\$25,113	\$30,431	6		
San Mateo County	County Manager	\$32,442	\$32,442	2		
Santa Clara County	County Executive	\$29,329	\$32,412	3		
Labor Market Median \$30,049						
	% Berkeley is A	-19.63%				
Data effective as of 9/2021	#0	12				
San Jose- 5% non pensionable						



CONSENT CALENDAR November 16th, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Terry Taplin (Author)

Subject: Budget Referral: Curtis Street Traffic Diverters

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the November Annual Appropriation Ordinance the funding of traffic diverters at the following intersections:

- Curtis Street and Channing Way
- Curtis Street and Addison Street

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The City of Berkeley's Bicycle Plan offers a vision for a future Berkeley that combines public policy and infrastructural improvements into an urban transportation landscape offering cyclists a safe, interconnected street network. Once fully implemented, Berkeley's bike network will allow for biking as a primary transportation method allowing commuters and their loved ones to safely arrive at their destination. The network of recommended bicycle facility improvements, while thorough, offers only a proposal for Council and staff to act on. Unless reliably and steadily funded, the Bicycle Plan's vision for a safe and reliable street network for bike travel will remain just a vision.

Among the many proposed improvements in the Bicycle Plan, traffic diverters are recommended "to direct vehicles off the Bicycle Boulevards and onto larger roadways, decreasing vehicle speeding and cut-through traffic." Each location being specifically chosen "to provide at least one diversion point between each major street along the Bicycle Boulevard network."¹ Residents, cyclists, and pedestrians along Curtis Street have experienced a high volume of cut-through traffic at all times of day. This cut-through traffic off of the Channing and Addison Bike Boulevards through residential streets, being the very thing traffic diverters are intended to prevent, demonstrates the need to act on these recommended improvements as soon as possible. Every day that the Bicycle Plan's proposed diverters at Curtis & Channing and Curtis & Addison are not constructed presents a threat to the safety of this entire neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACTS

¹https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Public_Works/Level_3 - Transportation/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017_Ch5_ProposedBikewayNetwork.pdf

Staff time and an estimated \$100,000 for two traffic diverters.²

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Establishing a network of safe streets for pedestrians and bicycles, promoting bicycle literacy, and distributing bicycles to those in need incentivize nonautomobile travel, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City estimates that transportation-related emissions accounts for approximately 60% of our community's total annual greenhouse gas emissions.³ By encouraging alternatives to car transportation by making pedestrian and cyclist infrastructure safer and more accessible, these improvements stand to lower the emissions from our community's dominant source of carbon emissions.

CONTACT

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

²<u>https://www.cityofberkeley.info/uploadedFiles/Public_Works/Level_3_-_Transportation/Berkeley-Bicycle-Plan-2017_AppendixE_Project%20Recs%20Priorities(1).pdf</u>

³https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2018/12_Dec/Documents/2018-12-06_WS_Item_01_Climate_Action_Plan_Update_pdf.aspx

Upcoming Worksessions – start time is 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted				
Scheduled Dates				
Dec. 7	 WETA / Ferry Service at the Marina Presentation by Bay Restoration Authority Update: Zero Waste Rates & Priorities 			
January 20 (Thurs.)	1. Review and Update on City's COVID-19 Response			
February 15	1. Homeless Services and Mental Health Services			
March 15	1. Housing Element Update			
April 19	1. Fire Department Standards of Coverage Study			

Unscheduled Workshops	
 Cannabis Health Considerations Alameda County LAFCO Presentation 	

Unscheduled Presentations (City Manager)

- Civic Arts Grantmaking Process & Capital Grant Program
 Civic Center Old City Hall and Veterans Memorial Building
- 3. Mid-Year Budget Report FY 2022

	Business for Scheduling
1.	25. Surveillance Technology Report, Surveillance Acquisition Report, and Surveillance Use Policy for Automatic License Plate Readers (Continued from February 25, 2020. Item contains revised and supplemental materials) (Referred from the May 12, 2020 agenda.) From: City Manager Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution accepting the Surveillance Technology Report, Surveillance Acquisition Report, and Surveillance Use Policy for Automatic License Plate Readers submitted pursuant to Chapter 2.99 of the Berkeley Municipal Code. Financial Implications: None Contact: Andrew Greenwood, Police, (510) 981-5900; Dave White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000 Note: Referred to Agenda & Rules for future scheduling.
2.	 Adopt a Resolution Updating City of Berkeley Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Policy (Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee) (Continued from the June 1, 2021 meeting) (Referred from the July 13, 2021 meeting) From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor) Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution updating the City's Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Policy dated June 1, 2021. 2. Refer the exploration of potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the Paving Condition Index (PCI) of streets and creating a Paving Master Plan back to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability (FITES) Committee for further
	review. Policy Committee Recommendation: To move the Public Works supplemental item "City of Berkeley Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Policy to Council" with a positive recommendation including amendments made during the meeting today, and ask Council to refer the exploration of potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of streets and creating a Paving Master Plan back to the FITES Committee for further review. Financial Implications: Staff time Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140 Note: Item referred to the Agenda & Rules Committee for future scheduling with the Five-Year Paving Plan.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT WORKING CALENDAR FOR SCHEDULING LAND USE MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL							
Address Board/ Appeal Period Commission Ends							
NOD – Notices of Decision							
Public Hearings Scheduled							
1527 Sacramento St (second story addition)	ZAB		2/1/2022				
2956 Hillegass Ave (addition to lawful non-conforming structure)	ZAB		2/1/2022				
Remanded to ZAB or LPC							
1205 Peralta Avenue (conversion of an existing garage)	ZAB						
Notes							
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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

Meeting Date: November 10, 2020

Item Number: 20

Item Description: Annual Commission Attendance and Meeting Frequency Report

Submitted by: Mark Numainville, City Clerk

The attached memo responds to issues and questions raised at the October 26 Agenda & Rules Committee Meeting and the October 27 City Council Meeting regarding the ability of city boards and commissions to resume regular meeting schedules.



Office of the City Manager

November 9, 2020

То:	Mayor and Council
From:	Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Subject:	Commission Meetings Under COVID-19 Emergency (Item 20)

This memo provides supplemental information for the discussion on Item 20 on the November 10, 2020 Council agenda. Below is a summary and update of the status of meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissions during the COVID-19 emergency declaration and the data collected by the City Manager on the ability of commissions to resume meetings in 2021.

On March 10, 2020 the City Council ratified the proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services for a state of local emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The emergency proclamation has been renewed twice by the Council and remains in effect.

On March 17, 2020 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 69,331-N.S. which placed limitations of the meetings of City legislative bodies, including all boards and commissions. The resolution allows for commissions to meet to conduct time-sensitive, legally mandated business with the authorization of the City Manager. Since that time, several commissions have obtained this approval and held meetings; many other commissions have not met at all since March.

The City Manager has periodically reviewed the status of commission meetings with the City Council Agenda & Rules Committee. Recently, at the October 12, 2020 Agenda & Rules Committee meeting, the City Manager presented a proposal to allow all commissions to meet under limited circumstances. The Committee voted to endorse the City Manager's recommendation.

Effective October 12, 2020, all City boards and commissions may meet once to develop and finalize their work plan for 2021 and to complete any Council referrals directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. A second meeting may be held to

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complete this work with specific authorization by the City Manager. It is recommended that the meeting(s) occur by the end of February 2021.

Commissions that have been granted permission to meet under Resolution No. 69,331-N.S. may continue to meet pursuant to their existing authorization, and may also meet to develop their 2021 work plan.

Commissions that have not requested meetings pursuant to the Resolution No. 69,331-N.S. may meet pursuant to the limitations listed above.

In response to questions from the Agenda & Rules Committee and the Council, the City Manager polled all departments that support commissions to obtain information on their capacity to support the resumption of regular commission meetings. The information in Attachment 1 shows the information received from the departments and notes each commission's ability to resume a regular, or semi-regular, meeting schedule in 2021.

In summary, there are 24 commissions that have staff resources available to support a regular meeting schedule in 2021. Seven of these 24 commissions have been meeting regularly during the pandemic. There are five commissions that have staff resources available to support a limited meeting schedule in 2021. There are seven commissions that currently do not have staff resources available to start meeting regularly at the beginning of 2021. Some of these seven commissions will have staff resources available later in 2021 to support regular meetings. Please see Attachment 1 for the full list of commissions and their status.

With regards to commission subcommittees, there has been significant discussion regarding the ability of staff to support these meetings in a virtual environment. Under normal circumstances, the secretary's responsibilities regarding subcommittees is limited to posting the agenda and reserving the meeting space (if in a city building). With the necessity to hold the meetings in a virtual environment and be open to the public, it is likely that subcommittee meetings will require significantly more staff resources to schedule, train, manage, and support the work of subcommittees on Zoom or a similar platform. This additional demand on staff resources to support commission subcommittees is not feasible for any commission at this time.

One possible option for subcommittees is to temporarily suspend the requirement for ad hoc subcommittees of city commissions to notice their meetings and require public participation. Ad hoc subcommittees are not legislative bodies under the Brown Act and are not required to post agendas or allow for public participation. These requirements are specific to Berkeley and are adopted by resolution in the Commissioners' Manual. If it is the will of the Council, staff could introduce an item to temporarily suspend these

requirements which will allow subcommittees of all commissions to meet as needed to develop recommendations that will be presented to the full commission.

The limitations on the meetings of certain commissions are due to the need to direct staff resources and the resources of city legislative bodies to the pandemic response. Some of the staff assigned as commission secretaries are engaged in work with the City Emergency Operations Center or have been assigned new duties specifically related to the impacts of the pandemic.

Meeting frequency for boards and commissions will continue to be evaluated on a regular basis by the City Manager and the Health Officer in consultation with Department Heads and the City Council.

Attachments:

- 1. List of Commissions with Meeting Status
- 2. Resolution 69,331-N.S.

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Boards and Commissions	Meetings Held Under COVID March - Oct	<u>Regular Mtg.</u> Date	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Dept.</u>	Resume Regular Schedule in January 2021?	<u>Note</u>
Fair Campaign Practices Commission	9	3rd Thur.	Sam Harvey	CA	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Open Government Commission	6	3rd Thur.	Sam Harvey	CA	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Animal Care Commission	0	3rd Wed.	Amelia Funghi	СМ	YES	
Police Review Commission	10	2nd & 4th Wed.	Katherine Lee	СМ	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Disaster and Fire Safety Commission	4	4th Wed.	Keith May	FES	YES	
Community Health Commission	0	4th Thur.	Roberto Terrones	HHCS	YES	
Homeless Commission	0	2nd Wed.	Josh Jacobs	HHCS	YES	
Homeless Services Panel of Experts	5	1st Wed	Josh Jacobs	HHCS	YES	
Human Welfare & Community Action Commission	0	3rd Wed.	Mary-Claire Katz	HHCS	YES	
Mental Health Commission	1	4th Thur.	Jamie Works-Wright	HHCS	YES	
Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts	0	3rd Thur.	Dechen Tsering	HHCS	YES	
Civic Arts Commission	2	4th Wed.	Jennifer Lovvorn	OED	YES	
Elmwood BID Advisory Board	1	Contact Secretary	Kieron Slaughter	OED	YES	
Loan Administration Board	0	Contact Secretary		OED	YES	
Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board	2	Contact Secretary	Eleanor Hollander	OED	YES	
Design Review Committee	6	3rd Thur.	Anne Burns	PLD	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Energy Commission	0	4th Wed.	Billi Romain	PLD	YES	
Landmarks Preservation Commission	6	1st Thur.	Fatema Crane	PLD	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Planning Commission	3	1st Wed.	Alene Pearson	PLD	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Zoning Adjustments Board	11	2nd & 4th Thur.	Shannon Allen	PLD	YES	Have been meeting regularly under COVID Emergency
Parks and Waterfront Commission	4	2nd Wed.	Roger Miller	PRW	YES	j ý j
Commission on Disability	0	1st Wed.	Dominika Bednarska	PW	YES	
Public Works Commission	4	1st Thur.	Joe Enke	PW	YES	
Zero Waste Commission	0	4th Mon.	Heidi Obermeit	PW	YES	
Commission on the Status of Women	0	4th Wed.	Shallon Allen	СМ	YES - LIMITED	Secretary has intermittent COVID assignments

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Commission on Aging	0	3rd Wed.	Richard Castrillon	HHCS	REDUCED	Significant Dept. resources assigned
					FREQUENCY	to COVID response
Housing Advisory Commission	0	1st Thur.	Mike Uberti	HHCS	REDUCED	Significant Dept. resources assigned
					FREQUENCY	to COVID response
Measure O Bond Oversight Committee	0	3rd Monday	Amy Davidson	HHCS	REDUCED	Significant Dept. resources assigned
					FREQUENCY	to COVID response
Transportation Commission	2	3rd Thur.	Farid Javandel	PW	REDUCED	Staff assigned to COVID response
					FREQUENCY	. .
Children, Youth, and Recreation	0	4th Monday	Stephanie Chu	PRW	NO - SEPT 2021	Staff assigned to COVID response
Commission		_				
Youth Commission	0	2nd Mon.	Ginsi Bryant	PRW	NO - SEPT 2021	Staff assigned to COVID response
Community Environmental Advisory	0	2nd Thur.	Viviana Garcia	PLD	NO - JUNE 2021	Staff assigned to COVID response
Commission						
Cannabis Commission	0	1st Thur.	VACANT	PLD	NO - JAN. 2022	Staff vacancy
Peace and Justice Commission	0	1st Mon.	VACANT	СМ	NO	Staff vacancy
Commission on Labor	0	3rd Wed., alternate mor	Kristen Lee	HHCS	NO	Staff assigned to COVID response
Personnel Board	1	1st Mon.	La Tanya Bellow	HR	NO	Staff assigned to COVID response

RESOLUTION NO. 69,331-N.S.

RATIFYING THE RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER REGARDING MEETINGS OF BERKELEY LEGISLATIVE BODIES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code section 2.88.040, the City Manager, serving as the Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed the existence of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation was warranted by virtue of the extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City caused by pandemic in the form of the global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including confirmed cases in California and the San Francisco Bay Area, and presumed cases in Alameda County prompting the County to declare a local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services was ratified by the City Council on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 and increase in community transmission cases in surrounding counties warrant further measures be taken by the City to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Officer has issued guidelines for limiting mass gatherings; and

WHEREAS, certain limitations on the meetings of legislative bodies in the City of Berkeley is warranted; and

WHEREAS, the continued essential functions of the City and certain legislative bodies must continue for time-sensitive, legally mandated actions; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services presented recommendations to the Agenda & Rules Committee on March 12, 2020 regarding the meetings of legislative bodies; and

WHEREAS, the Agenda & Rules Committee recommended that said recommendations be forwarded to the City Council for acknowledgement and ratification.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the following recommendations issued by the Director of Emergency Services and the Public Health Officer regarding limitations and practices for legislative bodies of the City of Berkeley are hereby acknowledged and ratified:

Section 1. Boards and Commissions

Commissions listed below may continue to meet only if they have time-sensitive, legally mandated business to complete, as determined by the Director of Emergency Services. The City may consider teleconferencing for these commissions, if feasible.

Design Review Committee Fair Campaign Practices Commission Housing Advisory Commission (limited to quasi-judicial activities) Joint Subcommittee on the Implementation of State Housing Laws Landmarks Preservation Commission Open Government Commission Personnel Board Planning Commission Police Review Commission Zoning Adjustments Board

Commissions in Category B shall not meet for a period of 60 days. This will be reevaluated at the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting on April 13, 2020. A Commission in Category B may convene a meeting if it has time-sensitive, legally-mandated business to complete, as determined by the Director of Emergency Services.

Category B Animal Care Commission **Cannabis Commission** Civic Arts Commission Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission Commission on Aging Commission on Disability Commission on Labor Commission on the Status of Women Community Environmental Advisory Commission **Community Health Commission Disaster and Fire Safety Commission** Elmwood Business Improvement District Advisory Board **Energy Commission Homeless** Commission Homeless Services Panel of Experts Housing Advisory Commission Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Measure O Bond Oversight Committee Mental Health Commission Parks and Waterfront Commission Peace and Justice Commission **Public Works Commission** Solano Avenue Business Improvement District Advisory Board Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts

Transportation Commission Youth Commission Zero Waste Commission Loan Administration Board

Section 2. City Council Policy Committees

The Agenda & Rules Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee may continue to meet to fulfill their legislative and advisory responsibilities. All other Policy Committees (Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability, Public Safety, Land Use, Housing & Economic Development, and Health, Life Enrichment Equity & Community) are suspended indefinitely. The 120-day deadline to consider an item will be tolled during the suspension of business.

Section 3. City Council

For City Council meetings, the City will continue to advise and implement social distancing by limiting the capacity of the Council Chambers, providing an overflow room, attempting to limit the duration of the meeting, only conducting essential business, and limiting or suspending ceremonial items. The City will adhere to and implement the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order #N-25-20 related to the Brown Act and the utilization of technology to facilitate participation.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on March 17, 2020 by the following vote:

- Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.
- Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest:

Mark Numainville, City Clerk



Office of the City Manager

October 22, 2020

To: Berkeley Boards and Commissions

From: Dut Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Subject: Commission Meetings During COVID-19 Emergency

This memo serves to provide a summary and update of the status of meetings of Berkeley Boards and Commissions during the COVID-19 emergency declaration.

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Commissions that have not requested meetings pursuant to the Resolution No. 69,331-N.S. may meet pursuant to the limitations listed above.

To assist commissions with the development of their work plan and to provide the City Council with a consistent framework to review the work plans, the City Manager has developed the following items to consider in developing the work plan that is submitted to the City Council agenda.

Prompts for Commissions to use in work plan:

- What commission items for 2021 have a direct nexus with the COVID-19 response or are the result of a City Council referral pertaining to COVID-19?
- What commission items for 2021 are required for statutory reasons?
- What commission items for 2021 are required for budgetary or fund allocation reasons?
- What commission items for 2021 support council-adopted or voter-adopted mission critical projects or programs?
- What are the anticipated staff demands (above and beyond baseline) for analysis, data, etc., to support commission work in 2021 (baseline duties = posting agendas, creating packets, attend meetings, minutes, etc.)?

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Meeting frequency for boards and commissions will continue to be evaluated on a regular basis by the City Manager in consultation with Department Heads and the City Council. More frequent meetings by commissions will be permitted as the conditions under COVID-19 dictate.

Thank you for your service on our boards and commissions. The City values the work of our commissions and we appreciate your partnership and understanding as we address this pandemic as a resilient and vibrant community.

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- cc: Mayor and City Councilmembers Senior Leadership Team

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Design Review Committee Fair Campaign Practices Commission Housing Advisory Commission (limited to quasi-judicial activities) Joint Subcommittee on the Implementation of State Housing Laws Landmarks Preservation Commission Open Government Commission Personnel Board Planning Commission Police Review Commission Zoning Adjustments Board

Commissions in Category B shall not meet for a period of 60 days. This will be reevaluated at the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting on April 13, 2020. A Commission in Category B may convene a meeting if it has time-sensitive, legally-mandated business to complete, as determined by the Director of Emergency Services.

Category B Animal Care Commission **Cannabis Commission** Civic Arts Commission Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission Commission on Aging Commission on Disability Commission on Labor Commission on the Status of Women Community Environmental Advisory Commission **Community Health Commission Disaster and Fire Safety Commission** Elmwood Business Improvement District Advisory Board **Energy Commission Homeless** Commission Homeless Services Panel of Experts Housing Advisory Commission Human Welfare and Community Action Commission Measure O Bond Oversight Committee Mental Health Commission Parks and Waterfront Commission Peace and Justice Commission **Public Works Commission** Solano Avenue Business Improvement District Advisory Board Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts

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Transportation Commission Youth Commission Zero Waste Commission Loan Administration Board

Section 2. City Council Policy Committees

The Agenda & Rules Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee may continue to meet to fulfill their legislative and advisory responsibilities. All other Policy Committees (Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability, Public Safety, Land Use, Housing & Economic Development, and Health, Life Enrichment Equity & Community) are suspended indefinitely. The 120-day deadline to consider an item will be tolled during the suspension of business.

Section 3. City Council

For City Council meetings, the City will continue to advise and implement social distancing by limiting the capacity of the Council Chambers, providing an overflow room, attempting to limit the duration of the meeting, only conducting essential business, and limiting or suspending ceremonial items. The City will adhere to and implement the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order #N-25-20 related to the Brown Act and the utilization of technology to facilitate participation.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on March 17, 2020 by the following vote:

- Ayes: Bartlett, Davila, Droste, Hahn, Harrison, Kesarwani, Robinson, Wengraf, and Arreguin.
- Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Jesse Arreguin, Mayor

Attest:

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Reards and Commissions	Meetings Held Under COPP	Scheduled Meetings in	Regular Mtg.	O a amatama	Dementionent
Boards and Commissions	Emergency (through 10/11)	October	Date	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Department</u>
Zoning Adjustments Board	10	1	2nd & 4th Thur.	Shannon Allen	PLD
Police Review Commission	9	1	2nd & 4th Wed.	Katherine Lee	СМ
Fair Campaign Practices Commission	8	1	3rd Thur.	Sam Harvey	CA
Design Review Committee	5	1	3rd Thur.	Anne Burns	PLD
Landmarks Preservation Commission	5	1	1st Thur.	Fatema Crane	PLD
Open Government Commission	5	1	3rd Thur.	Sam Harvey	CA
Homeless Services Panel of Experts	4	1	1st Wed	Brittany Carnegie	HHCS
Disaster and Fire Safety Commission	3	1	4th Wed.	Keith May	FES
Parks and Waterfront Commission	3	1	2nd Wed.	Roger Miller	PRW
Planning Commission	3		1st Wed.	Alene Pearson	PLD
Public Works Commission	3	1	1st Thur.	Joe Enke	PW
Civic Arts Commission	2		4th Wed.	Jennifer Lovvorn	OED
Solano Avenue BID Advisory Board	2		Contact Secretary	Eleanor Hollander	OED
Elmwood BID Advisory Board	1		Contact Secretary	Kieron Slaughter	OED
Joint Subcom. on Implementation of State Housing Laws	1		4th Wed.	Alene Pearson	PLD
Mental Health Commission	1		4th Thur.	Jamie Works-Wright	HHCS
Personnel Board	1		1st Mon.	La Tanya Bellow	HR
Transportation Commission	1	1	3rd Thur.	Farid Javandel	PW
Animal Care Commission	0		3rd Wed.	Amelia Funghi	СМ
Cannabis Commission	0		1st Thur.	Ŭ	PLD
Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission	0		4th Monday	Stephanie Chu	PRW
Commission on Aging	0		3rd Wed.	Richard Castrillon	HHCS
Commission on Disability	0		1st Wed.	Dominika Bednarska	PW
Commission on Labor	0			Nathan Dahl	HHCS
Commission on the Status of Women	0		4th Wed.	Shallon Allen	CM
Community Environmental Advisory Commission	0		2nd Thur.	Viviana Garcia	PLD
Community Health Commission	0		4th Thur.	Roberto Terrones	HHCS
Energy Commission	0		4th Wed.	Billi Romain	PLD
Homeless Commission	0		2nd Wed.	Brittany Carnegie	HHCS
Housing Advisory Commission	0		1st Thur.	Mike Uberti	HHCS
Human Welfare & Community Action Commission	0		3rd Wed.	Mary-Claire Katz	HHCS
Loan Administration Board	0		Contact Secretary		OED
Measure O Bond Oversight Committee	0		3rd Monday	Amy Davidson	HHCS
Peace and Justice Commission	0		1st Mon.	Nina Goldman	СМ
Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Product Panel of Experts	0		3rd Thur.	Dechen Tsering	HHCS
Youth Commission	0		2nd Mon.	Ginsi Bryant	PRW
Zero Waste Commission	0		4th Mon.	Heidi Obermeit	PW
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URGENT ITEM AGENDA MATERIAL Government Code Section 54954.2(b)

Rules of Procedure Chapter III.C.5

THIS ITEM IS NOT YET AGENDIZED AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM, SUBJECT TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S DISCRETION ACCORDING TO BROWN ACT RULES

Meeting Date: September 28, 2021

Item Description: Resolution Making Required Findings Pursuant to the Government Code and Directing City Legislative Bodies to Continue to Meet Via Videoconference and Teleconference

This item is submitted pursuant to the provision checked below:

Emergency Situation (54954.2(b)(1) - majority vote required) Determination by a majority vote of the legislative body that an emergency situation exists, as defined in Section 54956.5.

X Immediate Action Required (54954.2(b)(2) - two-thirds vote required) There is a need to take immediate action and the need for action came to the attention of the local agency subsequent to the agenda for this meeting being posted.

Once the item is added to the agenda (Consent or Action) it must be passed by the standard required vote threshold (majority, two-thirds, or 7/9).

Facts supporting the addition of the item to the agenda under Section 54954.2(b) and Chapter III.C.5 of the Rules of Procedure:

Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) was signed by the Governor on September 16, 2021. This bill allows local legislative bodies to meet using videoconference technology while maintaining the Brown Act exemptions in Executive Order N-29-20 for noticing and access to the locations from which local officials participate in the meeting. Local agencies may only meet with the exemption if there is a state declared emergency.

The bill also requires that local legislative bodies meeting only via videoconference under a state declared emergency to make certain findings every 30-days regarding the need to meet in a virtual-only setting.

The agenda for the September 28, 2021 was finalized and published prior to the Governor signing AB 361 in to law. Thus, the need to take action came to the attention of the local agency after the agenda was distributed. This item qualifies for addition to the agenda with a two-thirds vote of the Council under Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2).



Office of the City Attorney

CONSENT CALENDAR September 28, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council Madame City Manager

- From: Farimah Faiz Brown, City Attorney
- Subject: Resolution Making Required Findings Pursuant to the Government Code and Directing City Legislative Bodies to Continue to Meet Via Videoconference and Teleconference

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution making the required findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3) and determining that as a result of the continued threat to public health and safety posed by the spread of COVID-19, City legislative bodies shall continue to meet via videoconference and teleconference.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION

To be determined.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Pursuant to California Government Code section 8630 and Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.88.040, on March 3, 2020, the City Manager, in her capacity as Director of Emergency Services, proclaimed a local emergency due to conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City as a consequence of the global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19), including a confirmed case in the City of Berkeley. As a result of multiple confirmed and presumed cases in Alameda County, the County has declared a local health emergency. On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19. On March 10, 2020, the City Council ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency with the passage of Resolution No. 69-312.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended certain portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) related to the holding of teleconferenced meetings by City legislative bodies. Among other things, Executive Order N-29-20 suspended requirements that each location from which an official accesses a teleconferenced meeting be accessible to the public.

These changes were necessary to allow teleconferencing to be used as a tool for ensuring social distancing. City legislative bodies have held public meetings via videoconference and teleconference pursuant to these provisions since March 2020. These provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 will expire on September 30, 2021.

COVID-19 continues to pose a serious threat to public health and safety. There are now over 4,700 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and at least 55 deaths in the City of Berkeley. Additionally, the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 ("Delta") variant of COVID-19 that is currently circulating nationally and within the City is contributing to a substantial increase in transmissibility and more severe disease.

As a result of the continued threat to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19, state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, mask wearing and vaccination. Holding meetings of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the public and members of legislative bodies, and therefore public meetings cannot safely be held in person at this time

Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas), signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021, amended a portion of the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54953) to authorize the City Council, during the state of emergency, to determine that, due to the spread of COVID-19, holding in-person public meetings would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees, and therefore City legislative bodies must continue to meet via videoconference and teleconference. Assembly Bill 361 requires that the City Council must review and ratify such a determination every thirty (30) days. Therefore, if the Council passes this resolution on September 28, 2021, the Council will need to review and ratify the resolution by October 28, 2021.

This item requests that the Council review the circumstances of the continued state of emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19, and find that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the public and members of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and that state and local officials continue to promote social distancing, mask wearing and vaccination. This item further requests that the Council determine that City legislative bodies, including but not limited to the City Council and its committees, and all commissions and boards, shall continue to hold public meetings via videoconference and teleconference, and that City legislative bodies shall continue to comply with all provisions of the Brown Act, as amended by SB 361.

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2020, Alameda County Public Health Department and Solano County Public Health Department reported two presumptive cases of COVID-19, pending confirmatory testing by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), prompting Alameda County to declare a local health emergency.

On March 3, 2020, the City's Director of Emergency Services proclaimed a local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19, including a confirmed case in the City of Berkeley and multiple confirmed and presumed cases in Alameda County.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency due to the spread of COVID-19.

On March 10, 2020, the City Council ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency. Since that date, there have been over 4,700 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and at least 57 deaths in the City of Berkeley.

On March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom signed Executive Order N-29-20 which suspended certain portions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 54950 et seq.) to allow teleconferencing of public meetings to be used as a tool for ensuring social distancing. As a result, City legislative bodies have held public meetings via teleconference throughout the pandemic. The provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 allowing teleconferencing to be used as a tool for social distancing will expire on September 30, 2021.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS Not applicable.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Resolution would enable the City Council and its committees, and City boards and commissions to continue to hold public meetings via videoconference and teleconference in order to continue to socially distance and limit the spread of COVID-19.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED None.

<u>CONTACT PERSON</u> Farimah Brown, City Attorney, City Attorney's Office (510) 981-6998 Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6908

Attachments:

1: Resolution Directing City Legislative Bodies to Continue to Meet Via Videoconference and Teleconference

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

RESOLUTION MAKING THE REQUIRED FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNEMNT CODE SECTION 54953(E)(3) AND DIRECTING CITY LEGISLATIVE BODIES TO CONTINUE TO MEET VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

WHEREAS, in accordance with Berkeley Municipal Code section 2.88.040 and sections 8558(c) and 8630 of the Government Code, which authorize the proclamation of a local emergency when conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a City exist, the City Manager, serving as the Director of Emergency Services, beginning on March 3, 2020, did proclaim the existence of a local emergency caused by epidemic in the form of the global spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus ("COVID-19"), including confirmed cases in California and the San Francisco Bay Area, and presumed cases in Alameda County prompting the County to declare a local health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the City Council ratified the Proclamation of Local Emergency with the passage of Resolution No. 69-312; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, in particular, Government Code section 8625; and

WHEREAS, the Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 continues to be in effect; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law AB 361, which authorizes the City Council to determine that, due to the continued threat to public health and safety posed by the spread of COVID-19, City legislative bodies shall continue to meet via videoconference and teleconference; and

WHEREAS, the City Council does find that the aforesaid conditions of extreme peril continue to exist, and now include over 4,700 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and at least 55 deaths in the City of Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the SARS-CoV-2 B.1.617.2 ("Delta") variant of COVID-19 that is currently circulating nationally and within the City is contributing to a substantial increase in transmissibility and more severe disease; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the continued threat to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19, state and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, mask wearing and vaccination; and

WHEREAS, holding meetings of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of the public and members of legislative bodies, and therefore public meetings cannot safely be held in person at this time; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will need to again review the need for the continuing necessity of holding City legislative body meetings via videoconference and teleconference by October 28, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that, pursuant to Government Code section 54953, the City Council has reviewed the circumstances of the continued state of emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19, and finds that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the public and members of City legislative bodies to meet safely in person, that holding public meetings of City legislative bodies in person would present imminent risks to the health and safety of attendees, and that state and local officials continue to promote social distancing, mask wearing and vaccination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City legislative bodies, including but not limited to the City Council and its committees, and all commissions and boards, shall continue to hold public meetings via videoconference and teleconference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all City legislative bodies shall comply with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(e)(2) and all applicable laws, regulations and rules when conducting public meetings pursuant to this resolution.

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

June 2, 2021

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RE: Transition Period Prior to Repeal of COVID-related Executive Orders

Dear Mr. Knaus, Ms. Miller, Ms. Hurst, Ms. Preston, Ms. Heaton, Ms. King, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Blacet-Hyden, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Anderson, and colleagues,

Thank you for your correspondence of May 18, 2021, inquiring what impact the anticipated June 15 termination of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy will have on Executive Order N-29-20, which provided flexibility to state and local agencies and boards to conduct their business through virtual public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please be assured that this Executive Order Provision will not terminate on June 15 when the Blueprint is scheduled to terminate. While the Governor intends to terminate COVID-19 executive orders at the earliest possible date at which conditions warrant, consistent with the Emergency Services Act, the Governor recognizes the importance of an orderly return to the ordinary conduct of public meetings of state and local agencies and boards. To this end, the Governor's office will work to provide notice to affected stakeholders in advance of rescission of this provision to provide state and local agencies and boards time necessary to meet statutory and logistical requirements. Until a further order issues, all entities may continue to rely on N-29-20.

We appreciate your partnership throughout the pandemic.

Regards, Ana Matosantos

Cabinet Secretary

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NEWS RELEASE

Release Number: 2021-58 June 4, 2021

Standards Board Readopts Revised Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards

The revised Cal/OSHA standards are expected to go into effect no later than June 15

Sacramento — The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board on June 3 readopted Cal/OSHA's revised COVID-19 prevention emergency temporary standards.

Last year, the Board adopted health and safety standards to protect workers from COVID-19. The standards did not consider vaccinations and required testing, quarantining, masking and more to protect workers from COVID-19.

The changes adopted by the Board phase out physical distancing and make other adjustments to better align with the state's June 15 goal to retire the Blueprint. Without these changes, the original standards, would be in place until at least October 2. These restrictions are no longer required given today's record low case rates and the fact that we've administered 37 million vaccines.

The revised emergency standards are expected to go into effect no later than June 15 if approved by the Office of Administrative Law in the next 10 calendar days. Some provisions go into effect starting on July 31, 2021.

The revised standards are the first update to Cal/OSHA's temporary COVID-19 prevention requirements adopted in November 2020.

The Board may further refine the regulations in the coming weeks to take into account changes in circumstances, especially as related to the availability of vaccines and low case rates across the state.

The standards apply to most workers in California not covered by Cal/OSHA's Aerosol Transmissible Diseases standard. Notable revisions include:

- Face Coverings:
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 - Indoors, fully vaccinated workers without COVID-19 symptoms do not need to wear face coverings in a room where everyone else is fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms. However, where there is a mixture of vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in a room, all workers will continue to be required to wear a face covering.
 - Outdoors, fully vaccinated workers without symptoms do not need to wear face coverings. However, outdoor workers who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face covering when they are less than six feet away from another person.
- Physical Distancing: When the revised standards take effect, employers can eliminate physical distancing and partitions/barriers for employees working indoors and at outdoor mega events if they provide respirators, such as N95s, to unvaccinated employees for voluntary use. After July 31, physical distancing

Standards Board Readopts Reviped Gel/98H&C98D-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards

and barriers are no longer required (except during outbreaks), but employers must provide all unvaccinated employees with N95s for voluntary use.

- **Prevention Program**: Employers are still required to maintain a written COVID-19 Prevention Program but there are some key changes to requirements:
 - Employers must review the California Department of Public Health's Interim guidance for Ventilation, Filtration, and Air Quality in Indoor Environments.
 - COVID-19 prevention training must now include information on how the vaccine is effective at preventing COVID-19 and protecting against both transmission and serious illness or death.
- Exclusion from the Workplace: Fully vaccinated workers who do not have COVID-19 symptoms no longer need to be excluded from the workplace after a close contact.
- **Special Protections for Housing and Transportation:** Special COVID-19 prevention measures that apply to employer-provided housing and transportation no longer apply if all occupants are fully vaccinated.

The Standards Board will file the readoption rulemaking package with the Office of Administrative Law, which has 10 calendar days to review and approve the temporary workplace safety standards enforced by Cal/OSHA. Once approved and published, the full text of the revised emergency standards will appear in the Title 8 sections 3205 (COVID-19 Prevention), 3205.1 (Multiple COVID-19 Infections and COVID-19 Outbreaks), 3205.2 (Major COVID-19 Outbreaks) 3205.3 (COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Housing) and 3205.4 (COVID-19 Prevention in Employer-Provided Transportation) of the California Code of Regulations. Pursuant to the state's emergency rulemaking process, this is the first of two opportunities to readopt the temporary standards after the initial effective period.

The Standards Board also convened a representative subcommittee to work with Cal/OSHA on a proposal for further updates to the standard, as part of the emergency rulemaking process. It is anticipated this newest proposal, once developed, will be heard at an upcoming Board meeting. The subcommittee will provide regular updates at the Standards Board monthly meetings.

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, a seven-member body appointed by the Governor, is the standards-setting agency within the Cal/OSHA program. The Standards Board's objective is to adopt reasonable and enforceable standards at least as effective as federal standards. The Standards Board also has the responsibility to grant or deny applications for permanent variances from adopted standards and respond to petitions for new or revised standards.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, or Cal/OSHA, is the division within the Department of Industrial Relations that helps protect California's workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace. Cal/OSHA's Consultation Services Branch provides free and voluntary assistance to employers to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Contact: Erika Monterroza / Frank Polizzi, <u>Communications@dir.ca.gov</u>, (510) 286-1161.

The California Department of Industrial Relations, established in 1927, protects and improves the health, safety, and economic well-being of over 18 million wage earners, and helps their employers comply with state labor laws. DIR is housed within the Labor & Workforce Development Agency



Office of the City Manager

June 1, 2021

To:	Agenda & Rules Committee
From:	Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager
Subject:	Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies

Introduction

This memo responds to the request from the Agenda & Rules Committee on May 17, 2021 for information from the City Manager on the options and timing for a return to inperson meetings for City legislative bodies. The analysis below is a preliminary summary of the considerations and options for returning to in-person meetings.

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the shelter-in-place order, and the issuance of Executive Order N-29-20 ("Executive Order") in the spring of 2020, the City quickly adjusted to a virtual meeting model. Now, almost 15 months later, with the Blueprint for a Safer Economy scheduled to sunset on June 15, 2021, the City is faced with a new set of conditions that will impact how public meetings may be held in Berkeley. While the June 15, 2021 date appears to be certain, there is still a great deal of uncertainty about the fate of the Executive Order. In addition, the City is still awaiting concrete, specific guidance from the State with regards to regulations that govern public meetings and public health recommendations that will be in place after June 15, 2021.

For background, Executive Order N-29-20 allows legislative bodies to meet in a virtual setting and <u>suspends</u> the following Brown Act requirements:

- Printing the location of members of the legislative body on the agenda;
- Posting the agenda at the location of members of the legislative body that are remote; and
- Making publicly available remote locations from which members of the legislative body participate.

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 ● Tel: (510) 981-7000 ● TDD: (510) 981-6903 ● Fax: (510) 981-7099 E-Mail: <u>manager@cityofberkeley.info</u> Website: <u>http://www.cityofberkeley.info/manager</u> Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies

Meeting Options

There are three groups of City Legislative bodies that are considered in this memo

- City Council;
- City Council Policy Committees; and
- Boards and Commissions.

The three meeting models available are:

- In-person only;
- Virtual only; or
- Hybrid (in-person and virtual).

The scenarios below show the options available for each given set of facts.

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Physic	No Physical Distancing				
In-Person	Hybrid	Virtual*	In-Person	Hybrid	Virtual*
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* The ability to hold virtual-only meetings is dependent on the status of Executive Order N-29-20

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control recommends physical distancing for unvaccinated persons. While the City and the community have made tremendous progress with regards to vaccination, the City would use the guidelines for unvaccinated persons when making determinations regarding public meetings.

Meeting Type Considerations

Our previous experience pre-pandemic and our experience over the past 15 months demonstrates that the City can conduct all in-person and all virtual meetings. However, the possibility of hybrid meetings presents new questions to consider. The primary concern for a return to in-person meetings using a hybrid model is the impact on the public experience and the legislative process.

Will the legislative body be able to provide a transparent, coherent, stable, informative, and meaningful experience for the both the public in attendance and virtually?

Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies

Will the legislative body be able to conduct the legislative process in an efficient, coherent, and meaningful manner with the members split between in-person and virtual, and considering the additional delays and logistical challenges of allowing for public participation in a hybrid model?

For the City Council, testing has shown that the larger space and technology infrastructure at the Boardroom will allow the Council to conduct all three types of meetings (in-person, hybrid, virtual).

For Policy Committees and Commissions, only the "all virtual" or "all in-person" meetings are recommended. Preliminary testing has shown that the audio/visual limitations of the meeting rooms available for these bodies would result in inefficient and cumbersome management of the proceedings in a hybrid model. In addition, there are considerations to analyze regarding the available bandwidth in city facilities and all members having access to adequate devices. Continuing the all virtual model for as long as possible, then switching to an all in-person model when conditions permit provides the best access, participation, and legislative experience for the public and the legislative body.

Other Considerations

Some additional factors to consider in the evaluation of returning to in-person or hybrid meetings are:

- How to address vaccination status for in-person attendees.
- Will symptom checks and/or temperature checks at entry points be required?
- Who is responsible for providing PPE for attendees?
- How are protocols for in-person attendees to be enforced?
- Physical distancing measures for the Mayor and City Councilmembers on the dais.
- Installation of physical barriers and other temporary measures.
- Will the podium and microphone need to be sanitized after every speaker?
- High number of touch points in meeting rooms.
- Will chairs for the public and staff need to be sanitized if there is turnover during the meeting?
- Determining the appropriate capacity for meeting locations.
- The condition and capacity of meeting room ventilation system and air cycling abilities.
- How to receive and share Supplemental Items, Revisions, Urgent Items, and submissions by the public both in-person and virtually.
- Budget including costs for equipment, physical improvements, A/V, PPE, and sanitization.

Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies

Conclusion

As stated above, conditions are changing daily, and there is a high degree of uncertainty surrounding the future guidance, regulations, and actions at the state level. Planning, testing and analysis are already underway to prepare for an eventual return to in-person meetings. Staff will continue to monitor the evolving legislative and public health circumstances and advise the committee at future meetings.

Attachment:

1. Executive Order N-29-20

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS despite sustained efforts, the virus continues to spread and is impacting nearly all sectors of California; and

WHEREAS the threat of COVID-19 has resulted in serious and ongoing economic harms, in particular to some of the most vulnerable Californians; and

WHEREAS time bound eligibility redeterminations are required for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, California Food Assistance Program, and In Home Supportive Services beneficiaries to continue their benefits, in accordance with processes established by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS social distancing recommendations or Orders as well as a statewide imperative for critical employees to focus on health needs may prevent Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, California Food Assistance Program, and In Home Supportive Services beneficiaries from obtaining in-person eligibility redeterminations; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. As to individuals currently eligible for benefits under Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, the California Food Assistance Program, or In Home Supportive Services benefits, and to the extent necessary to allow such individuals to maintain eligibility for such benefits, any state law, including but not limited to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 50189(a) and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 18940 and 11265, that would require redetermination of such benefits is suspended for a period of 90 days from the date of this Order. This Order shall be construed to be consistent with applicable federal laws, including but not limited to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, section 435.912, subdivision (e), as interpreted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (in guidance issued on January 30, 2018) to permit the extension of otherwise-applicable Medicaid time limits in emergency situations.

- 2. Through June 17, 2020, any month or partial month in which California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) aid or services are received pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 et seq. shall not be counted for purposes of the 48-month time limit set forth in Welfare an Institutions Code Section 11454. Any waiver of this time limit shall not be applied if it will exceed the federal time limits set forth in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, section 264.1.
- 3. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) is withdrawn and superseded by the following text:

Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law (including, but not limited to, the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act), and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements set forth below, a local legislative body or state body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body or state body. All requirements in both the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived.

In particular, any otherwise-applicable requirements that

- state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- (ii) each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- (iii) members of the public may address the body at each teleconference conference location;
- (iv) state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations;
- (v) at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting; and
- (vi) during teleconference meetings, a least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction

are hereby suspended.

A local legislative body or state body that holds a meeting via teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements set forth below, shall have satisfied any requirement that the body allow members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

Accessibility Requirements: If a local legislative body or state body holds a meeting via teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the body shall also:

- Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility; and
- (ii) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of the Notice Requirements below.

Notice Requirements: Except to the extent this Order expressly provides otherwise, each local legislative body and state body shall:

- Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, and using the means otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, as applicable; and
- In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is (ii) otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in such means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the issuance of this Order in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of such means, a body may satisfy this requirement by advertising such means using "the most rapid means of communication available at the time" within the meaning of Government Code, section 54954, subdivision (e); this shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the body's Internet website.

All of the foregoing provisions concerning the conduct of public meetings shall apply only during the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures. All state and local bodies are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, and other applicable local laws regulating the conduct of public meetings, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have

hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of March 2020.

GAVINNEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA Secretary of State

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