

AGENDA
Disaster Fire and Safety Commission
October 28th, 2020
7:00 PM

District 1 – Ruth Grimes

District 5 – Shirley Dean

District 2 – Annie Bailey

District 6 – Robert Flasher

District 3 – Gradiva Couzin

District 7 – Robert Simmons

District 4 – Antoinette Stein

District 8 – Paul Degenkolb

Mayor’s Appointee- Jose Luis Bedolla

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the October 28, 2020 meeting of the Disaster, Fire and Safety Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

1. Fire Department Staff Report

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of October 14, 2020*

Action Items

Discussion Items

3. Update on local ADU Urgency Ordinance
4. Fire Tax Ballot Measure FF
5. Time Limits on Discussion of Agenda Items
6. Update Grizzly Peak Corridor Turnouts
7. Future Item for Discussion: Fire Department Budget
8. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Special Meeting
Wednesday October 14, 2020

Present: Annie Bailey, Shirley Dean, Ruth Grimes, Gradiva Couzin, Jose Luis Bedolla, Paul Degenkolb, Robert Flasher, Toni Stein,

Absent: Toby Simmons (Excused),

Staff: Keith May, Khin Chin, Christina Erickson

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

G. Couzin called meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of the Agenda

Move Item 10 before 9

Approved by Acclimation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jose Luis Bedolla announced that he is running for Berkeley Unified School District Board.

1. Fire Department Staff Report

Assistant Chief Keith May provided an overview of the Measure FF Ballot Measure process that was undertaken by the Fire Department.

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of February 26, 2020*

Motion to approve minutes as revised: Degenkolb

Second: Couzin

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Flasher, Stein, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes;
1 Absent: Simmons, 0 Abstain.

3. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of June 11, 2020*

Motion to approve minutes as submitted: Couzin

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Flasher, Stein, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes;
1 Absent: Simmons, 0 Abstain.

4. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of July 6, 2020*

Motion to approve minutes as submitted: Couzin

Second: Bailey

Vote: 7 Ayes: Couzin, Flasher, Stein, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes;
1 Absent: Simmons, 1 Abstain: Degenkolb.

5. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of July 13, 2020*

Motion to approve minutes as submitted: Flasher

Second: Grimes

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Flasher, Stein, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes;
1 Absent: Simmons, 0 Abstain.

Action Items

6. Proposed Change in Time of Upcoming Regular Meetings of the Commission

No Action taken.

7. Recommendation to City Council based on the findings of the newly formed Berkeley-Oakland-Regional Parks-UC Working Group Regarding Grizzly Peak Boulevard.*

J. Bedolla left the meeting at 7:26p

J. Bedolla returned to the meeting at 7:27p

Motion to recommend to City Council to request a written report from the working group and submit a letter to the working group and to create a subcommittee of 3 members for a duration of 3 months to study this issue: Dean

Second: Bedolla

Vote: 3 Ayes: Stein, Dean, Bedolla; 5 Noes: Degenkolb, Couzin, Bailey, Flasher Grimes;
1 Absent: Simmons, 0 Abstain.

Discussion Items

8. Measure T1 Infrastructure Bond Update*

Christina Erickson provided an update on the Measure T1 Bond.

9. Update on local ADU Urgency Ordinance

10. Fire Tax Ballot Measure FF

11. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Couzin

Second: Grimes

Vote: 8 Ayes: Couzin, Flasher, Stein, Degenkolb, Grimes, Bailey, Dean, Bedolla; 0 Noes;

1 Absent: Simmons, 0 Abstain.

Adjourned at 908p

RESOLUTION NO. 69,575-N.S.

DESIGNATING THE DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION AS THE CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE PROCEEDS OF THE FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION TAX (MEASURE FF)

WHEREAS, Measure FF would authorize a special parcel tax for the purpose of funding firefighter and emergency medical response, upgrades to the 9-1-1 dispatch system, hazard mitigation, and wildfire prevention and preparedness activities; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, voters passed Measure GG to stop fire stations from being closed and services from being reduced, in the context of a major economic downturn. Measure GG designated the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission a formal oversight role, the duties of which are replicated, with respect to Measure FF, through the passage of this Council item; and

WHEREAS, citizen input and oversight are crucial for transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, as with Measure D (2014), Measure U1 (2016), and Measures O and P (2018), various boards and commissions play a critical oversight role and make recommendations regarding expenditures; and

WHEREAS, with rising challenges from climate change and fires, bigger demands on our emergency services, and the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, Measure FF has been placed on the ballot by a unanimous City Council to provide funds to modernize our 911 dispatch system, upgrade equipment, hire additional paramedics, improve emergency alert systems and continue to clear fire fuels, among other things.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley City Council that, to ensure that monies from Measure FF, should it be passed by the voters, have the same oversight as monies generated from the Measure GG tax, this resolution designates the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to function as the citizens' oversight committee for expenditure of proceeds of the Fire, Emergency Services and Wildfire Prevention Tax (Measure FF).

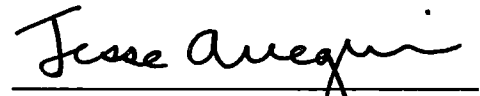
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition to its other powers, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission may: 1) request detailed expenditure plans for tax proceeds annually, which shall be provided to it as early in the budget process as feasible; 2) make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council on the expenditure of tax proceeds to enhance public safety consistent the approved purposes in Measure FF, BMC Section 7.83.010.D; and 3) obtain a report on actual expenditures. The City Manager shall cooperate with the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission in providing the information it requests.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Berkeley City Council on September 22, 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