

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

2:30 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704 – Redwood Room

1404 Le Roy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708 – Teleconference Location

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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Roll Call: 2:35 p.m. All Present.

Public Comment – 3 speakers.

Review of Agendas

1. **Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2024**
Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 1/3/24.
Vote: All Ayes.
2. **Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**
 - a. 1/30/24 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting
Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 1/30/24 with the changes noted below.
 - *Item 24 Council Appointments (Arreguin) – revised item submitted*
 - *Item 26 BAHFA Presentation (City Manager) – Move report to the Information Calendar and schedule the presentation under Ceremonial Matters*
 - *Item 27 Building Emissions (City Manager) – removed from the agenda by the City Manager*
 - *Item 28 Underground Utilities (Wengraf) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor; moved to Consent Calendar*
 - *Item 29 Security Cameras (Humbert) – Scheduled for January 30 Action Calendar***Vote:** All Ayes.
3. **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
6. **Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling** – received and filed
7. **Land Use Calendar** – received and filed

Referred Items for Review

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum, Procedural Rules, and Remote Public Comments**

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion of potential new procedures for public comments. Continued to next meeting.

9. **Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 To Expand Eligibility Requirements for Representatives of The Poor to Serve on The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: November 13, 2023
Deadline: May 13, 2024
Recommendation: Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 to expand eligibility requirements for Representatives of the Poor to serve on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, or any successor commission, to consider the current geographic formation of poverty in Berkeley.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Continued to next meeting.

10. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation of proposed elements of legislative process changes. Discussion by committee. Continued to next meeting. M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to refer the questions in the supplemental materials to the Budget & Finance Committee for review and response.

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

Unscheduled Items

11. **Modifications or Improvements to City Council Meeting Procedures (referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting)**
12. **Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**
13. **Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

Adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on January 16, 2024.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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