

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

2:30 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

Committee Members:

Mayor Adena Ishii, Councilmembers Terry Taplin and Mark Humbert

Alternate: Ben Bartlett

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**Roll Call:** 2:34 p.m. All present.

**Public Comment** – 3 speakers

## **Review of Agendas**

**1. Approval of Minutes: January 6, 2025**

**Action:** M/S/C (Ishii/Taplin) to approve the minutes of 1/6/2025.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**

a. 2/11/25 – Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the agenda of 2/11/2025 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Traffic Diverters (Humbert) – added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 6 Leases Audit (City Auditor) – revised item submitted; moved to Action Calendar*
- *Item 7 Zoning Ordinance (City Manager) – scheduled for 2/25/25 meeting*
- *Item 8 Edgeworth Integration (City Manager) – removed from the agenda by the City Manager*
- *Item 10 Algorithmic Devices (HAC) – referred to Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development Committee*
- *Item 11 Fair and Impartial Policing Report (PAB) – referred to Public Safety Committee*
- *Item 12 Golden State Energy (Tregub) – scheduled for 2/11/25 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 13 Transfer Tax Exemption (Tregub) – referred to Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development Committee; removed “short-term” from the recommendation*

Order of Action Items

Item 6 Leases Audit

Item 9 BESO Amendments

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**3. Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal – None Selected**

**4. Adjournments In Memory**

- Stabbing Victim at San Pablo Park
- Elise Lusk, Traffic Violence Victim at Ada Street and California Street

## **Scheduling**

**5. Council Worksessions Schedule** – accepted revised schedule

**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 Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**

**Action:** 2 speakers. Presentation by staff on Berkeley Considers followed by questions and discussion by the Committee. No further action taken; item completed.

## Unscheduled Items

**Action:** Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 to be scheduled for Action at the next meeting.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum, Procedural Rules, and Public Comment Processes**

**10. City Council Legislative Systems Redesign, Including Strengthening the Committee System to Provide More In-Depth Review and Vetting of Major 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. Consideration of Changes to Supplemental Material Timelines (referred by Council at the May 7, 2024 meeting)**

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Taplin) to approve the minutes of 1/6/2025.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on January 27, 2025.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## **Communications**

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