

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021

2:30 P.M.

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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Roll Call: 2:32 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 2 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 2/8/21.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 3/9/21 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to refer Item 20 to the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to refer Item 23 to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Arreguin) to approve the 3/9/21 agenda with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Berkeley Rep Fees (City Manager)*
- *Item Added: Condemning Anti-Asian Hate and Violence (Wengraf) – Mayor Arreguin added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 9 Help Berkeley (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Wengraf and Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 11 Traffic Calming (Taplin) – Revised item submitted; Mayor Arreguin added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 12 HR 25 (Taplin) – Mayor Arreguin and Councilmembers Wengraf and Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 13 SB 260 (Taplin) – Revised item submitted*
- *Item 14 Zero-Emissions Vehicles (Harrison) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 15 Relinquishment (Hahn) – Councilmember Wengraf added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 16 At-Large Appointments (City Manager) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 17a/b – Source of Income (Commission) – Moved to Consent Calendar to adopt policy committee recommendation*
- *Item 18 Vision 2025 (Davila) – Moved to Consent Calendar to adopt policy committee recommendation*
- *Item 19 Commemorative Period (Arreguin) – Moved to Consent Calendar; Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 20 Overlay (Taplin) – Revised item submitted; referred to the Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee*
- *Item 21 Budget Referral (Harrison) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 22 Landmark Designation (Harrison) – Revised item submitted; scheduled to March 9 Action Calendar*
- *Item 23 Impact/Mitigation Fees (Harrison) – Referred to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee*

- *Item 24 People of Tibet (Robinson) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 25 Economic Dashboards (City Manager) – Moved to Action Calendar*
- Order of Action Items
- *Item 22 Landmark Designation*
- *Item 25 Economic Dashboards*

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 Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies**

Action: No action taken.

- 9. Scheduling of Closed Session Meetings**

Action: The Committee requested that staff poll the Council for two regular closed session meetings per month on Wednesdays or Thursdays during the day or starting no later than 3:00 p.m.

- 10. Systems Realignment Proposal**
From: City Manager

Recommendation: Review and discuss the City Manager’s proposal to create improvements to enhance the effectiveness of the City Council legislative and budget processes. Provide feedback for staff to develop a recommendation for full Council consideration.

Contact: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 1 speaker. The Committee scheduled a special meeting for this item on March 22, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Referred Items for Review

11. **Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BERA) to Regulate Officeholder Accounts and Proposed Changes to City Council Office Budget Expenditure and Reimbursement Policies (Resolution 67,992-N.S.)**

From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Referred: January 11, 2021

Due: June 1, 2021

Recommendation: Form a joint subcommittee of members of the City Council and members of the Fair Campaign Practices and Open Government Commissions to (1) prepare an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BMC Chapter 2.12) to prohibit or regulate officeholder accounts and (2) prepare a change in City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement policies (Resolution 67,992-N.S.) to have donations to nonprofit organizations made in the name of the entire Berkeley City Council on behalf of the citizens of Berkeley rather than from individual Council members.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950

Action: Discussion held. The Committee requested that staff poll for a special meeting to hear Item 11.

12. **Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: June 15, 2020

Due: March 1, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Reorganize existing commissions with the goal of achieving 20 total commissions; 2. Reorganize existing commissions within various departments to ensure that no single department is responsible for more than five commissions; 3. Reorganize commissions within the Public Works Department to ensure Public Works oversees no more than three commissions; 4. Refer to the City Manager and every policy committee to agendaize at the next meeting available to discuss commissions that are in their purview and make recommendations to the full Council on how to reorganize and address the various policy areas. Commission members should be notified and chairs should be invited to participate. Policy committee members are encouraged to consider the renaming of some commissions in order to ensure that all policy areas are addressed.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action: 3 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to extend review of Item 12 in committee until April 1, 2021 at the request of the author. Supplemental materials from Councilmember Hahn added for consideration.

Vote: All Ayes.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment –

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on February 22, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

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