

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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:** 2:33 p.m.

**Present:** Bartlett (for Taplin), Humbert, Ishii

**Public Comment** – 2 speakers

## **Review of Agendas**

**1. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2025**

**Action:** M/S/C (Humbert/Ishii) to approve the minutes of 2/10/2025.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

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

a. 3/11/25 – Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Ishii/Humbert) to approve the agenda of 3/11/2025 with the changes noted below.

- *Item 13: Contract - Animal Care Services (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 14 Housing Preference Policy (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 16 Referral to 4x4 Committee (Tregub) – scheduled for 3/11/25 Consent Calendar*

Order of Action Items

Item 12 Appeal of Special Assessment Tax Lien

Item 15 Algorithmic Devices

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**3. Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal –**

*None Selected*

**4. Adjournments In Memory**

- Adjourn in Memory of Polly Armstrong, former District 8 City Councilmember
- Adjourn in Memory of Marty Shiffenbauer, Community Activist

## **Scheduling**

**5. Council Worksessions Schedule -** set 5:00 p.m. start time for 3/11/25 special meeting for City Council Referral Prioritization (RRV).

**6. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling** – received and filed

**7. Land Use Calendar** – received and filed

## **Referred Items for Review**

- **None**

## Unscheduled Items

8. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign, Including Strengthening the Committee System to Provide More In-Depth Review and Vetting of Major Items**

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Bartlett/Humbert) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on February 24, 2025.

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Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

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