

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

3:00 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor – Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

Roll Call: 3:05 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 2 speakers.

Committee Action Items

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

1. Discussion and Direction Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies

Action: 1 speaker. Presentation made by the Director of Emergency Services and discussion held. M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to recommend to the City Council to acknowledge the City Manager's authority as the Director of Emergency Services to take specific actions regarding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic; endorsing the actions described below; and requesting that the actions taken be presented to the City Council on March 17, 2020 for acknowledgement and ratification.

Vote: All Ayes.

Boards and Commissions

Commissions listed below may continue to meet only if they have time-sensitive, legally mandated business to complete, as determined by the Director of Emergency Services. The City may consider teleconferencing for these commissions, if feasible.

Design Review Committee

Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Housing Advisory Commission (limited to quasi-judicial activities)

Joint Subcommittee on the Implementation of State Housing Laws

Landmarks Preservation Commission

Open Government Commission

Personnel Board

Planning Commission

Police Review Commission

Zoning Adjustments Board

Committee Action Items

All other commissions are suspended from meeting for a period of 60 days. A Commission may convene a meeting if it has time-sensitive, legally-mandated business to complete, as determined by the Director of Emergency Services. The suspension will be re-evaluated at the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting on April 13, 2020.

City Council Policy Committees

The Agenda & Rules Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee may continue to meet to fulfill their legislative and advisory responsibilities. All other Policy Committees (Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability, Public Safety, Land Use, Housing & Economic Development, and Health, Life Enrichment Equity & Community) are suspended indefinitely. The 120-day deadline to consider an item will be tolled during the suspension of business.

City Council

For City Council meetings, the City will continue to advise and implement social distancing by limiting the capacity of the Council Chambers, providing an overflow room, attempting to limit the duration of the meeting, only conducting essential business, and limiting or suspending ceremonial items.

The City will adhere to and implement the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order #N-25-20 related to the Brown Act and the utilization of technology to facilitate participation.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on March 12, 2020.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

Communications submitted to City Council Policy Committees are on file in the City Clerk Department at 2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA.