

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023
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: 2:34 p.m. Present: Wengraf, Hahn; Absent: Arreguin

Public Comment – 3 speakers.

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: August 28, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/ Hahn) to approve the minutes of 8/28/23.

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

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 9/19/23 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/ Hahn) to approve the agenda of 9/19/23 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Amicus Brief (Arreguin) – Added to Action Calendar; Councilmember Wengraf added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 14 Berkeley Food Network (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 16 Lease Extension (City Manager) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 17 Rodeway Inn (City Manager) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 18 Rezone Gilman Street (Kesarwani) – Moved to 9/19 Action Calendar; Councilmembers Robinson and Wengraf added as co-sponsors*

Order of Action Items

Item 15 Public Hearing

Time Critical Item – Amicus Brief

Item 18 Rezone Gilman Street

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

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

- 8a. **Discussion of Potential Changes and Enhancements to the City Council Legislative Process including the concepts referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting**
- 8b. **Discussion Regarding Design and Strengthening of Policy Committee Process and Structure (Including Budget Referrals)**

Action: Councilmember Hahn will work with the City Manager and City Clerk to work on a draft presentation to be previewed at the Agenda & Rules Committee prior to the October 10 meeting.

Unscheduled Items

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

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee held on September 5, 2023.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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