

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024**

**2:30 P.M.**

School District Board Room - 1231 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94702

Teleconference Location - 1404 Le Roy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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**Roll Call:** 2:37pm. All present (Councilmember Taplin present for Mayor Arreguin).

**Public Comment:** 20 speakers.

## Review of Agendas

**1. Approval of Minutes: September 9, 2024**

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Taplin) to approve the minutes of 9/9/24.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

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

a. 10/1/24 – Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Taplin) to approve the agenda of 10/1/24 with the changes noted below.

- *Item 6 Street Naming (Peace & Justice Commission) – scheduled for 10/1/24 Action Calendar*
- *Item 7 Cal Sailing Club (Parks and Waterfront Commission) – scheduled for 10/15/24 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 8 Berkeley police (Police Accountability Board) – referred to Public Safety Committee*
- *Item 9 – La Pena Center (Hahn) – revised item submitted; scheduled for 10/1/24 Consent Calendar*

**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 –** Requested postponement of the Waterfront Plan to November; Requested addition of a presentation on the City's unfunded liabilities

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. No discussion or action.

## Unscheduled Items

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

**Action:** 2 speakers. Discussion of potential next steps with regards to legislative process and policy committees. No action.

## Unscheduled Items

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

**Vote:** Ayes – Hahn, Wengraf; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Taplin.

Adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on September 16, 2024.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## Communications

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