



**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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: 2:35 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 11 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: September 16, 2024

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the minutes of 9/16/24.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 10/15/24 – Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 10/15/24 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Naming of Skate Park (Kesarwani) – added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 6 Thirdwave (City Manager) – revised recommendation*
- *Item 9 Railroad Crossing (City Manager) – scheduled for 10/29/24*
- *Item 20 Cal Sailing Club (Commission) – corrections needed for “four year” provision and vote recorded for Commissioner Diehm*
- *Item 21 Halloween Festivities (Humbert) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 23 PAB Report Item (Police Accountability Board) – Item withdrawn by Director of Police Accountability*
- *Item 25 Tax Exemption (Arreguin) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 26 Sabbatical (Hahn) – Revised item submitted. Referred to the Budget & Finance Committee*
- *Item 27 Safety Plans (Hahn) – Scheduled for Action Calendar*

Order of Action Calendar

Item 22 Building Code

Item 24 Use of Force

Item 27 Safety Plans

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 – Confirmed 10/29 special meeting

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: 3 speakers. Discussion of proposed technical changes to Rules of Procedure. M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to recommend the proposed amendments to the City Council, amended to remove the portion on limiting debate and the phrase about votes on the Consent Calendar.

Vote: All Ayes.

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

Action: 3 speakers. Discussion of next steps for the legislative process.

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 (Arreguin/Hahn) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee held on September 30, 2024.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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