

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2020

2:30 P.M.

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf
Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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Roll Call: 2:31 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 2 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: October 13, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 10/13/20.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 11/10/20 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 11/10/20 with the changes noted below.

- Item Added: Wildcat Canyon (Wengraf) – added 11/10 Consent Calendar
- Item Added: Security Cameras (Kesarwani) – added 11/10 Consent Calendar
- Item Added: Gun Buy Back (Kesarwani) – added 11/10 Consent Calendar
- Item Added: Reserve Allocation (Hahn) – referred to Budget & Finance Committee
- Item 8 Holiday Fund (Arreguin) – Councilmember Davila added as a co-sponsor
- Item 11 Senior Apartments (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 13 Stop Signs (Arreguin) – moved to Consent Calendar
- Item 14 Zoom Meetings (Davila) – referred to Agenda & Rules Committee
- Item 15 Fire Safety (Wengraf) – moved to Consent Calendar

Vote: **All Ayes.**

Order of Items on the Action Calendar

Presentation: Report on Homeless Outreach during COVID 19 Pandemic

Item 12 Surveillance Technology

Support Community Refrigerators

Vote of No Confidence in Police Chief

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

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to schedule the item regarding the Police Chief for the last item on the 11/10 Action Calendar.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to schedule the item regarding Community Refrigerators for the next to last item on the 11/10 Action Calendar.

Vote: All Ayes.

7. **Land Use Calendar** – amendments noted and revised for next meeting

Referred Items for Review

8. **Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies**

Action: 2 speakers. The Committee requested information regarding the ability and feasibility of allowing commission subcommittees to resume meeting. The Committee also requested information on the ability of certain commissions to meet more regularly if they do not have staffing impacts that affect the city's response to COVID-19.

Unscheduled Items

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.

- 9. Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: June 15, 2020
Due: November 30, 2020
Recommendation: 1. Reorganize existing commissions with the goal of achieving 20 total commissions; 2. Reorganize existing commissions within various departments to ensure that no single department is responsible for more than five commissions; 3. Reorganize commissions within the Public Works Department to ensure Public Works oversees no more than three commissions; 4. Refer to the City Manager and every policy committee to agendaize at the next meeting available to discuss commissions that are in their purview and make recommendations to the full Council on how to reorganize and address the various policy areas. Commission members should be notified and chairs should be invited to participate. Policy committee members are encouraged to consider the renaming of some commissions in order to ensure that all policy areas are addressed.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180
Action: Continued to next meeting on Unscheduled calendar.
- 10. Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act to prohibit Officeholder Accounts; Amending BMC Chapter 2.12 *(Item contains supplemental material)***
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Referred: July 28, 2020
Due: January 29, 2021
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt first reading of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.12, to prohibit Officeholder Accounts (See Section 18531.62. Elected State Officeholder Bank Accounts, Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950
Action: Continued to next meeting on Unscheduled calendar.

Unscheduled Items

11. Relinquishments and grants from Councilmembers' office budgets

From: Open Government Commission

Referred: August 31, 2020

Due: February 15, 2021

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution creating a temporary advisory committee consisting of three (3) members each of the City Council and the Open Government Commission ("OGC") to enable discussion between the Council and the OGC to make recommendations governing relinquishments and grants from Councilmembers' office budgets.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950

Action: Continued to next meeting on Unscheduled calendar.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on October 26, 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.