

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

2:30 P.M.

Redwood Room – 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley, CA 94704
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: 2:31 p.m.

Present: Hahn, Wengraf

Mayor Arreguin attended as an observer.

Public Comment – 3 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: October 28, 2024

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 10/28/24.

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

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 11/19/24 – Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the minutes of 10/28/24.

- *Ceremonial Items: Add “Recognition of Outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers”*
- *Item 1 Appropriations Ordinance (City Manager) – moved to Action Calendar*
- *Item 4 Interim Housing (City Manager) – revised recommendation*
- *Item 24 Development Agreements (City Manager) – listed as Action Item, not Public Hearing*
- *Item 25 Joint Powers Authority (Arreguin) – revised item submitted; moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 26 Equity for Black Berkeley (Arreguin) – moved to Consent Calendar*

Order of Action Items

Item 1 Appropriations

Item 24 Development Agreements

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Wengraf; 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 – Noted the 11/12/24 special meeting as confirmed, pending the outcome of the 11/7 closed session

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. Moved to 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: 0 speakers. Moved to Unscheduled Items.

10. Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal

Action: 3 speakers. Discussion of potential changes to the uses of Berkeley Considers. Request for demographic data of registered users and possible improvements to Berkeley Considers.

Unscheduled Items

11. Modifications or Improvements to City Council Meeting Procedures (referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting)

12. Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals

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 – Arreguin.

Adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on November 4, 2024.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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