

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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: 2:36 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 14 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 11/13/23.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 12/5/23 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to accept the Time Critical item from Councilmember Harrison for the December 5 Action Calendar and request that the author make certain changes to recommendation #5 as follows:

Refer to City Manager and the Budget and Finance Committee to consider establishing an ongoing General Fund policy of allocating 50% of annual TNC Tax revenues to a citywide traffic calming budget and the remaining 50% to tier 1 bike/pedestrian/transit priority projects as specified under number 3.a-c.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 12/5/23 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added TNC Tax Budget Referral (Harrison) – Item added to Action Calendar and amendments requested*
- *Item Added MOU for Berkeley Firefighters (City Manager) – Item added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 8 MLK, Jr. Celebration (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 10 Use of Force (Harrison) – Referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Police Accountability Board with a request for time-sensitive review*
- *Item 12 Municipal Pier (Taplin) – Revised item submitted; moved to Consent Calendar; Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor*

Order of Action Calendar

TNC Tax Budget Referral

Reimagining Public Safety Update

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** – 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

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum, Procedural Rules, and Remote Public Comments**

Action: 4 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to formalize the rule for the Council to only hear in-person non-agenda public comments at the beginning of the meeting with certain ADA-related exceptions. Request that the City Manager return to Council to incorporate the change in to the Rules of Procedure.

Vote: All Ayes.

9. **Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 To Expand Eligibility Requirements for Representatives of The Poor to Serve on The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: November 13, 2023

Deadline: May 13, 2024

Recommendation: Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 to expand eligibility requirements for Representatives of the Poor to serve on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, or any successor commission, to consider the current geographic formation of poverty in Berkeley.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: Item held over to November 27, 2023.

Unscheduled Items

10. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

Action: Moved to Action Calendar for November 27, 2023 meeting.

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

Unscheduled Items

12. **Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**
13. **Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on November 20, 2023.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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