

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,  
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, October 03, 2019  
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Rigel Robinson, and Kate Harrison

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call:** 2:05 p.m.

**Present:** Davila, Robinson, Harrison

**Announcement:** Brown Act Participation Rules

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 1 Speaker.

**Minutes for Approval**

*Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.*

**1. Minutes - July 18, 2019**

**Action:** M/S/C (Robinson/Davila) to approve the minutes as presented.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**Committee Action Items**

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.*

*Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.*

## Committee Action Items

2. **Amending Chapter 19.32 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to Require Kitchen Exhaust Ventilation in all Residential and Condominium Units Undergoing Renovations and Prior to Execution of a Contract for Sale or Close of Escrow**  
**From: Councilmember Harrison**

**Referred: September 9, 2019**

**Due: February 17, 2020**

**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 19.32 to require kitchen exhaust ventilation in residential and condominium units undergoing renovations and in all existing residential buildings prior to execution of a contract for sale or close of escrow.

2. Refer to the City Manager to draft a resolution establishing appropriate local climatic, geological or topographical findings as required by the California Building Standards Commission.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting to allow staff to return with more information regarding the City's Building Code Amendment, which is updated every three years and set to go before the full Council in November and how it will compare to the proposed item.

## Committee Action Items

**3. Amending Chapter 19.34 of the Berkeley Municipal Code to Expand Automatic Gas Shut-Off Valve Requirements in Multifamily, Condominium and Commercial Buildings Undergoing Renovations and to All Existing Buildings Prior to Execution of a Contract for Sale or Close of Escrow**

**From: Councilmembers Harrison and Bartlett**

**Referred: August 26, 2019**

**Due: February 3, 2020**

**Recommendation:**

1. Adopt an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 19.34.040 to expand requirements for automatic natural gas shut-off valves or excess flow valves in multifamily, condominium and commercial buildings undergoing renovations and in all existing buildings prior to execution of a contract for sale or close of escrow.
2. Refer to Planning Department to draft a resolution establishing appropriate local climatic, geological or topographical findings as required by the California Building Standards Commission.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item with a Positive Qualified Recommendation back to the City Council with the following amendments.

Amend the recommendation revised to read as follows:

1. Refer to the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to consider an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 19.34.040 to expand requirements for automatic natural gas shut-off valves or excess flow valves in multifamily, condominium and commercial buildings undergoing renovations and in all existing buildings prior to execution of a contract for sale or close of escrow and to ask the Commission to consider other triggers as appropriate.

Amend the Financial Implications to read:

Staff savings realized from responders not having to shut off gas in an emergency.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Committee Action Items

### 4a. Recommendations for a Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley

**From: Energy Commission**

**Referred: May 14, 2019**

**Due: October 29, 2019**

**Recommendation:** The Berkeley Energy Commission recommends the City Council refer to the City Manager to implement the recommendations listed below as well as additional measures outlined in the attached report to aggressively reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the city and the region.

**Financial Implications:** Unknown

Contact: Billi Romain, Commission Secretary, 981-7400

### 4b. Companion Report: Recommendations for a Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley

*(Item Contains Supplemental Material)*

**From: City Manager**

**Referred: May 14, 2019**

**Due: October 29, 2019**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager to continue to implement existing policies and programs that are consistent with the recommendations in the Berkeley Energy Commission's Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley Report, such as the Building Energy Saving Ordinance and development of new building codes that promote building electrification, and also to complete new evaluations and analyses of current and potential future greenhouse gas reduction programs and policies in order to inform next steps for accelerating progress to a Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Timothy Burroughs, Planning and Development, 981-7400

**Action:** 2 speakers. Items 4a and 4b were continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee requested that staff from the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department and the Ecology Center attend the next meeting to provide an update on current projects, highlighted in the supplemental companion staff report.

## 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.*

5. **Considering Multi-year Bidding Processes for Street Paving**  
**From: Mayor Arreguin, Councilmembers Hahn, Harrison and Davila**  
**Referred: March 11, 2019**  
**Due: November 9, 2019**

**Recommendation:** 1. Restate the recommendation approved at the December 11, 2018 Council meeting to create a two-year bidding process for street paving to realize savings by (a) reducing by 50% City staff time devoted to bidding and contracting processes over each two year period and (b) benefitting from reduced pricing which may be available for larger contracts that offer greater economies of scale and reduce contractors' bidding and contracting costs.

2. Short-term referral to the City Manager to explore the possibility, feasibility, costs, and benefits of bidding in increments of up to 5 years to encompass entire 5-year paving plans, or other ideas to more rationally and cost-effectively align the paving plan with budget cycles and reduce costs associated with frequent bid cycles for relatively small contracts.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Harrison/Davila) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on October 3, 2019.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk