

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

**Thursday, December 5, 2019  
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Rigel Robinson, and Kate Harrison

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call:** 2:04 p.m.

**Present:** Davila, Robinson, Harrison

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 3 Speakers.

**Minutes for Approval**

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

**1. Minutes - November 21, 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. **Referral: Electric Moped Ride-Share Franchise Agreement**

**From: Councilmembers Robinson and Bartlett**

**Referred: November 4, 2019**

**Due: May 3, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager to establish a process for the creation of franchise agreements for ride-share motorized bicycles, and establish a franchise agreement with ride-share motorized bicycle provider Revel in coordination with the City of Oakland.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

**Action:** 2 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item, as revised, back to the City Council with a Positive Recommendation.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Committee Action Items

### 3. Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025

**From: Councilmember Davila**

**Referred: November 18, 2019**

**Due: May 17, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution with the following actions:

1. Direct the City Attorney to prepare any draft ordinances to terminate the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025; this shall include the termination of purchasing these vehicles to support City fleets and, for the general public, a staged phase out such as cars over \$28K by 2023, cars over \$22K by 2024, and all cars by 2025, so as to actively create a used electric vehicle market for lower income customers.

2. Short term referral to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to report to the City Council in 90 days, in consultation with other City Departments with the following information: (A) Feasibility of terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles; (B) ways to promote and facilitate the sale of all-electric vehicles in the City, particularly among low income communities, including the provision of local tax incentives and rebates; the simplification of building code requirements for chargers; and the establishment of charging stations and related infrastructure to support all-electric vehicles; (C) any “just transition” elements related to the above action, including the impact upon and opportunities for auto mechanics.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

**Action:** 3 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to continue the item to the next regularly scheduled meeting and requested that the author return with more information regarding compliance with federal preemption, vehicle sales volume in Berkeley, integration with the electric mobility roadmap, and how the item compares to the Community Environmental Advisory Commission proposal.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Committee Action Items

4. **Short Term Referral to the City Manager on how to establish a New Department: Climate Emergency Mobilization Department within 90 days**  
**From: Councilmember Davila**  
**Referred: November 18, 2019**  
**Due: May 17, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Short Term Referral to the City Manager on how to establish a New Department: Climate Emergency Mobilization Department within 90 days with the following actions: 1. Establishment of a new department - Create a Climate Emergency Mobilization Department (CEMD) and transition existing city staff (current Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officers) into the new department. The CEMD is proposed to have oversight authority of existing departments and boards regarding planning and coordination of the City's response to climate change, including public education and outreach. In addition, the CEMD would measure and track ongoing greenhouse gas emissions and pollutants, develop an annual climate emissions budget and identify grant funding. 2. External Community Engagement - Provide a timeline for regular on-going town halls or neighborhood assemblies for external community engagement and collaboration to engage the community and allow for input on new policies and programs which affect "marginalized and front-line communities." As part of this process, the proposal further recommends that community capacity building in the form of training and education be provided, and that potential pilot projects be considered which could be tested in these communities. 3. A Report from the City Manager within 90 days regarding: The number of positions to adequately implement and operate the CEMD; and recommendations for funding in the upcoming fiscal year budget.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

**Action:** 5 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item, as amended, back to the City Council with a Positive Recommendation and to keep the first recommendation, the establishment of a new department, in the committee as a discussion item.

Amend the recommendation to read as follows:

1. Short Term Referral to the City Manager: to look at how to improve and increase External Community Engagement – including funding for regular on-going town halls or neighborhood assemblies for external community engagement and collaboration to engage the community and allow for input on new policies and programs which affect "marginalized and front-line communities".
2. A Report from the City Manager within 90 days regarding: The resources needed to adequately implement these efforts, including different organizational structure options; and recommendations for funding.
3. Recommend that all staff reports address climate change in addition to environmental sustainability.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## Committee Action Items

**5. Adopt an Ordinance Adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to Regulate Plastic Bags at Retail and Food Service Establishments**

**From: Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn**

**Referred: November 25, 2019**

**Due: May 24, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Adopt an ordinance adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to regulate plastic bags at retail and food service establishments.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

**6. Adopt a Resolution Establishing a Default Greenhouse Gas Emissions-Free Electricity Plan for Residential and Commercial Customers and Renewable Plan for Municipal Accounts**

**From: Councilmember Harrison and Mayor Arreguin**

**Referred: November 25, 2019**

**Due: May 24, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution: a. enrolling all eligible Berkeley residential and commercial East Bay Community Energy accounts to the Brilliant 100 (100% greenhouse gas-free ) electricity service plan, effective [ ]. Customers will not lose the option of changing their plan or opting out of EBCE entirely; b. enrolling municipal East Bay Community Energy accounts to Renewable 100 (100% renewable and 100% greenhouse gas-free) electricity service, effective [ ] and refer the estimated increased cost of \$100,040 to the June 2020 budget process; and, c. providing for yearly Council review of the City's default residential, commercial and municipal plans.

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** 1 speaker. Discussion held. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## Committee Action Items

### 7. **Bright Streets Initiative**

**From: Councilmembers Hahn and Harrison**

**Referred: November 25, 2019**

**Due: May 24, 2020**

**Recommendation:**

1. Refer to the City Manager to paint all crosswalks, midlines, bike lanes, and other street markings, clarify and/or improve traffic signage, and paint curbs along collector and arterial streets throughout the City of Berkeley, and within a three-block radius of all Berkeley public schools, to improve safety and support Vision Zero goals. Streets, signage, and curbs that have been redone in the past three years and remain in very good condition need not be repainted and/or replaced.

2. Such work to be completed prior to commencement of the 2020-21 Berkeley Public School Year.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

**Action:** The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

## 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.*

### 8. **Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

**From: Traffic Circle Policy Task Force**

**Referred: November 12, 2019**

**Due: May 11, 2020**

**Recommendation:** On November 12, 2019, the City Council referred the following language from the proposed Traffic Circle Policy to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:

“New trees proposed by traffic circle coordinators or volunteers will be approved by the City Forester, with a preference for natives and a focus on maximizing ecosystem services.

The Task Force recommends revisiting trunk size considerations every five years as the implications of climate change and autonomous vehicles become clearer. In the interim, large trunked trees such as redwoods will not be planted.”

The original recommendation from the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force is as follows: Adopt a Resolution to approve the Traffic Circle Policy as outlined in the report and refer to the traffic engineer for codification.

Integrate the Community Common Space Stewardship Program into the “Adopt a Spot Initiative,” which the City Council approved on April 23, 2019 (Item #33), and request that the City Council refer it to the Traffic Circle Task Force, rather than the Parks and Public Works Commissions, for the purpose of development, outlining criteria and environmental benefits, program costs and staffing.

Refer additional traffic calming measures at Ellsworth for the intersections with Dawn Redwoods to the mid-year budget process and request mitigation funds from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) due to the impact on these streets from their Wildcat Pipeline Project.

Refer to the City Manager:

1. Create the Community Common Space Stewardship Program as described in the report.
2. Refer the additional staff and material costs of this program to the budget process.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact:

## Items for Future Agendas

- Discussion of the creation of a new department/office of Climate Emergency Mobilization, including a race and equity aspect of the climate crisis.

## **Adjournment**

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on December 5, 2019.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk