

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

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Monday, June 17, 2019

1:00 PM

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Kate Harrison, and Rigel Robinson

MINUTES

Roll Call: 1:05 p.m.

Present: Robinson, Harrison

Absent: Davila

Councilmember Davila present at 1:06 p.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 7 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes for Approval - June 6, 2019

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

Vote: Ayes – Harrison, Robinson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Davila

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. **Adopt an Ordinance adding a new Chapter 19.84 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Prohibiting Natural Gas Infrastructure in New Buildings** (*Item contains revised materials*)

From: Councilmembers Harrison, Davila, Bartlett and Hahn

Referred: February 25, 2019

Due: July 15, 2019

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adding a new Chapter 19.84 to the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) prohibiting natural gas infrastructure in new buildings with an effective date of [].

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, 981-7140

Action: M/S/C (Harrison/Davila) to accept the amendment to the revised item as follows:

Amend 12.80.040 to add a paragraph E. that reads as follows:

E. To the extent that a public interest exemption and installation of Natural Gas Infrastructure is granted, Newly Constructed Buildings shall be required to have sufficient electric capacity and conduit to facilitate full building electrification.

Amend 12.80.060 to add a paragraph B. that reads as follows:

B. To the extent that stand-alone delivery systems are available, the exemption shall require that the entity responsible for entitling the project consider whether a stand-alone delivery system is physically feasible before granting an exemption.

Amend 12.80.060 to add paragraph C. that reads as follows:

C. To the extent that a public interest exemption and installation of Natural Gas Infrastructure is granted, Newly Constructed Buildings shall be required to have sufficient electric capacity and conduit to facilitate full building electrification.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: 18 speakers. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to send the item, as amended, back to the City Council with a Qualified Positive recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

3a. 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

3b. Companion Report: Recommendations for a Fossil Fuel Free Berkeley

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: No speakers. Discussion held. The committee requested staff to prepare an itemized list with prioritization, based off of the recommendations made by the Energy Commission and to identify projects already taking place. Items 3a and 3b continued to July 18, 2019.

4. Transition to Zero-Emission Refuse Trucks

From: Councilmembers Robinson, Harrison, and Davila

Referred: May 13, 2019

Due: October 28, 2019

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to draft a plan to phase out diesel, biodiesel, and natural gas powered trucks in all fleets used for refuse collection (both City-owned and contracted) and replace them with zero-emission refuse trucks.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, 981-7170

Action: The item was withdrawn by the Author, Councilmember Robinson.

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: September 15, 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, 981-7100

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on June 17, 2019.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk