

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

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**Monday, June 3, 2019
10:30 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor - Cypress Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Ben Bartlett, Susan Wengraf, and Rigel Robinson

Roll Call: 10:37 a.m.

Present: Wengraf, Robinson, Bartlett

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes for Approval - May 6, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Robinson) 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 Response: Update on Various Referrals and Recommendations Regarding Stop Data Collection, Data Analysis and Community Engagement

From: City Manager

Referred: April 30, 2019

Due: October 15, 2019

Recommendation: Review and provide feedback on the Berkeley Police Department responses to inter-related Council and Police Review Commission referrals, reports and recommendations, including the Center for Policing Equity report recommendations, regarding stop data collection, data analysis, community engagement, and related topics.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Andrew Greenwood, Police, 981-5900

Action: 9 speakers. M/S/C (Bartlett/Robinson) to send the item back to the City Council with a qualified positive recommendation for the Mayor to convene the task force, as outlined in Councilmember Harrison's amended referral, in an expeditious manner and to request that adequate budget resources be allocated to allow the task force to complete its work.

Vote: All Ayes.

3. Alternative Compliance Measures to Achieve Fire Safety in Existing Live/Work Spaces

From: Councilmembers Robinson and Harrison

Referred: May 13, 2019

Due: October 28, 2019

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to develop alternative code compliance measures for nontraditional live/work spaces, in order to improve residential safety without displacing existing communities. Given the current shortage of affordable housing, Staff should consider how to enact a policy of leniency towards existing structures which may not be in complete compliance with city permits. Staff should seek methods to incentivize incremental safety renovations without exposing communities to eviction concerns.

Financial Implications: Staff time

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

Action: The item was continued to the next meeting – July 1, 2019.

Committee Action Items

4. **Recommendation to Install an Outdoor Public Warning System (Sirens) and Incorporate It Into a Holistic Emergency Alerting Plan**

From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Referred: May 14, 2019

Due: October 29, 2019

Recommendation: We recommend that City of Berkeley immediately begin the process to purchase, install, and maintain an outdoor public warning system (sirens) as a supplement to other alert and warning technologies within our boundaries and coordinated with abutting jurisdictions and Alameda County.

This installation should be accompanied by the following: - ongoing outreach and education so that the public will understand the meaning of the sirens and what to do when they hear a siren; - development of a holistic alert protocol, incorporating sirens as an additional option among the available suite of alerting methods; - staff training and drills on alerting procedures; - development of a testing and maintenance plan that will ensure the system is fully operational while avoiding unnecessary or excessive noise pollution in the City; - outreach to deaf and hard of hearing residents to encourage them to opt-in for alerting that meets their communication needs. This may include distributing weather radios or other in-home devices with accessibility options for people with disabilities.

This recommendation does not specify the number, type, or location of sirens; City staff should determine the most cost-effective system that achieves the goals described in this recommendation. This may include either mobile or fixed-location sirens.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Keith May, Commission Secretary, 981-3473

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Wengraf/Robinson) to recommend that the report issued by the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission be submitted to the City Council with a Positive Recommendation.

Vote: All Ayes.

5. **Adopt an Ordinance Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.99 to Prohibit City Use of Face Recognition Technology**

From: Councilmember Harrison

Referred: May 28, 2019

Due: November 12, 2019

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.99 to prohibit the City from acquiring, retaining, requesting, accessing, or using: (1) any face recognition technology, or (2) any information obtained from face recognition technology.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Action: The item was continued to the next meeting – July 1, 2019.

Unscheduled Items

- None

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Bartlett) to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: All Ayes

Adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 3, 2019.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk