

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

**Thursday, February 6, 2020
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

Election of Chair

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to nominate Councilmember Harrison as Chair.

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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 1 Speaker.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - December 5, 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. **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: 1 speaker. Discussion held. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

3. **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 placed on unscheduled.

Committee Action Items

4. **Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025** (*Revised Material Received*)

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: 1 speaker. Discussion held. The item was continued to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The committee requested the author return with information regarding the Community Environmental Advisory Commission’s similar proposal and for the City Attorney’s office to return with more information regarding the feasibility of the item. Lastly, the committee requested the Planning Department to return with more information regarding recommendation 2B.

5. **Letter in Support of Reviving Berkeley Bus Rapid Transit**

From: Councilmember Robinson

Referred: January 13, 2020

Due: May 12, 2020

Recommendation: Send a letter to AC Transit, the Alameda County Transportation Commission, Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, and State Senator Nancy Skinner in support of expanding Bus Rapid Transit into Berkeley on Telegraph Avenue at the first possible opportunity

Financial Implications: None

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

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

Committee Action Items

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

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: 3 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to approve recommendations b and c, as revised in the supplemental report submitted by Councilmember Harrison, with a Positive Recommendation.

Revised recommendation:

- b. Opt up municipal East Bay Community Energy accounts to renewable 100 (100% renewable and 100% greenhouse gas-free) electricity service, 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.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to approve recommendation a, as revised in the supplemental report submitted by Councilmember Harrison, and send the item back to the City Council with a Positive Recommendation.

Revised recommendation:

- a. Changing the service plan for current and new Berkeley residential Bright Choice accounts, except those enrolled in the California Alternate Rates for Energy Program, Family Electric Rate Assistance and Medical Baseline Allowance Program accounts, and all commercial East Bay Community Energy Bright Choice accounts to the Brilliant 100 (100% greenhouse gas-free) electricity service plan, effective [] for residential customers and [] for commercial customers. Customers will not lose the option of changing their plan or opting out of EBCE entirely

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

Committee Action Items

7. Potential Bonding and Funding Opportunities for Improving the PCI of Residential Streets, and Creating a Paving Master Plan

Referred: January 21, 2020

Due: May 20, 2020

Recommendation: On January 21, 2020, the City Council referred the following language from the revised agenda material from Councilmember Harrison in the Supplemental Communications Packet 2, and as further revised by the Council, to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:

Refer to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, & Sustainability Committee to work with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, and creating a paving master plan.

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: 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

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 4:10 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on February 6, 2020.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk