

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

**Monday, August 9, 2021  
10:30 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Susan Wengraf, and Ben Bartlett  
Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 10:35 a.m. All present.

## 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.*

**1. Ghost Gun Precursor Parts Ordinance**

**From: Councilmember Taplin (Author), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)**

**Referred: July 12, 2021**

**Due: January 28, 2022**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager the development of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Municipal Code to prohibit any person other than a licensed manufacturer or importer from possessing, selling, offering for sale, transferring, purchasing, transporting, receiving, or manufacturing an unfinished firearm frame or receiver that has not been imprinted with a serial number, subject to certain exceptions pursuant to state law; and prohibiting any person from manufacturing or assembling a firearm that has not been imprinted with a serial number, subject to certain exceptions pursuant to state law; and return such an ordinance to the City Council.

**Financial Implications:** Staff time

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

**Action:** 2 speakers. Revised material submitted by the author. Discussion held. The item was continued to a future meeting to allow for the development of Ordinance language.

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Bartlett; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

Adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of Public Safety Policy Committee meeting held on August 9, 2021.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk

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