

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
9:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani and Sophie Hahn  
Alternate: Vacant

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**Roll Call:** 09:12 a.m.

**Present:** Kesarwani, Hahn, Arreguin

## Minutes for Approval

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

**1. Minutes - January 25, 2024**

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Kesarwani) to approve the minutes of 1/25/2024.

**Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – Hahn; Absent - None.

## 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.*

*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.*

**2. FY 25/26 Budget Overview**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

**Action:** 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

**3. Department Budget Presentations**

**a. Department Budget Presentation: Police**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

**Action:** 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

**b. Department Budget Presentation: Health, Housing and Community Services**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

**Action:** 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

**c. Department Budget Presentation: City Clerk**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Recess 12:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

- d. Department Budget Presentation: Human Resources**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Aram Kouyoumdjian, Human Resources, (510) 981-6800  
**Action:** 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.
- e. Department Budget Presentation: Information Technology**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Kevin Fong, Information Technology, (510) 981-6500  
**Action:** 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.
- f. Department Budget Presentation: Finance**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300  
**Action:** 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.
- g. Department Budget Presentation: Office of the City Manager**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, (510) 981-7000  
**Action:** 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.
- h. Debrief/Review of Questions**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000  
**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held.

Mayor Arreguin absent at 4:00 p.m.

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** Ayes – Kesarwani, Hahn; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Arreguin.

Adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on May 8, 2024.

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Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

## Communications

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