

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

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024  
12:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor - Cypress Room

Committee Members:

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

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 12:07 p.m.

**Present:** Kesarwani, Hahn, Arreguin

## Minutes for Approval

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

### 1. Minutes - June 5, 2024

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 6/5/2024.

**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.*

*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. FY25/26 Proposed Budget

**From:** City Manager

**Recommendation:** Discussion and Recommendations on the FY25/26 Proposed Budget including funding requests, Council budget referrals and budget balancing strategies

**Financial Implications:**

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

**Action:** 18 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to recommend to City Council the proposed FY25/FY26 budget with the supplemental budget recommendations presented by the Mayor in the budget balancing measures summarized in the budget balancing worksheet and with the following adjustments:

1. Fund the "South Cove Seawall-Planning" item at \$250,000 for FY25 by reducing the allocation for utilities for PRW, leaving a balance of \$11,173 for utilities for FY25.
2. Adjust the funding for the CARE program for the Fire Department: In FY25, \$40,000 for cancer screening, \$103,000 for the mechanic program, and \$70,000 for furniture, fixtures, and equipment. In FY26, \$40,000 for cancer screening and \$206,000 for the mechanic program.
3. Allocate \$72,000 for the Flea Market in FY25.
4. Council to provide direction to the City Manager to allocate funding that is set aside for the Hopkins Project to cover the amount needed for the "Protect Pedestrian Safety on Upper Marin Avenue" budget referral item. The funding allocated to "Pedestrian Safety" should cover the costs needed for the budget referral, up to the amount set aside for the Hopkins Project.
5. Authorize making the Auditor II position in the Auditor's Office permanent.

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6. Authorize making the Community Service Officer positions in the Police Department full-time.
  7. Allocate \$200,000 of on-going funding for “Food Security Non-Profits” item.
- Vote:** Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Kesarwani.

Councilmember Kesarwani absent 1:58 p.m. – 2:22 p.m.

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on June 19, 2024.

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Rose Thomsen, Deputy City Clerk

## Communications

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