



BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, July 15, 2024
10:30 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704 – Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Ben Bartlett, and Igor Tregub
Alternate: Councilmember Mark Humbert

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MINUTES

Roll Call 10:34 a.m.

Present: Taplin, Tregub

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 10:37 a.m.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – None.

Election of Chairperson

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to elect Councilmember Taplin as Chairperson of the Public Safety Policy Committee.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Tregub; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - September 18, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to approve the September 18, 2023 minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Tregub; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

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.

2. First Draft 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

From: Office of Emergency Services

Recommendation: Discussion on the first draft 2024 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jamie Albrecht, Emergency Services Coordinator, (510) 981-5514

Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. Item continued to a future meeting.

Committee Action Items

3a. Recommendation Regarding Panoramic Hill Secondary Evacuation

From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Referred: April 25, 2024

Due: October 8, 2024

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution approving the development of a plan that includes a feasibility study and identification of funding sources for the construction of an emergency secondary egress road on Panoramic Hill. Such a plan could include discussions between the City of Berkeley, the City of Oakland, UC Berkeley, East Bay Regional Parks District and Alameda County and should also provide for continued contact with the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (DFSC) as well as other related Berkeley Commissions as the Council determines.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Keith May, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-3473

Action: See action for Item 3b.

3b. Companion Report: Recommendation Regarding Panoramic Hill Secondary Evacuation

From: Fire and Emergency Services

Referred: April 25, 2024

Due: October 8, 2024

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution directing the Fire Department to reach out to other impacted landowners to determine interest in pursuing, and coordinate costs sharing to conduct a feasibility study to identify a safe secondary evacuation and access route for the access impaired Panoramic neighborhood. The results of the study should then be shared with the Public Safety Policy Committee.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: David Sprague, Fire, (510) 981-3473

Action: 0 speakers. M/S/C (Taplin/Bartlett) to send item 3b. to Council with a positive recommendation for City Council to adopt a Resolution directing the Fire Department to reach out to other impacted landowners to determine interest in pursuing, and coordinate costs sharing to conduct a feasibility study to identify a safe secondary evacuation and access route for the access impaired Panoramic neighborhood.

Vote: All Ayes.

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.

4. Resolution: Opposition to Police Brutality and Use of Force on Nonviolent Protesters

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author)

Referred: November 20, 2023

Due: September 12, 2024

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reaffirming the City of Berkeley's opposition to and condemning police brutality towards nonviolent protesters and discouraging use of "less-lethal" weapons for crowd control.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Items for Future Agendas

- Discuss results of feasibility study regarding Panoramic Hill Secondary Evacuation.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 15, 2024.

Wendy Sorensen, Assistant City Clerk

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