



**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL HEALTH, LIFE ENRICHMENT, EQUITY &
COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, July 29, 2024
10:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Ben Bartlett, and Igor Tregub
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 10:07 a.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Tregub

Absent: Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 10:09 a.m.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes - May 16, 2024**

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Tregub) to approve the May 16, 2024 minutes.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Tregub; Noes – 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.

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. **Changes to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC) Council appointee process and possible selection of public sector commissioners**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: The City Manager recommends that the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Policy Committee be charged with the selection and recommendation of three Council appointees to the HWCAC via an application process that is open to the public.

Financial Implications: See Report

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

Action: 2 speakers. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Tregub) to make a positive recommendation to appoint Diana Bohn, Richard F Gaona, and Jose Lara Cruz to the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission (HWCAC).

Vote: All Ayes.

Committee Action Items

3. **Re-Adoption of the Berkeley Building Codes, including Local Amendments to the 2022 California Building Standards Code**
From: City Manager
Referred: May 7, 2024
Due: October 14, 2024
Recommendation: ****On May 7, 2024 the City Council referred the NOX provisions of this item to the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee for review and a recommendation to Council.****
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400
- Action:** 3 speakers. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Tregub) to send to Council with a qualified positive recommendation that the Committee express preference for the Zero NOX CALGREEN Reach Code in our Berkeley Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Energy, and Green Building Standards Codes, with consideration that Council further review legal risk, consider a commercial kitchen exemption for the Zero NOx CALGREEN reach code, and consider as an alternative, a single margin energy code.
Vote: All Ayes.
4. **Healthy Checkout Amendment**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: November 13, 2023
Due: July 29, 2024
Recommendation: 1. Adopt an amendment to the Healthy Checkout Ordinance (9.82) requiring stores 2,500 square feet and under in size to sell more nutritious food and beverage options in their checkout areas.
2. Refer to the City Manager to determine funding and staffing needs to implement and enforce the expansion of the ordinance and sources of funding to support this program.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130
- Action:** 2 speakers. M/S/C (Kesarwani/Bartlett) to send to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to:
1) Adopt an amendment to the Healthy Checkout Ordinance (9.82) requiring stores 2,500 square feet and under in size to sell more nutritious food and beverage options in their checkout areas.
2) Refer to the City Manager to determine funding and staffing needs to implement and enforce the expansion of the ordinance and sources of funding to support this program.
And that the author include a budget referral for the final item.
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.

5. **Formation of a Sex Trafficking Task Force to Address Current Sex Trafficking in Berkeley**

From: Commission on the Status of Women

Referred: July 8, 2024

Due: January 20, 2025

Recommendation: To recommend to Council to refer to the City Manager to form a sex trafficking task force. The Task Force's objective shall be two-fold: to develop recommendations of sex trafficking prevention strategies to be implemented including through social media and to provide recommendations for supports for women and girls seeking to exit sex trafficking.

That the Task Force be comprised as follows: 2 members of the Commission on the Status of Women (1 of whom will be a UC Berkeley student); 1-2 members of the Berkeley Police Department formerly or currently working on this issue in Berkeley as determined by the Berkeley Police Department; 2 members of the 2x2 Committee (1 of whom shall be a Councilmember and 1 of whom shall be a School Board member); 1 member of the City of Berkeley Youth Commission who is a Berkeley High School student; 1 person with knowledge and expertise in sex trafficking, prevention and resources, that person unidentified with a Berkeley City-funded agency so as to avoid any potential conflict of interest in the recommendations; 1 woman with a history of having been sex-trafficked (a stipend is recommended for that member of the Task Force); and 1 person with expertise in workplace development and related economic resources.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Okeya Vance-Dozier, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7100

6. **Small Business Support Act**

From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)

Recommendation: That the City Manager and Finance Department amend the City of Berkeley business license process and requirements to promote transparency between the City and small business owners and lower burdensome barriers to entry for new business owners. Such amendments shall include the following:

1. Establish a business license amnesty program
2. Establish a Small Business Support and Retention Emergency Grant
3. Create a Small Business Ombudsman
4. Promote greater transparency about the business licensing process.

These actions will support small business creation and retention. The close relationship between the people of Berkeley, our small businesses, and the City is essential to making our community thrive.

Financial Implications: See Report

Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

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- 7. Discussion Item: Impact Bond**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author)
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Kesarwani) to adjourn the meeting
Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Health, Life Enrichment, Equity, & Community Committee meeting held on July 29, 2024.

Wendy Sorensen, Assistant City Clerk

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