

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, November 7, 2024  
10:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani and Sophie Hahn  
Alternate: Councilmember Susan Wengraf

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 10:08 a.m.

**Present:** Hahn, Arreguin

**Absent:** Kesarwani

## Minutes for Approval

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

### 1. Minutes - September 17, 2024

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 9/17/2024.

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

## 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 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance Amendment

**From:** City Manager

**Recommendation:** Receive a report on the preliminary Fiscal Year 2024 Year-End financial status and the recommended adjustments for inclusion in the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Appropriations Ordinance (“AAO1”) and provide recommendations on adjustments to AAO1.

**Financial Implications:** See report.

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000, Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

**Action:** 15 speakers. Discussion held. Item continued to the next meeting.

Recess 10:45 a.m. – 10:51 a.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 11:48 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on November 7, 2024.

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Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

## **Communications**

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