



BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, November 18, 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

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 1 speaker.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. **Minutes - July 15, 2024**

Action: M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to approve the July 15, 2024 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. **Discussion Item: City's Progress on Reimagining Public Safety**

From: Councilmember Taplin

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. The committee completed its consideration of this item.

3. **Discussion Item: City's Approach to Traffic Enforcement**

From: Councilmember Taplin

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. The committee completed its consideration of this item.

Committee Action Items

4. **Discussion Item: City's Progress on Vision Zero Action Plan**
From: Councilmember Taplin
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
Action: 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

5. **Community Safety Plans for a Safe and Resilient Berkeley**
From: Councilmember Hahn (Author), Councilmember Tregub (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: October 15, 2024
Due: March 24, 2025
Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager to create four strategic, single-subject Community Safety Plans to effectively reduce Gun Violence, Sexual Assault, Retail Theft, and Traffic Violence. Return Plans to the City Council for review and approval.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150
Action: 1 speaker. M/S/C (Tregub/Taplin) to send the item with a qualified positive recommendation to Council to direct staff to conduct a gap analysis of existing plans to ensure no duplication of efforts and identify areas where gaps may exist requiring a comprehensive plan; update the Vision Zero Action Plan in alignment with its recommendations, incorporating support for staff efforts in the update; identify and recommend any additional resources necessary to address the identified gaps, with a referral to the June budget process for funding if required; coordinate with external entities, including USC, UC Berkeley, and other cognizant entities, to support strategic plan development; and collaborate with county agencies and other relevant organizations to address related challenges effectively and return plans to the City Council for review and approval.
Vote: Ayes – Taplin, Tregub; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Bartlett.

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.

6. **Resolution: Opposition to Police Brutality and Use of Force on Nonviolent Protesters**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author)
Referred: October 15, 2024
Due: March 24, 2025
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

- Update on the Five-Year Infrastructure Plan and how it factors in with reduction of traffic violence
- Domestic Violence Report

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Taplin/Tregub) to adjourn the meeting

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

Adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on November 18, 2024.

Wendy Sorensen, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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