

**ANNOTATED AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

**4:00 P.M.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD ROOM - 1231 ADDISON STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94702

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI  
DISTRICT 2 – CHERYL DAVILA  
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT  
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN  
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF  
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON  
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

## **Preliminary Matters**

**Roll Call:** 4:11 p.m.

**Present:** Kesarwani, Bartlett, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

**Absent:** Davila, Harrison, Hahn

Councilmember Harrison present at 4:12 p.m.

Councilmember Davila present at 4:14 p.m.

Councilmember Hahn present at 4:15 p.m.

## **Action Calendar – New Business**

### **1a. Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

#### **From: Traffic Circle Policy Task Force**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution to approve the Traffic Circle Policy as outlined in the report and refer to the traffic engineer for codification.

Integrate the Community Common Space Stewardship Program into the “Adopt a Spot Initiative,” which the City Council approved on April 23, 2019 (Item #33), and request that the City Council refer it to the Traffic Circle Task Force, rather than the Parks and Public Works Commissions, for the purpose of development, outlining criteria and environmental benefits, program costs and staffing.

Refer additional traffic calming measures at Ellsworth for the intersections with Dawn Redwoods to the mid-year budget process and request mitigation funds from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) due to the impact on these streets from their Wildcat Pipeline Project.

Refer to the City Manager:

1. Create the Community Common Space Stewardship Program as described in the report.

2. Refer the additional staff and material costs of this program to the budget process.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Tano Trachtenberg, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7100

## Action Calendar – New Business

### 1b. Technical Memo on Traffic Circle Planting Policies

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Phillip Harrington, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**Action:** 47 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Davila) to:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 69,164–N.S. approving the Traffic Circle Policy as outlined in the report from the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force, and revised as follows:
  - a. Add a Whereas clause to the resolution emphasizing the importance of pedestrian and bicyclist safety.
  - b. Remove the following language from the Policy, and refer the removed language to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:

“New trees proposed by traffic circle coordinators or volunteers will be approved by the City Forester, with a preference for natives and a focus on maximizing ecosystem services.  
The Task Force recommends revisiting trunk size considerations every five years as the implications of climate change and autonomous vehicles become clearer. In the interim, large trunked trees such as redwoods will not be planted.”
  - c. Change references to maximum vegetation height allowances from 30 inches to 24 inches from the top of the traffic circle planter curb throughout. In addition, refer the Traffic Circle Policy as revised to the traffic engineer for codification.
2. Integrate the Community Common Space Stewardship Program into the “Adopt a Spot Initiative,” and refer to the Parks and Waterfront Commission and the Public Works Commission to consider the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force’s recommendations.
3. Request mitigation funds from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) due to the impact on streets from the Wildcat Pipeline Project.
4. Refer to the City Manager to:
  - a. Create the Community Common Space Stewardship Program based on the report from the Traffic Circle Policy Task Force.
  - b. Refer the additional staff and material costs of this program to the budget process.
5. Refer to the City Manager to consider options for the maintenance of the Traffic Circles prior to the implementation of an “Adopt a Spot Initiative”, including consideration of a landscape maintenance contract or the organization of volunteer work days.
6. Prior to the planting of a Traffic Circle by the community, a proposal of the planting is to be submitted to the City for acceptance.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

## **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bartlett/Wengraf) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes – Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf Robinson, Droste, Arreguin; Noes – None; Absent – Kesarwani, Davila.

Councilmember Kesarwani absent from 6:35 p.m. – 6:36 p.m.

Councilmember Davila absent from 6:35 p.m. – 6:36 p.m.

Adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

## **Communications**

### **Item #1a: Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

1. Save Our Traffic Circle Trees – 24 pages of signatures
2. Rob Wren
3. Sage Linda Spatz
4. Rose Ann Cochran
5. Linda Burden
6. Pam Speich
7. Larry Hendel
8. Rachel Terp
9. Zizi Searles
10. Melanie Popper
11. Paul Deuter
12. Julian Redwood
13. Kathleen Davis
14. Ann Einstein

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**

- None

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**

### **Item #1a: Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

15. 8 identical form letters in support of trees
16. Sallie Hannarhyne
17. Sally Nelson
18. Rachel Terp
19. Tamara Birdsall
20. Marcia Edelen
21. Larry Hendel
22. Councilmember Bartlett
23. Neighbors on Cornell Avenue
24. Linda Burden on behalf of the Le Conte Neighborhood Association
25. Karl Reeh
26. Henry Teare
27. Chimey Lee

## **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**

### **Item #1a: Traffic Circle Policy and Program Recommendations**

28. Presentation, submitted by the Traffic Circle Task Force

29. Melanie Abrams

30. Shirley Dean

31. Chimey Lee

32. Jennifer Griffin

33. Nancy Carleton

34. Holly Scheider