

**REVISED AGENDA
(ADDED CONTINUED ITEMS FROM APRIL 14, 2020)**



BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020
6:00 PM**

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

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, this meeting of the City Council will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. Please be advised that pursuant to the Executive Order and the Shelter-in-Place Order, and to ensure the health and safety of the public by limiting human contact that could spread the COVID-19 virus, there will not be a physical meeting location available.

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953. Any member of the public may attend this meeting. Questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900. The City Council may take action related to any subject listed on the Agenda. Meetings will adjourn at 11:00 p.m. - any items outstanding at that time will be carried over to a date/time to be specified.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call:

Ceremonial Matters: *In addition to those items listed on the agenda, the Mayor may add additional ceremonial matters.*

1. Adjourn in memory of Joe Engbeck, Local Activist
2. Adjourn in memory of all the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic.

City Manager Comments: *The City Manager may make announcements or provide information to the City Council in the form of an oral report. The Council will not take action on such items but may request the City Manager place a report on a future agenda for discussion.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: *Persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda. If five or fewer persons wish to speak, each person selected will be allotted two minutes each. If more than five persons wish to speak, up to ten persons will be selected to address matters not on the Council agenda and each person selected will be allotted one minute each. The remainder of the speakers wishing to address the Council on non-agenda items will be heard at the end of the agenda.*

Consent Calendar

The Council will first determine whether to move items on the agenda for “Action” or “Information” to the “Consent Calendar”, or move “Consent Calendar” items to “Action.” Items that remain on the “Consent Calendar” are voted on in one motion as a group. “Information” items are not discussed or acted upon at the Council meeting unless they are moved to “Action” or “Consent”.

No additional items can be moved onto the Consent Calendar once public comment has commenced. At any time during, or immediately after, public comment on Information and Consent items, any Councilmember may move any Information or Consent item to “Action.” Following this, the Council will vote on the items remaining on the Consent Calendar in one motion.

For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

Public Comment on Consent Calendar and Information Items Only: *The Council will take public comment on any items that are either on the amended Consent Calendar or the Information Calendar. Speakers will be entitled to two minutes each to speak in opposition to or support of Consent Calendar and Information Items. A speaker may only speak once during the period for public comment on Consent Calendar and Information items.*

Additional information regarding public comment by City of Berkeley employees and interns: Employees and interns of the City of Berkeley, although not required, are encouraged to identify themselves as such, the department in which they work and state whether they are speaking as an individual or in their official capacity when addressing the Council in open session or workshops.

Consent Calendar

- 1. Resolution Reviewing and Ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency Due to the Spread of a Severe Acute Respiratory Illness Caused by a Novel (New) Coronavirus (COVID-19)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution reviewing the need for continuing the local emergency due to the spread of a severe acute respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) and ratifying the Proclamation of Local Emergency issued by the Director of Emergency Services on March 3, 2020 and initially ratified by the City Council on March 10, 2020.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950
- 2. Formal Bid Solicitations and Request for Proposals Scheduled for Possible Issuance After Council Approval on April 21, 2020**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Approve the request for proposals or invitation for bids (attached to staff report) that will be, or are planned to be, issued upon final approval by the requesting department or division. All contracts over the City Manager's threshold will be returned to Council for final approval.
Financial Implications: Mental Health Services Fund - \$192,276
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
- 3. Contracts: On-Call Landscape Architectural Services for Capital Improvement Projects**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt three Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute contracts and any amendments with the following firms for on-call landscape architectural services for capital improvement projects, for contract periods of May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2023:
1. BASE Landscape Architecture, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
2. PGA Design, Inc., for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
3. RRM Design Group, for an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
Financial Implications: See report.
Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700
- 4. Fiscal Year 2021 Street Lighting Assessments – Initiating Proceedings**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Adopt two Resolutions describing proposed improvements to be used to in determine the annual assessments levied for Berkeley Street Lighting Assessment District No. 1982-1 and Street Lighting Assessment District No. 2018, and ordering the preparation of Engineer's Reports.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Phillip Harrington, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Council Consent Items

5. **Send a letter to CA Assemblymember Buffy Wicks in support of AB 1851 “Faith-based organization affiliated housing development projects: parking requirements”**
From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmember Davila (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Send a letter to Assemblymember Buffy Wicks expressing the City of Berkeley’s support for AB 1851, which would allow for the elimination of residential parking requirements on faith-based properties for density bonus qualifying housing development projects.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Action Calendar

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. For items moved to the Action Calendar from the Consent Calendar or Information Calendar, persons who spoke on the item during the Consent Calendar public comment period may speak again at the time the matter is taken up during the Action Calendar.

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Action items may be reordered at the discretion of the Chair with the consent of Council.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

Staff shall introduce the public hearing item and present their comments. This is followed by five-minute presentations each by the appellant and applicant. The Presiding Officer will request that persons wishing to speak, use the “raise hand” function to be recognized and to determine the number of persons interested in speaking at that time.

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Each member of the City Council shall verbally disclose all ex parte contacts concerning the subject of the hearing. Councilmembers shall also submit a report of such contacts in writing prior to the commencement of the hearing. Written reports shall be available for public review in the office of the City Clerk.

Action Calendar – Public Hearings

6. **Electric Bike Share Program Franchise Amendment** *(Continued from March 10, 2020)*
From: City Manager
Recommendation: Pursuant to Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 9.60, conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt the first reading of an Ordinance granting a Franchise Agreement Amendment to Bay Area Motivate, LLC, a subsidiary of Lyft Incorporated, to provide shared electric bicycles to the Berkeley public.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Phillip Harrington, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Acton Calendar – Continued Business

- A. **Oppose The Alameda County Sheriff's Proposal to Receive An Additional \$85 Million Annually to Dramatically Increase the Sheriff's Office Budgets Especially for Santa Rita Jail During a Pandemic Crisis** *(Continued from April 14, 2020)*
From: Councilmember Davila (Author), Councilmember Harrison (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation:
1. Adopt a resolution opposing the Alameda County Sheriff's proposal to receive an additional \$85 million annually to dramatically increase the Sheriff's Office budgets, especially for Santa Rita Jail; and
2. Send copies of this resolution to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors prior to their next Board meeting where the proposal will be voted on April 21, 2020.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120
- B. **Establish a Moratorium on Enforcements of the BMC Chapter 14.48 Sidewalk Ordinance, 3x3 regulation, Encampment Evictions, Sweeps, RV Parking and the towing/ticketing/impounding of vehicles used for shelter during the COVID 19 Pandemic** *(Continued from April 14, 2020)*
From: Councilmember Davila (Author)
Recommendation:
1. Adopt a resolution establishing a moratorium on enforcements of the BMC Chapter 14.48 Sidewalk Ordinance, 3x3 regulation, Encampment Evictions, Sweeps, RV Parking and the towing/ticketing/impounding of vehicles used for shelter during the COVID 19 Pandemic.
2. Direct the City Manager and/or designee to implement the moratorium.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Council Action Items

7. **Adopt a Resolution to Upgrade Residential and Commercial Customers to 100% Greenhouse Gas Emissions-Free Electricity Plan and Municipal Accounts to 100% Renewable Plan** *(Reviewed by the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee)*
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution to: a. Opt up Berkeley's municipal accounts to Renewable 100 (100% renewable and 100% greenhouse gas-free) electricity service, and refer the estimated increased cost of \$100,040 to the June 2020 budget process. b. Upgrade current and new Berkeley residential and commercial customer accounts from Bright Choice (>85% GHG-free) to Brilliant 100 (100% GHG-free), except for residential customers in low income assistance programs. The transition would be effective October 1, 2020 for residential customers and January 1, 2021 for commercial customers. c. Provide for yearly Council review of the City's default municipal, residential, and commercial plans.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
8. **Urgency Ordinance: Commercial Rent Increase Restrictions During the COVID-19 Emergency**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Davila (Co-Sponsor)
Recommendation:
1. Adopt an urgency ordinance amending Berkeley Municipal Code 13.110, Title 13, The COVID-19 Emergency Response Ordinance, limiting commercial rent increases to 10% through and including six months after the local state of emergency has been declared over.
2. Send correspondence to the following:
i. The District Attorney of Alameda County Nancy O'Malley asking that the District Attorney 1) investigate and take action pursuant to Business and Professions Code 17200, et seq. against any commercial real property owner or agent of such who seeks a rent increase of more than that permitted by this ordinance, or seeks a rent increase that has the effect of constructively evicting any commercial tenant; and 2) authorize the Berkeley City Attorney to use Business and Professions Code 17200, et seq. to take actions against any violator of this ordinance or who seeks a rent increase that has the effect of constructively evicting any commercial tenant.
ii. Governor Gavin Newsom, asking for the Governor to take appropriate action against commercial landlords who seek rent increases that have the effect of constructively evicting commercial tenants during the course of this emergency and for a reasonable time after the end of the emergency.
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Public Comment – Items Not Listed on the Agenda

Adjournment

NOTICE CONCERNING YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS: *If you object to a decision by the City Council to approve or deny a use permit or variance for a project the following requirements and restrictions apply: 1) No lawsuit challenging a City decision to deny (Code Civ. Proc. §1094.6(b)) or approve (Gov. Code 65009(c)(5)) a use permit or variance may be filed more than 90 days after the date the Notice of Decision of the action of the City Council is mailed. Any lawsuit not filed within that 90-day period will be barred. 2) In any lawsuit that may be filed against a City Council decision to approve or deny a use permit or variance, the issues and evidence will be limited to those raised by you or someone else, orally or in writing, at a public hearing or prior to the close of the last public hearing on the project.*

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Numainville".

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## **Communications**

*Council rules limit action on Communications to referral to the City Manager and/or Boards and Commissions for investigation and/or recommendations. All communications submitted to Council are public record. Copies of individual communications are available for viewing through [Records Online](#).*

### **Evictions & Rent Payments During the COVID-19 Pandemic & Shelter in Place**

1. Bill Bogert
2. Ian Winters, on behalf of the Northern California Land Trust
3. Linda Blair

### **Construction During the Pandemic**

4. Tina Hand, on behalf of the Bay East Association of Realtors
5. Rachel Rosekind
6. Gene Turitz

### **FEMA Trailers**

7. Thomas Lord
8. Margy Wilkinson

### **COVID-19 General Communications**

9. Janice Murota
10. Beth Gerstein, on behalf of Councilmember Kesarwani
11. Jason Meggs (3)
12. Russbumper
13. David Lerman
14. William Rosen
15. Cynthia Larson
16. Victoria Gu, on behalf of Compassionate Bay
17. Walter Wood
18. Kirsten MacDonald, John Caner and Barbara Hillman, on behalf of the Berkeley Chamber, the Downtown Berkeley Association and Visit Berkeley
19. Regina DiMaggio
20. Jacob Steinhardt
21. Bryce Nesbitt

### **Encampments**

22. Sally Sommer
23. Liz Wiener
24. Margy Wilkinson
25. Marcia Poole
26. Diana Bohn
27. Councilmember Harrison
28. Tajmal Payne
29. Thomas Lord

### **Street Cleaning**

30. James D'Albora



### **Cannabis Dispensaries**

31. James Wood

### **People's Park Bathroom**

32. Sheila Mitra Sarkar (5)

33. Councilmember Davila

34. Andrea Prichett

35. Christopher Kohler

36. Arthur Fonseca

### **Supplemental Communications and Reports**

*Items received by the deadlines for submission will be compiled and distributed as follows. If no items are received by the deadline, no supplemental packet will be compiled for said deadline.*

- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 1**  
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- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 2**  
Available by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting.
- **Supplemental Communications and Reports 3**  
Available by 5:00 p.m. two days following the meeting.

