



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

ACTION CALENDAR
July 26, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Submitted by: Jose Luis Bedolla, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Subject: Approval of Additional Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the request from the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to hold one additional meeting in calendar year 2022.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Minimal staff time and resources.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On April 27, 2022, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission held special meetings to discuss and make recommendations on the Measure FF and Measure GG Budget as presented by the Berkeley Fire Department. Since this was a special meeting that was not on the regular meeting calendar, unless City Council approves an additional meeting, a regularly scheduled meeting during the remainder of the calendar year must be cancelled.

On May 25, the commission passed a motion to request approval for one additional meeting.

Motion to request from City Council one additional meeting for 2022: Dean, Second: Bradstreet, Vote: (6 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb;; 0 Noes;; 2 Absent: Rader, Stein; 0 Abstain;)

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2014, Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule for 2015. The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission was allocated a maximum of ten meetings a year. Additional meetings require Council approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If an additional meeting is not approved, the regular commission meeting scheduled for December 7, 2022 must be cancelled. The lack of these meetings would result in an approximately 3 month gap in meeting for the commission. In addition, December 7 Disaster and Fire Safety Commission meeting is a critical meeting and opportunity for public input within the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development process.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVAL FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2014, the Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule which limited the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to a frequency of 10 meetings during calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission convened a special meeting on April 27, 2022 to make a recommendation on the Measure FF and Measure GG Budget and Expenditures as presented by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, without City Council approval for additional meetings, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission meetings scheduled for December 7, 2022 will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission passed a motion on May 25, 2022, to request from City Council one additional meeting for 2022, Motion: Dean, Second: Bradstreet, Vote: (6 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb;; 0 Noes;; 2 Absent: Rader, Stein; 0 Abstain)

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council authorized the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to convene for one additional meeting in calendar year 2022.

