

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021

2:30 P.M.

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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Roll Call: 2:31 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 10 speakers.

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 3/8/21.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 3/30/21 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to approve the agenda of the 3/30/21 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Support AB 854 (Robinson)*
- *Item 18 Utility Agreement (City Manager) – revised recommendation to change Caltrans to ACTC*
- *Item 20 Funding Trash Cans (Taplin) – Item removed from the agenda by the Author*
- *Item 21 Police Foot/Bike Patrol (Taplin) – Revised item submitted*
- *Item 24 Support AB 20 (Robinson) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 25 Support AB 37 (Robinson) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 28 Fire Extinguishers (Davila) – Moved to March 30 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 30 Letter to Google (Taplin) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor; Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 31– Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn added as co-sponsors; Moved to Consent Calendar; “Hearing” changed to “Discussion” throughout*
- *Item 32 Just Transition (Taplin) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor; Referred to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee*
- *Item 33 Participatory Planning (Hahn) – Revised item submitted; Scheduled for March 25 special meeting*

Order of Items on Action Calendar

Item 26 Bond Financing

Item 27 Less Lethal Weaponry

Item 29 Rights of Nature

Vote: All Ayes.

3. Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal

- None selected

4. Adjournments In Memory – None

Scheduling

5. Council Worksessions Schedule

- Systems Realignment scheduled for May 18, 2021

6. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling – received and filed

7. Land Use Calendar – received and filed

Referred Items for Review

8a. Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies

Action: 0 speakers. Discussion held. No action taken.

8b. Recommendations and Direction on Policy Committees and Legislative Workflow during COVID-19 Local Emergency

From: Mayor Arreguin

Contact: Jesse Arreguin, Mayor, (510) 981-7100

Action: 5 speakers. Councilmember Wengraf added as a co-sponsors. Item held over to the special meeting on March 22, 2021 as the first action item.

9. Discussion of Proposed Closed Session Meeting Schedule

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion held. May 6 and May 20 added to the schedule.

Referred Items for Review

10. **Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: June 15, 2020

Due: April 1, 2021

Recommendation: 1. Reorganize existing commissions with the goal of achieving 20 total commissions; 2. Reorganize existing commissions within various departments to ensure that no single department is responsible for more than five commissions; 3. Reorganize commissions within the Public Works Department to ensure Public Works oversees no more than three commissions; 4. Refer to the City Manager and every policy committee to agendaize at the next meeting available to discuss commissions that are in their purview and make recommendations to the full Council on how to reorganize and address the various policy areas. Commission members should be notified and chairs should be invited to participate. Policy committee members are encouraged to consider the renaming of some commissions in order to ensure that all policy areas are addressed.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

Action: 9 speakers. Discussion held. Deadline for commission action extended to April 19, 2021 at the request of the Author.

Unscheduled Items

11. **Systems Realignment Proposal**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Review and discuss the City Manager's proposal to create improvements to enhance the effectiveness of the City Council legislative and budget processes. Provide feedback for staff to develop a recommendation for full Council consideration.

Contact: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: No action taken.

Unscheduled Items

- 12. Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BERA) to Regulate Officeholder Accounts and Proposed Changes to City Council Office Budget Expenditure and Reimbursement Policies (Resolution 67,992-N.S.)**

From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Referred: January 11, 2021

Due: June 1, 2021

Recommendation: Form a joint subcommittee of members of the City Council and members of the Fair Campaign Practices and Open Government Commissions to (1) prepare an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BMC Chapter 2.12) to prohibit or regulate officeholder accounts and (2) prepare a change in City Council Expenditure and Reimbursement policies (Resolution 67,992-N.S.) to have donations to nonprofit organizations made in the name of the entire Berkeley City Council on behalf of the citizens of Berkeley rather than from individual Council members.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950

Action: No action taken.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on March 15, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

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