

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

2:30 P.M.

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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Roll Call: 2:33 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 2 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: September 29, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 9/29/20.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 10/27/20 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the agenda of the 10/27/2020 meeting with the changes noted below.

- *Item 15 UC Theater (Arreguin) – Councilmember Wengraf added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 16 Clean Streets (Bartlett) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 17 Traffic Circles (Harrison) – Councilmember Bartlett added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 19a/b Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 20a/b Smoke Free Multi Unit Housing – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 21 Treatment of Horses (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Hahn and Wengraf added as co-sponsors; Moved to 10/27 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 22 Rights of Nature (Davila) – Referred to Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability Committee*
- *Item 23 Fire Extinguishers (Davila) – Referred to Public Safety Committee*
- *Item 24 Conversion of 62nd Street (Bartlett) – Moved to 10/27 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 25 Berkeley Mutual Aid (Hahn) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor; moved to 10/27 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 26 Outdoor Dining (Droste) – Councilmembers Harrison added as a co-sponsor; referred to Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment and Sustainability Committee with a request to analyze of the impact on parking and parking revenues*

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 – received and filed

6. Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling

Action: Revised material received from Councilmember Harrison. M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to schedule Item 2 on the City's Energy Plan for the 10/27/2020 Action Calendar.

Vote: All Ayes.

7. Land Use Calendar

- The Mayor called a special meeting on January 21, 2021 to hear pending land use appeals.

Referred Items for Review

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

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to endorse the City Manager's proposal related to the meetings of City boards and commissions as follows: All commissions may meet once before the end of 2020 to develop and finalize the commission work plan for 2021, and to analyze any Council referrals to the commission related to the COVID-19 pandemic. If a second meeting is needed, the City Manager may approve such meeting according to the limitations listed.

Vote: All Ayes.

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.

- 9. Commission Reorganization for Post-COVID19 Budget Recovery**
From: Councilmember Droste (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Kesarwani (Co-Sponsor)
Referred: June 15, 2020
Due: November 30, 2020
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: Continued to next meeting under Unscheduled Items.
- 10. Amendments to the Berkeley Election Reform Act to prohibit Officeholder Accounts; Amending BMC Chapter 2.12 (Item contains supplemental material)**
From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission
Referred: July 28, 2020
Due: January 29, 2021
Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt first reading of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Election Reform Act, Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 2.12, to prohibit Officeholder Accounts (See Section 18531.62. Elected State Officeholder Bank Accounts, Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission).
Financial Implications: None
Contact: Sam Harvey, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6950

Action: Continued to next meeting under Unscheduled Items.

Unscheduled Items

11. Relinquishments and grants from Councilmembers' office budgets

From: Open Government Commission

Referred: August 31, 2020

Due: February 15, 2021

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution creating a temporary advisory committee consisting of three (3) members each of the City Council and the Open Government Commission ("OGC") to enable discussion between the Council and the OGC to make recommendations governing relinquishments and grants from Councilmembers' office budgets.

Financial Implications: None

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

Action: Continued to next meeting under Unscheduled Items.

Items for Future Agendas

- Discussion of items to be added to future agendas - None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on October 13, 2020.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk

Communications

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