

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2021**

**2:00 P.M.**

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI  
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN  
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT  
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

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

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## Preliminary Matters

**Roll Call:** 2:02 p.m.

**Present:** Kesarwani, Taplin, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Arreguin

**Absent:** Bartlett, Droste

Councilmember Bartlett present at 2:08 p.m.

**Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 0 speakers**

## CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council will convene in closed session to meet concerning the following:

### 1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources Director, Dania Torres-Wong, Chief Labor Negotiator, Burke Dunphy, Labor Negotiator, Jon Holtzman, Labor Negotiator, Jen Louis, Interim Chief of Police, Abe Roman, Interim Fire Chief.

Employee Organizations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1245, SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-time Recreation Activity Leaders, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227, Berkeley Police Association, Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 Maintenance and Clerical Chapters, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, Local 1227 I.A.F.F./Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association, Public Employees Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees.

**Action:** No reportable action taken.

## OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

## Adjournment

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

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

Councilmember Kesarwani absent at 2:38 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on July 27, 2021.

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Mark Numainville  
City Clerk