

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, May 13, 2024
9:00 AM**

2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor - Cypress Room

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani and Sophie Hahn
Alternate: Vacant

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 9:28 a.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Hahn, Arreguin

Committee Action Items

The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker.

Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.

1. Department Budget Presentations

a. Department Budget Presentation: City Attorney

From: City Manager

Contact: Farimah Brown, City Attorney, (510) 981-6950

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

b. Measure P and U1

From: City Manager

Contact: Scott Gilman, Health, Housing, and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

c. Discussion on Budget Balancing Strategies

From: City Manager

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 1 speaker. Presentation made and discussion held.

2. Discussion and Recommendations

From: City Manager

Contact: Sharon Friedrichsen, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Councilmember Kesarwani absent at 12:10 p.m.

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: Ayes – Arreguin, Hahn; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Kesarwani.

Adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on May 13, 2024.

Neetu Salwan, Assistant City Clerk

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