

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

4:00 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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Please be mindful that the teleconference will be recorded as any Council meeting is recorded, and all other rules of procedure and decorum will apply for Council meetings conducted by teleconference or videoconference.

Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:04 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

Absent: None

Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 6 speakers

CLOSED SESSION:

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.8

Property address:	125-127 University Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710
Agency Negotiators:	Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager; Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager; Scott Ferris, Director, Parks Recreation and Waterfront; Christina Erickson, Deputy Director, Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront
Negotiating parties:	City of Berkeley and Patpatia & Associates, Inc.
Property owner:	City of Berkeley
Under negotiation:	Price and terms

Action: No reportable action taken.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(d)(2); 54956.9(e)(2):

Significant exposure to litigation arising from the January 19, 2021 referral to City Attorney and City Manager to draft an emergency ordinance to guarantee hazard pay of an additional five dollars an hour for grocery store workers, effective upon adoption and until the City returns to the Yellow-Tier 4 rate of positivity for COVID-19 (as revised in 1/19/21 Supplemental Communications Packet #2) and that the City Manager should take into consideration similar hazard pay programs in Long Beach and Los Angeles as part of this referral.

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on February 9, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk