

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

2:30 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704 – Redwood Room

1404 Le Roy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708 – Teleconference Location

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Ben Bartlett

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Roll Call: 2:30 p.m.

Present: Wengraf, Hahn

Absent: Arreguin

Mayor Arreguin present at 3:10 p.m.

Public Comment – 24 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: October 30, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the minutes of 10/30/23.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 11/28/23 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 11/28/23 with the changes noted below.

- *Item 6 Edgeworth LLC (City Manager) – Item removed from the agenda*
- *Item 13 Healthy Black Families (Bartlett) – Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 16 Dona Spring Memorial (Arreguin) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor; edited to remove comment in track changes; moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 17 Accepting Grant (Arreguin) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 18 Food Assistance Providers (Kesarwani) – Councilmember Taplin added as a co-sponsor; Referred to Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*
- *Item 19 Ninth Street Greenway (Taplin) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 20 Old Finnish Hall (Bartlett) – removed from the agenda by the Author*
- *Item 21 Shelter Crisis (Bartlett) – removed from the agenda by the Author*
- *Item 22 Healthy Checkout (Bartlett) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor; Referred to Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*
- *Item 23 HWCAC Eligibility (Harrison) – Referred to Agenda & Rules Committee*
- *Item 24 TOPA/COPA (Harrison) – Referred to Land Use, Housing & Economic Development Committee*

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 – received and filed

7. Land Use Calendar – received and filed

Referred Items for Review

8. Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum and Remote Public Comments

Action: 3 speakers. Discussion held. No action taken.

9. City Council Legislative Systems Redesign

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion held. Councilmember Hahn reviewed the feedback from Council at the special meeting. Councilmember Hahn to work with staff on a revised framework. Item to be placed on Unscheduled for the 11/20/23 meeting, then on Action for the 11/27/23 meeting.

Unscheduled Items

10. Modifications or Improvements to City Council Meeting Procedures (referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting)

11. Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals

12. Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on November 13, 2023.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

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