

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023**

**4:30 P.M.**

REDWOOD ROOM – 2180 MILVIA STREET, BERKELEY, CA 94704

TELECONFERENCE LOCATION - 1404 LE ROY AVE, BERKELEY, CA 94708

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 – MARK HUMBERT

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## Preliminary Matters

**Roll Call:** 4:35 p.m.

**Present:** Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Humbert, Arreguin

**Absent:** Kesarwani

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 5:31 p.m.

**Public Comment - Limited to items on this agenda only – 1 speaker**

## CLOSED SESSION:

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

### 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1):

- a. *Prado v. City of Berkeley*, United States District Court for the Northern District of California Case Number 3:23-CV-04537-EMC

**Action:** No reportable action taken.

- b. *Schmier v. City of Berkeley*, Alameda County Superior Court Case Number RG19036596

**Action:** No reportable action taken.

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

Negotiators: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, Anne Cardwell, Deputy City Manager, LaTanya Bellow, Deputy City Manager, Aram Kouyoumdjian, Human Resources Director, Dawud Brewer, Employee Relations Manager, Jonathan Holtzman, Renne Public Law Group

Employee Organizations: Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227 I.A.F.F., Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, Local 1227 I.A.F.F. / Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association; Berkeley Police Association; SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-time Recreation Activity Leaders, SEIU 1021 Maintenance and Clerical, Public Employee Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees

**Action:** No reportable action taken.

## OPEN SESSION:

No reportable action taken.

## Adjournment

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

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

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on October 23, 2023.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk