

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

3:00 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

PUBLIC ADVISORY: THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE

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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: 4:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Kesarwani, Bartlett

Councilmember Bartlett present at 4:05 p.m.

Councilmember Kesarwani present at 4:08 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 LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTIONS 54956.9(a) and 54956.9(d)(1)

a. *Popper v. City of Berkeley, et al., Department of Industrial Relations State Case No. RCI-CM-810610*

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to authorize the City Attorney to settle claims brought by Melanie Popper against the City of Berkeley (including Tort Claim No. 0164BC2021-0001 and California Department of Industrial Relations, State Case No. RCI-CM-810610) for \$20,000.

Vote: All Ayes.

b. *Loach v. City of Berkeley, et al. Alameda County Superior Court, Case No. HG19041598*

Action: No reportable action taken.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Reports of actions taken pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

The City Council met in closed session and authorized the City Attorney to settle claims brought by Melanie Popper against the City of Berkeley (including Tort Claim No. 0164BC2021-0001 and California Department of Industrial Relations, State Case No. RCI-CM-810610) for \$20,000.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting held on January 19, 2021.

Mark Numainville
City Clerk