

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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: 2:32 p.m. All present.

Public Comment – 8 speakers

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2023

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Arreguin) to approve the minutes of 11/20/23.

Vote: All Ayes.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 12/12/23 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the agenda of the 12/12/23 meeting with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: City Attorney Salary (Council) – Added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item Added: Chess on Sidewalks (Hahn) – referred to Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*
- *Item Added: CalPERS Contract (City Manager) – Added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item Added: Transfer Station Contract (City Manager) – Added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 3 Appropriations Ordinance (City Manager) – Moved to Action Calendar*
- *Item 25 Waterside Workshops (Taplin) – Councilmembers Hahn and Harrison added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 27 North Berkeley BART (City Manager) – Scheduled for a special meeting on December 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.*
- *Item 30 Horse Ordinance (Harrison) – Scheduled for the January 16, 2024 Council meeting and referred to the City Attorney for formal analysis*
- *Item 31 Reproductive Freedom (Arreguin) – Moved to Consent Calendar; Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 32 Eminent Domain (Bartlett) – Referred to the Land Use, Housing and Economic Development Committee; Referred to City Attorney for analysis*
- *Item 33 AC Transit (Wengraf) – Moved to Consent Calendar; Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 34 Chess on Sidewalks (Robinson) – referred to Health, Life Enrichment, Equity & Community Committee*

Order of Action Calendar

Item 29 Elmwood BID

Item 3 Appropriations Ordinance

Item 28 BHS Staff Parking

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. **Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 To Expand Eligibility Requirements for Representatives of The Poor to Serve on The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission**
From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: November 13, 2023

Deadline: May 13, 2024

Recommendation: Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 to expand eligibility requirements for Representatives of the Poor to serve on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, or any successor commission, to consider the current geographic formation of poverty in Berkeley.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Action: 6 speakers. No action. The Author requested that the item be continued to January 4, 2024 in order to allow staff time to prepare further analysis.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum, Procedural Rules, and Remote Public Comments**

Action: 2 speakers. No action. Item continued to January 4, 2024.

Referred Items for Review

10. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

Action: 1 speaker. No action. Item continued to January 4, 2024.

Unscheduled Items

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

Unscheduled Items

12. **Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**
13. **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/Wengraf) to adjourn.

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on November 27, 2023.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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