

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

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: 2:31 p.m.

Present: Hahn, Arreguin

Absent: Wengraf

Public Comment – 9 speakers.

Review of Agendas

1. Approval of Minutes: January 16, 2024

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the minutes of 1/16/24.

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:

a. 2/13/24 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

i. Request from Bay Area Housing Finance Authority for presentation on the ceremonial calendar.

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to refer Item 15 regarding Arts and Community Storefront Activation to the Civic Arts Commission for further consideration.

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

Action: M/S/C (Hahn/Arreguin) to approve the agenda of 2/13/24 with the changes noted below.

- *Item 8 Commission Establishment (City Manager) – Moved to Action Calendar*
- *Item 13 RFP for Development of WBSC (Arreguin) – Moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 14 Middle Housing (Taplin) – Referred to Land Use, Housing, & Economic Development Committee; Councilmember Hahn added as co-sponsor*
- *Item 15 Arts and Community Storefront (Bartlett) – Referred to the Civic Arts Commission; Councilmember Hahn added as co-sponsor*
- *Item 16 Black Arts and Culture District (Bartlett) – Moved to Consent Calendar; Councilmember Hahn and Councilmember Taplin added as co-sponsors*

Order of Action Items

Item 12 LPC Appeal

Item 8 Commission Establishment

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

3. Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal

- None selected

4. Adjournments In Memory – None

Scheduling

5. **Council Worksessions Schedule** – Mayor Arreguin announced the cancellation of the February 6, 2024 worksession, and that the OED Economic Dashboards presentation will be scheduled for a future City Council meeting.
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, Procedural Rules, and Remote Public Comments**

Action: 2 speakers. Continued to the next meeting.

9. **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: July 25, 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: 3 speakers. Continued to the next meeting.

10. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

Action: 2 speakers. Councilmember Hahn noted that she will move forward with proposed edits to the Rules of Procedure that will make the council report guidelines mandatory. Continued to the next meeting.

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**

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

Vote: Ayes – Hahn, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

Adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on January 29, 2024.

Mark Numainville, City Clerk

Communications

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