

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 7, 2022  
10:30 AM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Terry Taplin, and Susan Wengraf  
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 10:35 a.m.

**Present:** Kesarwani, Taplin, Wengraf

## **Election of Chair**

**Action:** M/S/C (Taplin/Wengraf) to nominate Councilmember Kesarwani as chair.

**Vote:** All Ayes

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 2 Speakers

## **Minutes for Approval**

*Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.*

### **1. Minutes - November 1, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Wengraf/Kesarwani) to approve the November 1, 2021 minutes as presented.

**Vote:** All Ayes

## **Committee Action Items**

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker. Speakers are permitted to yield their time to one other speaker, however no one speaker shall have more than four minutes.*

*Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.*

## Committee Action Items

- 2. Community Policing: Flex Team for Problem-Oriented Policing Under the Scanning, Analysis, Response, and Assessment (SARA) Model and Other Applicable Community Engagement Models** *(Item Contains Revised Material)*  
**From: Councilmember Taplin (Author) and Councilmember Wengraf (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Referred: November 15, 2021**  
**Due: March 21, 2022**  
**Recommendation:** Refer to the City Manager the establishment of a Flexible Team for Problem-Oriented Policing in the Berkeley Police Department, following the SARA model and other applicable community engagement models, including Berkeley Ceasefire.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120  
**Action:** 17 speakers. Revised material submitted by the author removing Councilmember Wengraf as a co-sponsor. Discussion held. M/S/C (Wengraf/Kesarwani) to send the item, with a positive recommendation, to council to be considered as part of the reimagining public safety process.  
**Vote:** All Ayes
- 3. Adopt an Ordinance Adding Chapter 13.09 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Prohibiting Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement**  
**From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Hahn (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Referred: June 14, 2021**  
**Due: March 31, 2022**  
**Recommendation:** 1. Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13.09 to the Berkeley Municipal Code Prohibiting Discriminatory Reports to Law Enforcement.  
2. Refer to the City Manager to report to Council within six months with anonymized data and information regarding discriminatory reports to law enforcement.  
**Financial Implications:** Staff time  
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140  
**Action:** No discussion. The item was extended to September 30, 2022 at the request of the author and continued.
- 4. Parking Enforcement of Existing Parking Code in Fire Zones 2 & 3**  
**From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission**  
**Referred: February 22, 2022**  
**Due: July 12, 2022**  
**Recommendation:** The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (DFSC) recommends that Council direct the Berkeley Police Department to enforce existing Berkeley Municipal Code in all Fire Zones.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Keith May, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-3473  
**Action:** 6 speakers. Discussion held. The item was continued to explore alternative enforcement options and budget implications.

## Unscheduled Items

*These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.*

- None

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Kesarwani/Taplin) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes

Adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of Public Safety Policy Committee meeting held on March 7, 2022.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk

## Communications

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