

**ANNOTATED AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
4:00 PM**

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

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 4:03 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Wengraf, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

Absent: Taplin

Councilmember Taplin present at 4:05 p.m.

Action Calendar – New Business

1. **2022 City Council Referral Prioritization Process Using Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV)**

From: City Manager

Recommendation:

1. Review the completed Re-Weighted Range Voting (RRV) rankings for all outstanding City Council referrals;
2. Approve the removal of referrals that have been marked as rescinded by the sponsoring Councilmember or District;
3. Adopt a Resolution approving the list of prioritized referrals to city staff.

Financial Implications: No direct fiscal impacts

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

Action: 10 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Wengraf) to:

1. Approve the removal of referrals that have been marked as rescinded by the sponsoring Councilmember or District with the addition of #45 Point in Time Count;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 70,306–N.S. approving the list of prioritized referrals to city staff;
3. Reassign Item #7 Emergency Declarations and Item #19 Development Agreements to the City Attorney’s Office as the lead department.

Vote: All Ayes.

Action Calendar – New Business

2. **Accept the Risk Analysis for Long-Term Debt (Bonding Capacity) Report provided by Government Finance Officers Association**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Accept the report titled 'Risk-Based Analysis and Stress Test of Long-Term Debt Affordability' as provided by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This report is based on their research and development of a risk-modeling tool to address issuing long-term debt related to City of Berkeley Vision 2050.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: 4 speakers. M/S/C (Hahn/Harrison) to refer the following items to the City Manager and the Budget & Finance Committee to return to Council with recommendations or analysis on as many of the following items as possible by October 2022, if feasible.

- 1) Consideration of reserves policies for operational funds other than the General Fund.
- 2) Potential reduction of the maximum indebtedness rate from 15% of assessed property value down to 4-8% range.
- 3) A new policy to not incur indebtedness when interest rates go above 5% or a different specific threshold.
- 4) Tools for increased transparency for taxpayers.
- 5) Updated report and discussion of pension and healthcare costs.
- 6) Refer the full Report to the Budget & Finance Committee for consideration.

Vote: All Ayes.

3. **Berkeley Strategic Transportation Plan Update and Grant Application Opportunities**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Receive a presentation on the Berkeley Strategic Transportation (BeST) Plan and provide comments to staff on prioritization of projects for preparation of grant funding applications. Staff will return to Council May 31, 2022 for adoption of an amended BeST Plan with a list of grant funding applications to be submitted to the Alameda County Transportation Commission by the end of June.

Financial Implications: None

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

Action: 6 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Communications

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 1

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 2

- None

Supplemental Communications and Reports 3

Item #2: Accept the Risk Analysis for Long-Term Debt (Bonding Capacity) Report provided by Government Finance Officers Association

1. Presentation, submitted by Shayne Kavanagh on behalf of the Government Finance Officers Association
2. Barbara Gilbert

Item #3: Berkeley Strategic Transportation Plan Update and Grant Application Opportunities

3. Presentation, submitted by Public Works