

AGENDA
Disaster Fire and Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
May 25, 2022
7:00 PM

District 1 – Kim-Mai Cutler

District 5 – Shirley Dean

District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet

District 6 – Nancy Rader

District 3 –

District 7 – Tobias Simmons

District 4 – Antoinette Stein

District 8 – Paul Degenkolb

Mayor’s Appointee- Jose Luis Bedolla

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

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) and the state declared emergency, this meeting of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission will be conducted exclusively through teleconference and Zoom videoconference. The COVID-19 state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and presents imminent risks to the health of attendees. Therefore, no physical meeting location will be available.

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Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Approval of the Agenda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

1. Fire Department Staff Report
 - a. Measure FF Report Schedule
 - b. Measure GG Report Schedule
 - c. Department Activities
 - i. Overall Call Metrics
 - ii. Special Reports
 - iii. Commission Actions Status

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of April 13, 2022*
3. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of April 27, 2022*

Action Items

4. Election of Commission Chair
5. Approval of Additional Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Meeting*
6. Recommendation to City Council on Measure GG Tax Rate Adjustment*

Discussion Items

7. 2050 Vision Revenue Measure (Public Works Department)
8. Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Update
9. Red Curbs Adjacent to Fire Hydrants
10. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

Adjournment

DFSC Staff Report

May 25th, 2022

1. Measure FF Monthly Report

a. Budget Overview – No Update

i. Program Review

- **Standards of Coverage Analysis** – The Department is undergoing an in-depth analysis of fixed and mobile resources to determine the best deployment model and to ensure the Department is responding effectively and efficiently.
 - Status: Following the presentation to the City Council on April 19th, the Department is working to determine how to fund the one major recommendation that has not already been planned and funded, a resource to handle low acuity EMS calls for service.

- **Project Management and Subject Matter Expert (SME)** – Through this contract, the Department has relied on a team of professionals that have varied background including in project management, information technology, videography, marketing and industry specialists that have specific skills in emergency medical service and training.
 - Status: The project management team has been helping us find and transition to a project management platform and has been providing Subject Matter Expert (SME) assistance for a variety of projects.

- **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** – The CWPP is a comprehensive risk analysis that addresses local target hazards and includes a community-based action plan to mitigate threats, promote preparedness activities, and ensure resiliency. It will serve as the foundation and roadmap for the Departments work to prevent wildfire and limit the spread when they ignite.
 - Update: The core team was selected and met on May 13th. The project is estimated to take nine months to complete.

- **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections** – See chart below.

- **Retired Annuitants** – The retired annuitants are largely focused on performing vegetation inspections for properties in fire zone 2 and 3.

They are also looking at transitioning the inspection from paper to mobile technology, re-tooling the re-inspection, citation, and violation process. The Department has also expanded its traditional hazardous fire area program to include all properties in fire zones 2 and 3.

- Update: As the Department nears the point where it will be adding permanent staff to the Division, it will be working with HR and the CAO to determine how and if the retired annuitants can stay on board.
- **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic Recruitment – Single Function Job Classifications & Recruitment:**
 - The Division has worked collaboratively with Local 1227 and Human Resources to draft single function EMT and Paramedic Job Classifications which were approved with elation at the December Personnel Board meeting and were approved by the City Council on January 18th, 2022.
 - Update: We are nearing the time when we will begin recruitment for both of these classifications. The hiring process will take approximately 3-6 months, then they will participate in an eight week academy and then they will begin their field training time.
- **Fire Facilities Master Plan (FMP):** Berkeley Fire Department stations are undersized, in poor condition and in need of remodels or replacement. The Department initiated a long-term replacement planning process to better understand infrastructure needs. This process will provide the City leaders of today and tomorrow with actionable information ahead of future infrastructure bond measures.
 - Update: The team is working through the data analysis and planning process and will deliver a mid-project report to the City Council in late July.
- **Dispatch Study:** Our goal, per Council direction is to enhance the dispatch center so it can triage calls, divert non-emergency calls (including mental health calls) to appropriate resources like the SCU; and provide emergency medical instructions to callers.
 - Status: The study continues and we project that we will have the final report completed in August of this year.
- **Recruitments:**
 - Shift Fire Inspector Recruitment –These are filled by existing fire department personnel and are used to assist with fire investigations and other inspection related activities in the built environment.

- Update: In-service training is scheduled for July.
 - Sworn Fire Inspector Recruitment – Recruitment is on-going.
 - Update: We plan to promote an additional three inspectors sometime in 2022, when staffing permits.
 - **Division of Training Property** – The Department is actively engaged to find a piece of property that will meet the City’s needs for the training and development of its emergency responders and support staff. Due to zoning, the cost of property and the proximity of residential units to most property in Berkeley, this location will likely be outside the City proper. This presents exciting opportunities for regional collaboration with other fire departments and a community college district.
 - Update: We are moving forward with lease negotiations for a property in Richmond and we are also engaged in discussions with departments throughout Alameda and Contra Costa with regard to creating a training consortium.
- ii. Implementation & Metrics
 - **Outdoor Warning System** –We are still facilitating the permit process between the COB and vendor. We have also started planning the permitting process with the State Department of Architecture which is the permitting authority for the school district.
- iii. RFP Updates

Vegetation Management Inspections – Annuitants

As of:	Vegetation Management Inspections							
5/23/2022								
	AI Inspections							
		No Violation	Violations	Re-Inspection	Re-Inspection	Re-Inspection	Re-Inspection	
	Inspected	Found	Found	Required	Completed	No Violation	w/Violations	
						Found	Found	
Foley	297	140	157	157				
Frankel	1029	957	72	72	3	3		
Greene	95	66	29	29	276	247	29	
Guzman	1		1	1				
Higgins	684	544	140	140	2	2		
Johnson	594	319	275	275				
Lee	121	86	35	35	204	185	19	
Marbury	490	263	227	227	104	68	36	
McCracken	102	70	32	32	97	66	31	
Nagamoto	365	277	88	88	67	62	5	
Pinto	13	7	6	6	95	77	18	
Ward	330	217	113	113	326	208	118	
Williams	1446	1271	175	175	5	5		
Totals	5567	4217	1350	1350	1179	923	256	
Total Inspections	7,220							
% Completed	77%							

2. Measure GG Monthly Report –
 - a. Budget Overview – No Update
 - b. Emergency Services Coordinator Position
 - i. First round interviews were held the week of May 9th and have scheduled the second round interviews this week.
3. Department Activities
 - a. Badge Pinning Ceremony set for May 26th includes the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Fire Marshal, Deputy Fire Marshal, Assistant Fire Chief
 - b. Grants – No new update.
4. Safe Passage
 - Update: We have been working with Transportation and Traffic to repaint existing red curbs and replacing “no parking signs” that have faded as well as painting red in front of hydrants.
5. Call Volume Report

Fire Department Report by California Incident Type

April 6, 2022 – May 23, 2022		
Fires – including Encampment Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	49	
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	15	
Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	0	
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident)	1,211	
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	76	
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	187	
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	165	
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	247	
Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	0	
Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	4	
TOTAL	1,939	

Unit Utilization	Apparatus Count	4,219
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6. Commission Actions Status

9/22/2021	Enforcement of Existing Parking Rules and Regulations	Heard at 3/7 Public safety Committee, continue discussion to future meeting	Link	Staff Review for Response; Police, Public Works - in Agenda Process for 3/8 City Council Meeting ; referred to Public Safety Policy Committee
9/22/2021	Long Range Development Plan for UC Berkeley	City Council 4/12/22 Agenda	Item 41a	Staff Review for Response; Fire Department - in Agenda Process for 4/12 City Council Meeting.
10/27/2021	Recommendation to identify High Risk Areas that are exempt from State Imposed Housing Increases Due to Public Safety Considerations	City Council 3/22/22 Agenda	Item 24	
12/1/2021	Measure FF Oversight Recommendation- revised			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department
2/23/2022	Request for Timely Fiscal Information on Measures FF and GG			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department
4/13/2022	Budget Recommendation for Parking Enforcement			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department
4/27/2022	Measure FF Budget Recommendation - Expanded Fire Prevention Inspection			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 13, 2022

Present: Jose Luis Bedolla, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Nancy Rader, Toni Stein, Paul Degenkolb, Tobias Simmons, Kim-Mai Cutler,

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May

Public Attendees 8: Alec Dara-Abrams, Benay Dara-Adams, Kathleen Kelly, kellyhammargen, Richard Thomason, Henry DeNero, Nancy Gillette, Marcus von Engel

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

J. Bedolla called meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Fire Department Staff Report

DFSC Staff Report
April 13th, 2022

1. Measure FF Monthly Report

a. Budget Overview – No Update

i. Program Review

1. Standards of Coverage Analysis – The Department is undergoing an in-depth analysis of fixed and mobile resources to determine the best deployment model and to ensure the Department is responding effectively and efficiently.

- Status: Contractor has completed the Risk Assessment and will deliver the Mid-Project Briefing to the City Manager, Fire Chief, Fire Union, City Council in April

2. **Project Management and Subject Matter Expert (SME)** – Through this contract, the Department has relied on a team of professionals that have varied background including in project management, information technology, videography, marketing and industry specialists that have specific skills in emergency medical service and training.

a. Status: No Updates

3. **Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)** – The CWPP is a comprehensive risk analysis that addresses local target hazards and includes a community-based action plan to mitigate threats, promote preparedness activities, and ensure resiliency. It will serve as the foundation and roadmap for the Departments work to prevent wildfire and limit the spread when they ignite.

a. Update:

4. **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections** – See chart below.

5. **Retired Annuitants** – The retired annuitants are largely focused on performing vegetation inspections for properties in fire zone 2 and 3. They are also looking at transitioning the inspection from paper to mobile technology, re-tooling the re-inspection, citation, and violation process. The Department has also expanded its traditional hazardous fire area program to include all properties in fire zones 2 and 3.

• Update: No Updates

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Paramedic

Recruitment – Single Function Job Classifications & Recruitment:

a. The Division has worked collaboratively with Local 1227 and Human Resources to draft single function EMT and Paramedic Job Classifications which were approved with elation at the December Personnel Board meeting and were approved by the City Council on January 18th, 2022.

Update: No Updates

Fire Facilities Master Plan (FMP): Berkeley Fire Department stations are undersized, in poor condition and in need of remodels or replacement.

The Department initiated a long-term replacement planning process to better understand infrastructure needs. This process will provide the City leaders of today and tomorrow with actionable information ahead of future infrastructure bond measures.

Update: No Updates.

Employee Physicals & Human Performance: First responders suffer higher rates of chronic medical and psychological injury and illness than the general population. These issues are often directly correlated to shift work, traumatic experiences and stress, and exposure to carcinogens. Wellness programs have reduced healthcare and workers compensation costs associated with injuries and illness. Additionally, responders that are healthy (medically and psychiatrically) are more resilient, make better decisions and are more likely to be at work.

Update: After a multi-year solicitation process, two Contractors have been selected that will provide services that include but are not limited to, annual physical examinations, screening for cancer and other chronic diseases associated with the work, one-on-one consultations, managing wellness/fitness initiatives, coordinating awareness and motivational campaigns, mental and health related training, long-term data collection and analysis, and educational seminars. We will have one full time on site Human Performance Coach that will be likely starting by May of this year.

Dispatch Study: Our goal, per Council direction is to enhance the dispatch center so it can triage calls, divert non-emergency calls (including mental health calls) to appropriate resources like the SCU; and provide emergency medical instructions to callers.

Status: No Updates.

6. Recruitments:

- a. Shift Fire Inspector Recruitment –These are filled by existing fire department personnel and are used to assist with fire investigations and other inspection related activities in the built environment.
 - i. Update: Interviews have been completed and six members will begin this three-year assignment on May 1st, 2022.
- b. Sworn Fire Inspector Recruitment – Recruitment is on-going.

- i. Update: Three new sworn fire prevention inspectors started work on April 4th, and have started their City of Berkeley in-house training.

7. **Division of Training Property** – The Department is actively engaged to find a piece of property that will meet the City’s needs for the training and development of its emergency responders and support staff. Due to zoning, the cost of property and the proximity of residential units to most property in Berkeley, this location will likely be outside the City proper. This presents exciting opportunities for regional collaboration with other fire departments and a community college district.

- a. Update: No Updates.

ii. Implementation & Metrics

1. **Outdoor Warning System** – The City of Berkeley MOU has been fully executed with the BUSD. We are still facilitating the permit process between the COB and vendor.

iii. RFP Updates

b. Program Specific Reports

- i. Defensible Space Inspection Updates

Vegetation Management Inspections – Annuitants

As of:	Vegetation Management Inspections						
	AI Inspections						
	Inspected	No Violation Found	Violations Found	Re-Inspection Required	Re-Inspection Completed	Re-Inspection No Violation Found	Re-Inspection w/Violations Found
Foley	136	53	83	83			
Frankel	628	576	52	52	3	3	
Greene	93	65	28	28	100	94	6
Guzman	1		1	1			
Higgins	559	465	94	94	2	2	
Johnson	292	160	132	132			
Lee	119	84	35	35	196	178	18
Marbury	310	172	138	138			
McCracken	102	70	32	32	94	65	29
Nagamoto	54	22	32	32	7	7	
Pinto	14	7	7	7	94	77	17
Ward	329	216	113	113	209	112	97
Williams	1144	1030	114	114	4	4	
Totals	3781	2920	861	861	709	542	167
Total Inspections	7,356						
% Completed	51%						

2. Measure GG Monthly Report –
 - a. Budget Overview – No Update
 - b. Emergency Services Coordinator Position
 - i. Applicants are being screened for qualifications week on April 12th and we are hoping to schedule interviews the week of May 9th.
 - ii. RFP Updates – No new updates.
3. Department Activities
 - a. Grants – No new update.
4. Safe Passage
 - Update: We have been working with Transportation and Traffic to repaint existing red curbs and replacing “no parking signs” that have faded as well as painting red in front of hydrants.
5. Call Volume Report

Fire Department Report by California Incident Type		
March 17, 2022 – April 6, 2022		
Fires – including Encampment Fires (structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,	13	
Encampment Fires (structures, warming/cooking, debris)	2	
Explosion - no fire (overpressure ruptures, explosions)	0	
Rescue & EMS (medical assist, vehicle accident)	537	
Hazardous Condition - no fire (combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles)	20	
Service Calls (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)	70	
Good Intent (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke)	67	
False Alarm Calls (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)	107	
Severe WX (lightening, wind storms)	0	
Special Incidents (citizen complaints)	2	
TOTAL	816	

Unit Utilization	Apparatus Count	1,835
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Additional questions items posed by the DFSC:

1. Will Measure GG Funds reimbursed for overtime costs caused by Covid-19 response? (Chief May)

This question has a few complexities to be aware of:

COVID-related hours were tagged with the COVID Project Code. (20EM08 in FUND\$ or CWEM2008 in ERMA)

The work performed under these codes captures both work to fight COVID (ex: working at a vaccination site) and work required because of COVID (ex: backfill for someone out on COVID leave)

Some, but not all, of the Measure GG-funded OT work to fight COVID qualifies for reimbursement under FEMA. We have been submitting reimbursement requests to FEMA for over a year and have yet to see money back (or denials). FEMA is really, really, really backlogged.

If/when we receive FEMA reimbursement, the CMO's policy is that funds will be routed back into the account that originally paid for the OT. So we expect to see some FEMA reimbursement of Measure GG OT COVID costs, however it will not be complete, and we expect the overall process will take years.

6. Commission Actions Status

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12/1/ 2021	Measure FF Oversight Recommendation- revised			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department
2/23/ 2022	Request for Timely Fiscal Information on Measures FF and GG			Staff Review for Response; Fire Department

S. Dean arrived at 7:17pm

Consent Items

2. Approval of Draft Minutes of Meeting of March 23, 2022*

Motion to approve the minutes as submitted: Bradstreet

Second: Rader

Vote: 8 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Rader, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent;; 0 Abstain:

Action Items

3. Designating a Commissioner as a Primary and Alternate member of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Core Group *

Motion to designate Commissioner Bedolla and Commissioner Rader as primary and alternate member of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Core Group:

Bedolla

Second: Dean

Vote: 8 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Rader, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent;; 0 Abstain:

4. Recommendation for Measure FF spending in FY 23 & FY 24 - Hazardous Vegetation Removal Program* (Rader)

No Action taken.

5. Recommendation for Parking Enforcement Budget* (Rader)

Motion to recommend, for FY 23 and FY 24, funding for parking enforcement in Fire Zones 2 and 3 from the General Fund to allow patrols of at least one full-time-employee-day per week.: Rader

Second: Degenkolb

Vote: 8 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Rader, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent;; 0 Abstain:

Discussion Items

6. Commission Workplan (Bedolla)
7. Measure FF Budget Discussion
8. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps
 - a. Measure GG Tax Rate Increase

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Dean

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 8 Ayes: Bedolla, Dean, Bradstreet, Rader, Cutler, Simmons, Degenkolb, Stein; 0

Noes; 0 Absent; 0 Abstain:

Adjourned at 8:57pm

Disaster & Fire Safety Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday April 27, 2022

Present: Jose Luis Bedolla, Shirley Dean, Weldon Bradstreet, Nancy Rader, Tobias Simmons, Kim-Mai Cutler, Paul Degenkolb, Toni Stein

Absent:

Staff: Khin Chin, Keith May, David Sprague

Public: Attendees 8: Benay Dara-Adams, Joan Diamond, kellyhammargren, Jerry Wachtel, Kathleen E Kelly, Nancy Gillette, Alec Dara-Abrams, Michai Freeman

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

W. Bradstreet called meeting to order at 7:01pm

Action Items

1. Measure GG and Measure FF Budget Recommendations. *
T. Stein arrived at 7:18pm

S. Dean left the meeting at 7:20p

S. Dean returned to the meeting 7:22p

Motion to send a memo to Council recommending budget targets for funding and implementation and authorize Commission Bedolla to make the remaining edits for submission: Bedolla

Second: No Second

Motion Fails.

No action taken.

2. Measure FF Budget Recommendation - Expanded Fire Prevention Inspection Program*
(Rader)

S. Dean and P. Degenkolb absent for the vote.

Motion to recommend prioritizing wildfire fuel reduction in the FY 23 and FY 24 Measure FF budget by expanding the Fire Department's Fire Prevention Inspection Program and fully enforcing the existing Fire Code to clear vegetation build-up and

overgrowth within 100 feet of structures in Berkeley's Very High Fire Severity Zones (VHFSZs) (Fire Zones 2 and 3): Stein

Second: Bradstreet

Vote: 5 Ayes: Bradstreet, Rader, Cutler, Stein, Simmons; 1 Noes: Bedolla, ; 2 Absent: Dean, Degenkolb; 0 Abstain.

Motion passes.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Bradstreet

Second: Rader

Vote: 6 Ayes: Bedolla, Bradstreet, Rader, Degenkolb, Stein; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Cutler, Dean; 0 Abstain.

Adjourned at 8:20p



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

ACTION CALENDAR
[Meeting Date (MM dd, yyyy)]

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Submitted by: Jose Luis Bedolla, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Subject: Approval of Additional Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Meeting

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution approving the request from the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to hold two additional meetings in calendar year 2015.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Minimal staff time and resources.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

On April 27, 2022, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission held special meetings to discuss and make recommendations on the Measure FF and Measure GG Budget as presented by the Berkeley Fire Department. Since this was a special meetings that were not on the regular meeting calendar, unless City Council approves an additional meetings, a regularly scheduled meeting during the remainder of the calendar year must be cancelled.

On May 25, the commission passed a motion to request approval for one additional meeting.

Motion to request from City Council one additional meetings for 2022: Second: Vote: (Ayes:; 0 Noes:; Absent:;)

BACKGROUND

On December 12, 2014, Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule for 2015. The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission was allocated a maximum of ten meetings a year. Additional meetings require Council approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

If an additional meeting is not approved, the regular commission meeting scheduled for December 7, 2022 must be cancelled. The lack of these meetings would result in an approximately 3 month gap in meeting for the commission. In addition, December 7 Disaster and Fire Safety Commission meeting is a critical meeting and opportunity for public input within the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) development process.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager [TYPE ONE] concurs with / takes no position on the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report. [OR] Refer to the budget process.

Note: If the City Manager does not (a) concur, (b) takes any other position, or (c) refer to the budget process, a council action report must be prepared. Indicate under the CITY MANAGER heading, "See companion report."

CONTACT PERSON

Keith May, Assistant Fire Chief, Berkeley Fire Department, 510-981-5508

Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

APPROVAL FOR ONE ADDITIONAL DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
MEETING IN CALENDAR YEAR 2022

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2014, the Berkeley City Council adopted Resolution No. 66,861-N.S. that established a Commission Meeting Frequency Schedule which limited the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to a frequency of 10 meetings during calendar year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission convened a special meeting on April 27, 2022 to make a recommendation on the Measure FF and Measure GG Budget and Expenditures as presented by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, without City Council approval for additional meetings, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission meetings scheduled for December 7, 2022 will be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission passed a motion on May 25, 2022, to request from City Council two additional meetings for 2022: Second: Vote: (Ayes;; 0 Noes;; Absent;;).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the Council authorized the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to convene for one additional meetings in calendar year 2022.



Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Date: May 26, 2022
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Submitted by: José Luis Bedolla, Chair, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
Subject: Yearly Adjustment of Measure GG Tax Rate

Section 7.81.060 A of Measure GG provides that “The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission shall function as the citizens’ oversight committee for expenditure of the proceeds of this tax.” In carrying out this function, the measure further states in subsection A 2, that the Commission may “make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council as to the rate at which the tax should be set and how any tax proceeds should be spent.”

Each year since Measure GG’s inception, the City has increased the Measure GG assessment by either the Personal Income Growth Factor or the Consumer Price Index, typically choosing the larger of the two in order to maximize the tax rate increase. This year, the Commission opposes an increase to the Measure GG assessment, for three reasons:

1. We have not been provided regular adequate reporting to judge whether increases are warranted. As such, we cannot provide adequate oversight on expenditures and provide guidance. Unfortunately, the lack of transparency needs to be addressed. In 2017, the auditor’s report¹ essentially said the same; and in our estimation the issues have not been resolved.
2. We have requested and have not been apprised of any significant changes since our previous recommendation dated 5/1/2018 objecting to the City using Measure GG funds to replace, rather than augment, general funding of Berkeley Fire Department overtime costs. As the Auditor writes in her memo:

“Berkeley voters approved the Measure GG Fire and Disaster Tax in November 2008. The intent was to stop rotating fire station closures and to fund advanced life support personnel, equipment, and training. Voters also aimed to bolster community emergency

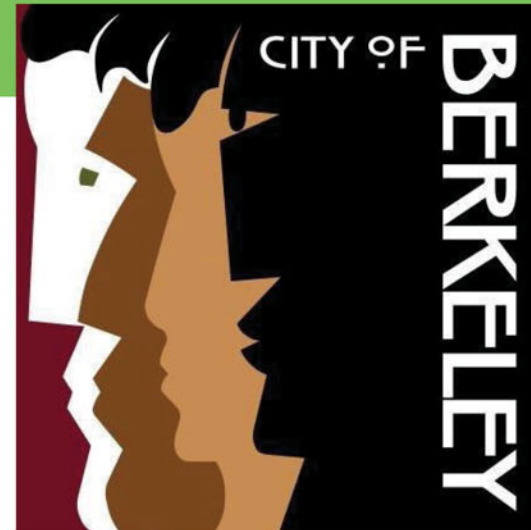
¹ https://berkeleyca.gov/sites/default/files/2022-01/Measure%20GG%20Expenditure%20Review_Fiscal%20Year%202017.pdf

response and disaster preparedness by providing training, equipment, and education to Berkeley community members.”

3. We believe that there is stability in minimum personnel per fire station and would like the City General Fund to take the personnel responsibility and apply the GG funding for prospectively for equipment and community preparedness.

Gain Commission Input on Vision 2050 Program Plan and Potential Revenue Measure(s)

<https://www.berkeleyvision2050.org/>



Vision 2050 Program Plan

BerkeleyVision2050.org

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ALERT: [CLICK HERE](#) to review the draft Program Plan.
Email input and feedback to Vision2050@cityofberkeley.info.



**PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE
& RESILIENT FUTURE**

James Kenney (Photo (c) Billy Hustace)



What is the Vision 2050 Program Plan?

- A unique process to lay out a 30-year plan of expected outcomes, work priorities, funding and accountability
 - Affordable housing is not in the Vision 2050 Program Plan, but is part of consideration for revenue measure(s)
- The Plan has these elements:
 - ✓ Expected outcomes
 - ✓ Methodology for prioritizing work
 - ✓ Funding plan
 - ✓ Performance monitoring
 - ✓ New focus on on-going maintenance
 - ✓ Organizing for project delivery
 - ✓ Approach on tax impacts
 - ✓ Revenue measure options and tax impact



Timeline

Completed

- City Council approved Vision 2050 implementation and exploration of revenue measure(s) focused on infrastructure and affordable housing
- Scientific survey #1 of 500 Berkeley voters
- 20+ meetings with community groups, stakeholders, and Commissions
- 1,000+ responses to an online public survey
- City Council Worksession (January 20)
- Website launched and informational mailer to all Berkeley residents
- Public meetings (March 30-April 23)
- Bond Capacity Study results (April 26)
- Scientific Survey #2 of 500 Berkeley voters (April 27)
- Program Plan Draft released for comment (May 2)
- Strategic Asset Management Plan and Asset Management Policy (May 10)

Upcoming

- May 31 City Council Meeting: Program Plan, Survey #2, and Revenue Measure(s)



Revenue Measure Options

Option #1: Single Measure, \$600M GO Bond

\$600 Million General Obligation Bond

\$150 Million - Affordable housing for low-income and homeless residents

\$250 Million - Street repair, traffic and pedestrian safety

\$125 Million - Climate change, sea level rise, wildfire prevention and protection

\$75 Million - Improvements to public buildings and general infrastructure

Option #2: Two Measures, \$300M GO Bond and Parcel Tax (30 cents/sq ft)

\$300 Million General Obligation Bond

\$150M – Climate change, sea level rise, wildfire prevention and general infrastructure

\$150M – Affordable housing for low-income and homeless residents

Parcel Tax (30 cents per square foot) – Street repair and traffic safety

Option #3: Something different

Something smaller, only one of these measures, separate measures for affordable housing and infrastructure, delay consideration, or something else



Revenue Measure Options

OPTIONS FOR FUNDING MECHANISMS		
TYPE	Bond	Parcel Tax
TAX BASIS	Assessed Value (AV)	Building square footage
USE OF FUNDS	Capital only	Capital + Maintenance
TAX PROGRESSIVITY	Progressive	Progressive
EXEMPTIONS	None	Low income/senior
PROS	Relative tax burden lessens as AV increases	Fixed payments, funds both operations/ <u>mtce</u> and capital
CONS	Cannot pay for maintenance or operations	Relative tax burden stays flat if citywide square footage does not increase

Note: all measures would require 2/3 voter approval, include an independent oversight committee, and funds would be required to stay with voter-approved purposes.



Possible Results of Options #1 or #2

- Improve streets to good paving condition with an average Paving Condition Index of 70 or more
- Implement 75%+ of adopted traffic safety plans (bike/ped) and achieve Berkeley's vision of a low-stress bike network
- Complete selected sea level rise projects, and begin to implement undergrounding of evacuation routes and the stormwater/green infrastructure plan
- Assist in advancing the city's park and public realm projects, e.g., Waterfront and Civic Center Renovation
- Address 13-26% of Berkeley's affordable housing need through the addition of 500-1,000 new affordable housing units



Conclusion: What is Next?

- Input tonight and/or by email (as individuals)
Vision2050@CityofBerkeley.info
- May 31st City Council meeting:
 - results of 2nd scientific survey
 - draft Program Plan
 - consideration of revenue measures to place on November 2022 ballot



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