

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

**2:30 P.M.**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Lori Droste

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# AGENDA

**Roll Call:** 2:33 p.m. All present.

**Public Comment** – 9 speakers.

## Review of Agendas

**1. Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2022**

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the 1/4/22 minutes.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

**2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**

a. 1/25/22 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Hahn) to approve the 1/4/22 minutes.

- *Item Added: Grant Application (City Manager)*
- *Item 7 Cannabis Cultivation (Arreguin) – Councilmember Kesarwani added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 11 Artist Live-Work (Hahn) – Councilmembers Taplin, Harrison, and Wengraf added as co-sponsors; Scheduled for 1/25/22 Consent Calendar*
- *COVID-19 Update Presentation scheduled for 1/25/22 Action Calendar*

Order of Action Calendar

Item 10 Surveillance Report

COVID-19 Response Presentation

**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**

- COVID 19 Response rescheduled to 1/25 Regular 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 Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies**

**Action:** 2 speakers. City Manager noted that COVID-19 response for omicron surge may impact staffing for commission meetings.

**9. Preliminary Analysis of Return to In-Person Meetings of City Legislative Bodies**

**Action:** 2 speakers. No action taken.

**Unscheduled Items**

**10. Discussion Regarding Design and Strengthening of Policy Committee Process and Structure (Including Budget Referrals)**

**11. Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**

**Items for Future Agendas**

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas – None**

**Adjournment**

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

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on January 6, 2022.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

**Communications**

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