

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022**

**2:30 P.M.**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf  
Alternate: Councilmember Kate Harrison

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**Roll Call:** 2:32 p.m. Arreguin and Harrison present. Wengraf and Hann absent.

**Public Comment** – 25 speakers

## **Review of Agendas**

**1. Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2022**

**Action:** M/S/C (Harrison/Arreguin) to approve the minutes of 3/7/22.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

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

a. 4/12/22 – 6:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting

**Action:** M/S/C (Arreguin/Harrison) to approve the 4/12/22 agenda with the changes noted below.

- *Item 3 Referral Response (City Manager) – minor typographical correction*
- *Item 19 Bag Regulations (Commission) – referred to FITES Committee*
- *Item 20 Supply Bank (Arreguin) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 21 AB 1944 (Arreguin) – Councilmember Wengraf and Bartlett added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 22 AB 1947 (Arreguin) – Councilmembers Harrison, Wengraf, and Bartlett added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 23 Vehicle Charging (Taplin) – Councilmembers Harrison and Wengraf added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 25 AB 1608 (Taplin) – Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 27 Flex Team (Taplin) – Councilmembers Wengraf, Kesarwani, and Droste added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 28 Budgetary Analysis (Harrison) – Revised item submitted*
- *Item 30 Kala Art (Hahn) – Councilmember Harrison added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 33 Downtown BART (Robinson) – Mayor Arreguin and Councilmember Droste added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 35 AB 2050 (Robinson) – Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn added as co-sponsors*
- *Item 36 SB 649 (Robinson) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 42 Transgender Rights (Kesarwani) – Councilmember Wengraf added as a co-sponsor; Scheduled for 4/12/22 Consent Calendar*
- *Item 43 Crisis Center (Taplin) – Item withdrawn from agenda by Author*

Order of Action Items

Item 39 Auditor Report

Item 41a/b Fair Workweek

Item 40a/b UIC Berkeley Agreement

**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** – updated to add special meetings
6. **Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling** – noted and filed
7. **Land Use Calendar** – noted and filed

## Referred Items for Review

8. **Discussion Regarding Impact of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) on Meetings of Legislative Bodies**

**Action:** 5 speakers. Discussion of need to technology enhancements before commissions can meet in a hybrid model. Commissions and Policy Committees may meet virtually until state emergency is lifted under state law and Council findings.

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

**Action:** 3 speakers. Update on successful test hybrid meeting on March 15, the potential coordination of employee return to the office with hybrid council meetings, and the elimination of the mask mandate for council meetings if conditions allow.

## 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/Harrison) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on March 28, 2022.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## **Communications**

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