

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE,  
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
2:30 PM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Cheryl Davila, Rigel Robinson, and Kate Harrison  
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 2:33 pm. All present.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 1 Speaker

## Minutes for Approval

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

**1. Minutes - September 16, 2020**

**Action:** M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to approve the 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.*

**2. Referral Response: Ordinance Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 7.52, Reducing Tax Imposed for Qualifying Electrification, Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Retrofits**

**From:** City Manager

**Referred:** July 21, 2020

**Due:** January 4, 2021

**Recommendation:** 1. Delay adoption of the first reading of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 7.52 to expand the Seismic Transfer Tax Rebate Program to include qualifying sustainability and resilience measures, and any associated budget requests, until FYE 2022 when more information on budget due to COVID-19 response and recovery is available; and  
2. Refer to the City Manager the design of a companion Resilient Homes Equity Pilot Program that would provide funding for home retrofit improvements to low-income residents.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

**Action:** 1 speaker. Discussion held. M/S/C (Harrison/Robinson) to move recommendation two to the City Council with a positive recommendation. The item was continued to the next meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes

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**3. Evaluation and Recommended Updates to the Building Energy Savings Ordinance (BESO) *(Supplemental Material Received)***

**From: City Manager**

**Referred: July 21, 2020**

**Due: January 4, 2021**

**Recommendation:** Refer to City Manager to amend the Building Energy Saving Ordinance (BESO), Chapter 19.81.170 of the Berkeley Municipal Code, to align with building electrification goals, leverage upcoming rebates and incentives, and develop mandatory energy requirements to be phased in.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Jordan Klein, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

**Action:** 2 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Robinson/Davila) to send the item, as submitted and revised by staff, to the City Council with a positive recommendation.

**Vote:** All Ayes

**4. Bright Streets Initiative *(Supplemental Material Received)***

**From: Councilmembers Hahn and Harrison**

**Referred: November 25, 2019**

**Due: October 31, 2020**

**Recommendation:** 1. Refer to the City Manager to paint all crosswalks, midlines, bike lanes, and other street markings, clarify and/or improve traffic signage, and paint curbs along collector and arterial streets throughout the City of Berkeley, and within a three-block radius of all Berkeley public schools, to improve safety and support Vision Zero goals. Streets, signage, and curbs that have been redone in the past three years and remain in very good condition need not be repainted and/or replaced.

2. Such work to be completed prior to commencement of the 2020-21 Berkeley Public School Year.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Sophie Hahn, Councilmember, District 5, (510) 981-7150

**Action:** 0 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to send the item, as revised in the supplemental material submitted by Councilmember Hahn, and further revised by the committee to the City Council with a positive recommendation. The committee revised the fourth recommendation to read:

Present general design standards for crosswalks and other street markings, signs, reflectors, bollards and other safety and street markings to ensure consistency and safety the FITES Committee for input and review, and eventual adoption of official patterns and elements to be specified for all new and refreshed streets in Berkeley.

**Vote:** All Ayes

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### 5. **Initiate a Citywide, Regional and International Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy to Address the Climate Emergency** *(Revised Material Received)*

**From: Councilmember Davila (Author)**

**Referred: July 13, 2020**

**Due: December 27, 2020**

**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution to initiate a citywide, regional and international Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy to address the Climate Emergency, and taking the following actions: 1. The City of Berkeley recognizes sustainability is not enough to protect residents from cumulative impacts of centuries of environmental and social degradation and instead will reorient its city planning, policy, and resource allocation to be socially and environmentally positive and will invest in a regenerative whole city infrastructure, policy, development and design process. 2. The City of Berkeley following the lead of Amsterdam and other cities will join in an attempt to embrace Doughnut Economics, which, by definition, recognizes the necessity of meeting the needs of residents within the carrying capacity of our planet Earth and the greater Bay Area bioregion. 3. The City of Berkeley will accelerate the transition to a zero-waste cradle to cradle, circular economy by a developing a series of ordinances ensuring only earth friendly products are sold within city limits by 2025. 4. All City of Berkeley commissions shall propose city policies, procedures and programs to enact a just transition that is socially, economically and ecologically regenerative by securing racial justice, bioregional restoration and sustainability, maximally reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases public health, increases disaster preparedness and community resilience and reverses inequality and wealth extraction from Berkeley and Bay Area residents. 5. The City of Berkeley will create a city commission responsible for planning and implementing a Just Transition to a Regenerative Economy that is anti-racist, provides reparations and transformative support for those who are black, Indigenous, people of color, low income, and those struggling with mental health challenges, is community-driven and democratically-funded, environmentally-regenerative, and prioritizes local and independent businesses. 6. The City of Berkeley commits to suspend any and all projects and policies that are incompatible with protecting the Earth and people from further environmental degradation, social inequality, public health risks, and global warming and urges all neighboring agencies, statewide, national, and international, to do the same. 7. The City of Berkeley will create a regional and statewide collaborative to ensure the maximal climate mitigation and adaptation scenarios to begin as soon as possible and formally requests all regional agencies, cities, and counties to a shared table to devise and execute a Just Transition plan to the Regenerative Economy here in the greater Bay Area through a regional Green New Deal. 8. The City of Berkeley calls on governments who have declared a climate emergency and who broadly recognize the immense challenge facing humanity to form a transnational task force to be sustained until 2050 to co-execute a shared transitional peace effort in moving their immediate societies and economies toward ethical and regenerative trajectories. 9. The City of Berkeley within the first 90 days will invite all the cities, counties, and institutions such as the UC system to form a regional and statewide task force to oversee a justice- oriented evidence- based transition to a regenerative economy to be sustained until 2050;

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10. The City of Berkeley identifies our current economy with its focus on near-term perpetual growth requiring resource extraction and wealth enclosure as defunct and incompatible with the needs of sustainability, human thriving, and dignity, and calls for a new economic system which in its design meets human needs within planetary and local environmental and social boundaries, focuses on human and ecological flourishing, furthers a regenerative human presence on earth, achieves equitable distribution of resources throughout the planet, and fosters an immediate transition to avert climate catastrophe in the near and long term. 11. The City of Berkeley endorses the intention and vision behind a global Green New Deal that reverses centuries of colonization, and post-colonial imbalances of power, health, wealth, sovereignty, addresses the climate emergency at the speed and scale necessary, and protects the world from impending climate impacts. 12. The City of Berkeley recognizes the importance of indigenous leadership in designing and implementing a Regenerative Economy in Berkeley, the greater Bay Area, and the world, and shall invite delegates from indigenous communities to all stages of the planning and implementation process.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

**Action:** The item was continued to the next meeting.

## 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.*

6. **Adopt an Ordinance Adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to Regulate Plastic Bags at Retail and Food Service Establishments**  
**From: Councilmembers Harrison and Hahn**  
**Referred: November 25, 2019**  
**Due: December 17, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt an ordinance adding a Chapter 11.62 to the Berkeley Municipal Code to regulate plastic bags at retail and food service establishments.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

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7. **Prohibition on the Resale of Used Combustion Vehicles in 2040**  
**From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission**  
**Referred: March 30, 2020**  
**Due: December 19, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the resale of used, existing combustion-powered vehicles beginning in 2040.  
**Financial Implications:** See report.  
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460
8. **Introduce an Ordinance terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025** (*Revised Material Received*)  
**From: Councilmember Davila**  
**Referred: November 18, 2019**  
**Due: December 10, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution with the following actions:  
1. Direct the City Attorney to prepare any draft ordinances to terminate the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles throughout the City of Berkeley by 2025; this shall include the termination of purchasing these vehicles to support City fleets and, for the general public, a staged phase out such as cars over \$28K by 2023, cars over \$22K by 2024, and all cars by 2025, so as to actively create a used electric vehicle market for lower income customers that allows them to acquire electric vehicles at a cost equal to or below that of comparable gasoline, diesel, or natural gas vehicles.  
2. Short term referral to the City Manager and/or designee(s) to report to the City Council in 90 days, in consultation with other City Departments with the following information: (A) Feasibility of terminating the sale of gasoline, diesel and natural gas passenger vehicles; (B) ways to promote and facilitate the sale of all-electric vehicles in the City, particularly among low income communities, including the provision of local tax incentives and rebates, as large as is necessary to cover any cost difference between an electric car and a comparable gas car; the simplification of building code requirements for chargers; and the establishment of charging stations and related infrastructure to support all-electric vehicles; (C) any “just transition” elements related to the above action, including the impact upon and opportunities for auto mechanics.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

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9. **Prohibition on the Use of City Streets for Operating, Parking, or Idling Combustion Vehicles by 2045**  
**From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission**  
**Referred: March 30, 2020**  
**Due: December 19, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the use of City-owned streets for the operation, parking, or idling of combustion vehicles beginning in 2045, and establishing an offset-driven fee-based enforcement mechanism.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460
  
10. **Prohibition on the Sale of Gasoline, Diesel, and Other Carbon-Based Transportation Fuels by 2045**  
**From: Community Environmental Advisory Commission**  
**Referred: March 30, 2020**  
**Due: December 19, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** Review and refer to the City Attorney for finalization the attached ordinance prohibiting the sale of gasoline, diesel, and other carbon-based transportation fuels effective January 1st, 2045.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Viviana Garcia, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-7460
  
11. **Potential Bonding and Funding Opportunities for Improving the PCI of Residential Streets, and Creating a Paving Master Plan**  
**Referred: January 21, 2020**  
**Due: November 23, 2020**  
**Recommendation:** On January 21, 2020, the City Council referred the following language from the revised agenda material from Councilmember Harrison in the Supplemental Communications Packet 2, and as further revised by the Council, to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee for consideration:  
Refer to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, & Sustainability Committee to work with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, and creating a paving master plan.

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## **Adjournment**

**Action:** M/S/C (Davila/ Robinson) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** All Ayes

Adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on October 7, 2020.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk