

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

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021
2:30 PM**

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Terry Taplin, Rigel Robinson, and Kate Harrison
Alternate: Councilmember Sophie Hahn

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MINUTES

Roll Call: 2:34 p.m.

Present: Robinson, Harrison

Absent: Taplin

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 Speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - July 7, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to approve the July 7, 2021 minutes as presented.

Vote: Ayes – Robinson, Harrison; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Taplin

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. Climate Equity Action Fund - Committee Discussion Pursuant to Resolution No. 69,984 Regarding Eligible Categories of Fund Expenditures to Maximize Equitable Emissions Reductions and Impacts for Eligible Households

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made by planning staff. Discussion held and the committee provided staff with feedback.

Committee Action Items

3. 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: July 30, 2021

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

Action: The item was continued.

4. Native and Drought Resistant Plants and Landscaping Ordinance Referral

From: Councilmember Taplin (Author)

Referred: September 13, 2021

Due: February 19, 2022

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager the development of an ordinance amending the Berkeley Municipal Code to require that plant materials (1) native to Berkeley and Northern California and (2) resistant to drought conditions shall be used exclusively in designing, planting, maintaining, and managing the landscape features of all City roadsides, parks, public areas, and other City properties and facilities.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Terry Taplin, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion held. Revised material submitted by the author. 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.

5. Refer to the City Manager to Prioritize Establishment of Impact/Mitigation Fees to Address Disproportionate Private and Public Utility Impact to the Public Right of Way

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author)

Referred: February 22, 2021

Due: July 12, 2021

Recommendation: In order to ensure equitable support of the public right of way by private and public entities that use City facilities, refer to the City Manager and City Attorney to prioritize the following in consultation with the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment, & Sustainability Committee:

1. establish impact and/or mitigation fees to address disproportionate private impacts to the public right of way, such as our roads and utility poles; and
2. establish transfers between sewer, waste, or other utilities as appropriate to address impacts to the public right of way.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Items for Future Agendas

- None

Adjournment

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

Vote: Ayes – Robinson, Harrison; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Taplin

Adjourned at 3:39 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 6, 2021.

Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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