

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 28, 2021
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Kate Harrison and Lori Droste
Alternate: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

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AGENDA

Roll Call: 10:03 a.m. All present.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 9 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - September 23, 2021

Action: M/S/C (Harrison/Droste) to approve the minutes of September 23, 2021.

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.

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. Presentation from Budget Office on Budget Process Survey

From: City Manager

Contact: Rama Murty, Budget Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

3. Review of Council's Fiscal Policies

From: City Manager

Contact: Rama Murty, Budget Office, (510) 981-7000

Action: 0 speakers. Moved to Unscheduled items.

4. Cash v. Accrual Basis Accounting

From: City Manager

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Item continued to next meeting on November 3, 2021.

Committee Action Items

5. Housing Trust Fund Resources

From: City Manager

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

Action: 4 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

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. Budget Referral and Resolution Establishing A Pilot Existing Building Electrification Incentive Program to Assist New Homeowners, Renters and Existing Homeowners with Transition to Zero-Carbon Buildings

From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)

Referred: May 17, 2021

Due: March 1, 2022

Recommendation: 1. Adopt a Resolution establishing: a. a two-year Pilot Existing Building Electrification Incentive Program to Assist New Homeowners, Renters and Existing Homeowners with Transition to Zero-Carbon Buildings; and b. an annual process for the Energy (or successor) Commission and the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee (FITES), in consultation with community groups, to provide input to staff and Council about eligible categories of fund expenditures to maximize equitable emissions reductions and impacts for eligible households while leaving the mechanisms for doing so to staff discretion. 2. Refer to the June, 2021 budget process: a. \$1,500,000 of general fund monies from excess equity as seed funding for the two-year pilot, inclusive of staff costs, for FY 2022.

Financial Implications: See report

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

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

1. Discussion and development of criteria and timing for AAO process

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on October 28, 2021.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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