

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

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
2:30 PM**

Committee Members:

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

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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# MINUTES

**Roll Call:** 2:32 pm. All present.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 2 Speakers

## Minutes for Approval

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

**1. Minutes - January 20, 2021**

**Action:** M/S/C (Robinson/Harrison) to approve the January 20, 2021 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. Potential Bonding and Funding Opportunities for Improving the PCI of Residential Streets, and Creating a Paving Master Plan**

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

**Referred: December 15, 2020**

**Due: May 18, 2021**

**Recommendation:** Refer to the to the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee (FITES) to continue working with the Public Works Department and the Commission to explore potential bonding and funding opportunities for improving the PCI of residential streets, create a paving master plan, and consider the Public Works Commission Paving Policy, once complete. (On November 18, 2020 the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee made a positive recommendation to send the item to the City Council requesting that the item be referred back to the Facilities committee for further consideration and to request that Council refer the Paving Plan from the Public Works Commission to the committee when the item comes before Council in January. On December 15, 2020, Council approved the recommendation as adopted by the policy committee.)

**Financial Implications:** See report

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

**Action:** 8 Speakers. Discussion and presentation held. Councilmember Hahn added as Co-Sponsor. 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.*

- 3. Request for a Presentation from Public Works staff on the Conversion of the City's Fleet Vehicles**  
**Action:** Scheduled for the February 17, 2021 regular meeting.
- 4. 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 31, 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
- 5. 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:** September 30, 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
- 6. Recognize the Rights of Nature**  
**From:** Councilmember Davila (Author)  
**Referred:** October 13, 2020  
**Due:** March 16, 2021  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a resolution to recognize that the natural living world has a right to exist, thrive, regenerate and evolve its life cycles; to protect the ecosystems upon which our own vitality depends; and to transform our human relationship with nature from a property-based to a legal rights-bearing entity.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

**Adjournment:** 4:17 pm

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Committee meeting held on February 3, 2021.

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Michael MacDonald, Assistant City Clerk

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