

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

**Thursday, April 28, 2022  
9:00 AM**

Committee Members:

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

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# AGENDA

**Roll Call:** 9:04 a.m. All present.

## 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.*

**1. Department Budget Presentation: Planning and Development**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Alene Pearson, Planning and Development, (510) 981-7400

**Action:** 4 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

**2. Department Budget Presentation: Public Works**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Liam Garland, Public Works, (510) 981-6300

**Action:** 8 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Recess 11:19 a.m. – 11:32 a.m.

**3. Department Budget Presentation: City Clerk**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Mark Numainville, City Clerk, (510) 981-6900

**Action:** 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Recess 12:00 p.m. – 12:31 p.m.

**4. Department Budget Presentation: Police**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Jennifer Louis, Police, (510) 981-5900

**Action:** 6 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

**5. Department Budget Presentation: Parks, Recreation & Waterfront**

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Scott Ferris, Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, (510) 981-6700

**Action:** 5 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

## Committee Action Items

**6. Proposal to Allocate Revenues Generated by the Transient Occupancy Tax in the Waterfront Area to the Marina Fund to Avoid Insolvency, Rebuild its Fund Balance and to Stabilize its Finances**

**From: Parks and Waterfront Commission**

**Referred: November 16, 2021**

**Due: May 10, 2022**

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt a Resolution adopting a policy that all Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT hotel tax) generated at the Berkeley Waterfront be allocated to the City's Marina Enterprise Fund. All other property, sales, utility users, and parking taxes; as well as business license and franchise fees, would continue to be allocated to the City's General Fund.

Policy Committee Recommendation: Send the item to Council with a negative recommendation and additionally request a referral to the Budget & Finance Policy Committee to discuss and develop alternative revenue streams for the Marina Fund including a dedicated reserve.

On November 16, 2021, the City Council adopted the Policy Committee recommendation and the item was referred back to the Budget & Finance Committee.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700

**Action:** 9 speakers. M/S/C (Harrison/Arreguin) to forward the item to Council with a qualified positive recommendation to consider as part of the budget process including the following amendments 1. that Public Works consider including trash pick-up at the Marina in the 218 process; 2. that the Marina Fund be excluded from road work repairs within the larger marina territory; and 3. that \$1.5M be allocated from the General Fund to the Marina Fund for operating expenses in 2024.

**Vote:** Ayes – Harrison, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Droste.

Councilmember Droste absent 2:35 p.m. – 4:04 p.m.

## Adjournment

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

**Vote:** Ayes – Harrison, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Droste.

Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on April 28, 2022.

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April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

## **Communications**

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