



**DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**May 24, 2023
7:00 PM**

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Present: Weldon Bradstreet, Shirley Dean, Antoinette Stein, Theodore Gordon, Todd Darling
Jose Luis Bedolla,
Absent: Greg Murphy (LOA), Harrison Raine (LOA)
Staff: Keith May, Leah Greenbaum, David Lopez, Jenny McNulty
Public: 3 attendees

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

W. Bradstreet called meeting to order at 7:05pm

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

- 1. Chairperson's Report:** *The Commission Chair may make announcements or provide information to the Commission in the form of an oral report. The Commission will not take action on such items but may request the items be placed on a future agenda for discussion*
- 2. Fire Department Staff Report***

J. Bedolla arrived at 7:30pm

Consent Items

3. Minutes of April 26, 2023*

From: Commission Secretary

Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the April 26, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion to approve minutes as revised: S. Dean

Second: T. Gordon

Vote: 5 Ayes: W. Bradstreet, T. Gordon, S. Dean, J. Bedolla, A. Stein;

0 Noes; 2 Absent: 1 Abstain, T. Darling

Action Items

4. Adopt a Recommendation to City Council on the Measure FF and Measure GG Tax Rate Adjustment

From: Commissioner Bradstreet

Recommendation: Review the annual Personal Income Growth and Consumer Price Index and vote on a recommendation to submit to Council. Annually, the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission (DFSC) makes a recommendation on the property tax rate that Measures GG and now FF have the option of using. Either the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or Personal Income Growth (PIG) can be applied. At this time, the PIG rate is 4.44%. The CPI rate is 4.192%

Motion to Recommend City Council Adopt Yearly Adjustments of Measure GG and Measure FF Tax Rate using the CPI rate: S. Dean

Second: J. Bedolla

Vote: 6 Ayes: J. Bedolla, W. Bradstreet, T. Darling, S. Dean, T. Gordon, T. Stein;

0 Noes; 2 Absent: H. Raine, G. Murphy; 0 Abstain

5. Select a Date and Time for a “Special Meeting” of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to Hear Presentations on the Facilities Master Plan and the Dispatch Needs Assessment

Motion to hold Special Meeting on Thursday July 13, 2023: J. Bedolla

Second: T. Gordon

Vote: 6 Ayes: J. Bedolla, W. Bradstreet, T. Darling, S. Dean, T. Gordon, T. Stein;

0 Noes; 2 Absent: H. Raine, G. Murphy; 0 Abstain

6. Consideration to Change the June Disaster and Fire Safety Commission Regular Meeting of June 28th due to a Religious Holiday*

From: Commissioner Bradstreet

Commission Action Items

Recommendation: Review and discuss the City of Berkeley Religious Holiday schedule and discuss moving the Regular Meeting of the Disaster and Fire Safety Commission to another date in June. This year's Islam "Eid al-Adha" lands on June 28th, 2023. As a reminder, City of Berkeley Commissions should avoid scheduling meetings if possible.

Motion to reschedule regular meeting Monday July 24: J. Bedolla

Second: T. Gordon

Vote: 5 Ayes: J. Bedolla, W. Bradstreet, T. Darling, S. Dean, T. Gordon;

1 Noes A. Stein; 2 Absent: H. Raine, G. Murphy; 0 Abstain

7. Recommendation That Council Consider Establishing a Height-Related Fire Fighting Surcharge for High Rise Buildings*

From: Commissioner Dean

This item was pulled following discussion. Fire Department will provide updates on this project in future Staff Reports.

Discussion Items

8. Concrete Retrofits/Seismic Threat (Staff)

J. Bedolla left at 9:37pm

9. Work Plan

Hold over to the next meeting.

10. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

Work Group Reports

Hold over to the next meeting.

1. Plan & Budget Oversight
2. Home Hardening
3. Wildland Urban Interface
4. Safe Passages
5. Community Outreach

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Dean

Second: Gordon

Vote: 5 Ayes:, W. Bradstreet, T. Darling, S. Dean, T. Gordon; A. Stein 0 Noes ; 3

Absent: H. Raine, G. Murphy, J Bedolla; 0 Abstain

Meeting adjourned at 9:41

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