

# BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA & RULES COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

12:00 P.M.

2180 Milvia Street, 1st Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704 – Cypress Room

1404 Le Roy Ave, Berkeley, CA 94708 – Teleconference Location

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Sophie Hahn and Susan Wengraf

Alternate: Councilmember Terry Taplin

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**Roll Call:** 12:02 p.m.

**Present:** Hahn, Wengraf

**Absent:** Arreguin

**Public Comment** – 7 speakers

## **Review of Agendas**

### **1. Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2024**

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to approve the minutes of 3/12/24.

**Vote:** Ayes – Hahn, Wengraf; Noes – None; Absent – Arreguin.

### **2. Review and Approve Draft Agenda:**

#### **a. 5/7/24 – Regular City Council Meeting**

**Action:** M/S/C (Wengraf/Hahn) to approve the agenda of 5/7/24 with the changes noted below.

- *Item Added: Voluntary Design Guidelines (Hahn) – added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item Added: Health Black Families (Bartlett) – added to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 30 ERA Construction (City Manager) – revised recommendation*
- *Item 36 SafeCity Connect ( Taplin) – revised item submitted*
- *Item 38 Sylvia Mendez Celebration (Bartlett) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 43 Holocaust Remembrance Day (Wengraf) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 44 Crossing Guard (Wengraf) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 45 Hybrid Meeting Equipment (Wengraf) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 47 Civic Center Plan (Wengraf) – Councilmember Hahn added as a co-sponsor*
- *Item 48 Community Agencies Public Hearing (City Manager) – item removed from the agenda; scheduled for the May 7 special meeting*
- *Item 49 Argument Authors (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 50 Fire Code Amendments (City Manager) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 52 a/b Age-Friendly Action Plan (Commission on Aging) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 53 a/b Panoramic Hill (Disaster and Fire Safety Commission) – referred to Public Safety Committee*
- *Item 54 Nondiscrimination Ordinance (Taplin) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 56 Berkeley Junior Jackets (Taplin) – moved to Consent Calendar*
- *Item 57 Vision Zero (Taplin) – referred the item to the Author to make an amendment to the recommendation and moved the item to the Consent Calendar*
- *Item 58 EVITP (Bartlett) – referred to the FITES Committee*
- *Item 59 Solano Avenue Stroll (Hahn) – revised item submitted; moved to Consent Calendar*

#### Order of Items on Action Calendar

*Item 51 Building Code Amendments*

*Item 55 Public Comment Changes*

**Vote:** Ayes – Hahn, Wengraf; Noes – None; Absent – Arreguin.

3. **Selection of Item for the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**
  - None Selected
4. **Adjournments In Memory – None**

## **Scheduling**

5. **Council Worksessions Schedule**
  - Special meeting to adopt the results for the April 16 special election scheduled for May 7 at 4:00pm.
6. **Council Referrals to Agenda Committee for Scheduling – received and filed**
7. **Land Use Calendar – received and filed**

## **Referred Items for Review**

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on City Council Rules of Decorum, Procedural Rules, and Remote Public Comments**

**Action:** 1 speaker. No action taken. Item continued to the next meeting.
9. **City Council Legislative Systems Redesign**

**Action:** No action taken. Item continued to the next meeting.

## **Unscheduled Items**

10. **Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 To Expand Eligibility Requirements for Representatives of The Poor to Serve on The Human Welfare and Community Action Commission**

**From:** Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)  
**Referred:** November 13, 2023  
**Deadline:** July 25, 2024  
**Recommendation:** Amend Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 3.78 to expand eligibility requirements for Representatives of the Poor to serve on the Human Welfare and Community Action Commission, or any successor commission, to consider the current geographic formation of poverty in Berkeley.  
**Financial Implications:** None  
**Contact:** Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

**Action:** Scheduled for discussion and action at the May 1, 2024 Agenda & Rules Committee meeting.

## Unscheduled Items

11. **Modifications or Improvements to City Council Meeting Procedures (referred by Council at the March 14, 2023 meeting)**
12. **Strengthening and Supporting City Commissions: Guidance on the Development of Legislative Proposals**
13. **Discussion and Recommendations on the Continued Use of the Berkeley Considers Online Engagement Portal**

## Items for Future Agendas

- None

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Hahn/Wengraf) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes – Hahn, Wengraf; Noes – None; Absent – Arreguin.

Adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct record of the Agenda & Rules Committee meeting held on April 25, 2024.

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Mark Numainville, City Clerk

## Communications

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