



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2019

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM

Present: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton (absent 7:01-7:02), Trotz

Absent: None.

Staff: Lee, Radu

Council: McCormick

Public: 14

2. Comments from the Public: 12.

Update/Action Items

3. Agenda Approval.

Action: M/S/C Jordan/Sutton to approve the agenda as written.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

4. Approval of Minutes from August 14, 2019.

Action: M/S/C Jordan/Trotz to approve the minutes of August 14, 2019 as written.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

5. Discussion and possible action on two budget recommendations for FY19/20 Measure P funds.

Action: M/S/C Patil/Sutton to start with Budget A and begin making adjustments from that budget as needed.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, Gale, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.

Noes: Carrasco, Jordan. *Abstain:* cheema. *Absent:* None.

Action: M/S/C cheema/Prado to extend the meeting until 9:15 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

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Action: M/S/C cheema/Prado to extend the meeting until 9:25 PM.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Action: M/S/C Sutton/Trotz to adopt Budget A as amended:

- (i) Re-prioritize item #2 (Permanent Housing) as item #1 (and vice-versa), and within the Permanent Housing category:
 - a. Replace “permanent supportive housing” with “permanent housing”;
 - b. Strike the language under “Additional considerations”;
 - c. Add “establish a minimum set-aside of \$500,000 for homeless families in this category”; Note that Transition-Age Youth should be included in funding for adults.
- (ii) Remove the recommended dollar amounts in each funding category, replacing them with percentage allocations, and change the allocations to each category as follows:
 - a. #1 – Permanent Housing: 30%
 - b. #2--Shelter and Temporary Accommodations: 30%
 - c. #3--Immediate Street Conditions and Hygiene: 14%
 - d. #4--Supportive Services: 14%
 - e. #5--Short/Medium Term Housing Subsidies: 10%
 - f. #6--Infrastructure: 2%.
- (iii) Within Category #2 (Shelter and Temporary Accommodations),
 - a. Add “City should ensure there is a focus on families living on the street”;
 - b. Remove “Support sanctioned encampments” as a specific line-item, and instead add reference to sanctioned encampments as a possible modality in line-item #1 (Expand shelter capacity), with the language “if the City should adopt such a policy”;
 - c. Add language in the report to reflect that City should study the potential for sanctioned encampments as a form of shelter expansion and if it adopts such a policy these funds could be used to support that modality.
- (iv) Within Category #3 (Immediate Street Conditions and Hygiene):
 - a. Add “storage units” to the “lockers” item;
 - b. Add “including for encampments” to the “Toilets and Hygiene Stations” item.
- (v) Within Category #5 (Short/Medium Term Housing Subsidies), remove the language on additional considerations and replace with:
 - a. Establish a 20% set-aside for families and youth (including transition-aged youth).
 - b. Use the McKinney-Vento definition of “homelessness” as an eligibility criterion, without limiting to BUSD-enrolled households to ensure coverage of families with children under school age.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

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6. Discussion and possible action to adopt a budget recommendation report to Council.

Action: M/S/C Carrasco/Patil to adopt the Council report as edited to reflect the adopted budget.

Vote: Ayes: Carrasco, cheema, Gale, Jordan, Metz, Patil, Prado, Sutton, Trotz.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Minutes Approved on: 10/2/2019

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary: 

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