

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

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**Thursday, May 23, 2019
2:00 PM**

2180 Milvia Street, 6th Floor - Redwood Room

Committee Members:

Councilmembers Rashi Kesarwani, Cheryl Davila, and Lori Droste

Roll Call: 2:03 p.m. Councilmember Davila absent.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters – 0 speakers

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - May 9, 2019

Action: M/S/C (Kesarwani/Droste) to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Droste; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Davila

Councilmember Davila present at 2:10 p.m.

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. City Manager's Funding Recommendations for the FY 2020 and FY 2021
Biennial Budget (Item contains supplemental materials)**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Discuss and provide comments on the City Manager's FY 2020 and FY 2021 Proposed Biennial Budget funding recommendations

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, 981-7000

Committee Action Items

Action: M/S/C (Davila/Kesarwani) to accept supplemental material for Item 2.

Vote: All Ayes

Councilmember Davila absent at 3:57 p.m.

Action: 2 speakers. Discussion held. M/S/C (Droste/Kesarwani) to make the following recommendations on the City Manager's General Fund recommendations for FY 2020:

- Reorganize the Council Item - Good Government Ombudsman (adds 1 FTE Deputy City Attorney) to the City Attorney's Office operations budget and rename to remove Good Government Ombudsman
- Eliminate the City Clerk Software costs for Lobbyist Registration System request
- Shift General Fund portion of request from the Office of Economic Development for Food and Beverage Support (Temp Analyst position) to Zero Waste Fund
- Reduce the funding for Council Item - Rebuilding Together to \$122,854
- Reduce the funding for Council Item - UC Theater to \$15,000
- Allocate \$80,000-\$100,000 to the Fire Department request for Training and Equipment for mass casualty events (not included on the City Manager recommendations for funding)
- Allocate \$100,000 for the Missing Middle Report for consultant costs (not included on the City Manager recommendations for funding)
- Allocate \$25,000 for the 2019 Bay Area Book festival (not included on the City Manager recommendations for funding)
- In November, consider funding Fire Department Safe Passages with grant funding from Cal Fire (on City Manager recommendations for Special Funds FY 2021)

And for FY 2021:

- Eliminate the City Clerk Software costs for Lobbyist Registration System request
- Eliminate the funding for Council Item - Rebuilding Together
- Allocate \$100,000 to the Fire Department request for Training and Equipment for mass casualty events (not included on the City Manager recommendations for funding)
- Allocate any additional funds to Fire Department Wildfire Prevention program (not included on the City Manager recommendations for funding)

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Droste; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Davila

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. **Voluntary Time Off on Statewide Election Days for City Employees** (*Item contains revised material*)
From: Councilmembers Robinson, Davila, and Hahn
Referred: March 11, 2019
Due: September 15, 2019
Recommendation: Refer the City Manager to designate Statewide Election Days as VTO days, and refer to the 2x2 Committee to discuss coordinating City and District policy on holidays, and in particular, Election Day.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, 981-7170
- Action:** No action taken. Item continued to June 13, 2019.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Droste/Kesarwani) to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Droste; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Davila

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on May 23, 2019.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk