

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

**Monday, April 27, 2020
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Cheryl Davila and Lori Droste
Alternate: Councilmember Kate Harrison

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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Roll Call: 10:00 a.m. Councilmember Davila absent.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2 speakers

Councilmember Davila present at 10:03 a.m.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.

1. Minutes - February 27, 2020

Action: M/S/C (Arreguin/Droste) to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020.

Vote: All Ayes.

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.

2. Report from City Auditor Regarding Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Berkeley's Finances

From: City Auditor

Contact: Jenny Wong, Auditor, (510) 981-6750

Action: 0 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

3. COVID-19 Responses

From: City Manager

Contact: Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

4. FY 21 Budget Update

From: City Manager

Contact: Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Action: 2 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held.

Committee Action Items

5. **FY 2019 Fourth Quarter Investment Report: Ended June 30, 2019**
From: City Manager
Referred: March 10, 2020
Due: July 28, 2020
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

6. **FY 2020 First Quarter Investment Report: Ended September 30, 2019**
From: City Manager
Referred: March 10, 2020
Due: July 28, 2020
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Action: Items 5 and 6 were discussed together. 3 speakers. Presentation made and discussion held. M/S/C (Droste/Arreguin) to move the item with a positive recommendation for Council to receive and file and include the response from Finance Director Oyekanmi to a constituent inquiry.

Vote: All Ayes.

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.

7. **Cannabis Cryptocurrency Tax**
From: Councilmembers Bartlett and Robinson
Referred: November 4, 2019
Due: May 19, 2020
Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adding a new Chapter to the Berkeley Municipal Code to allow the City to implement a method for acceptance of stablecoin tax remittance for certain industries pending City approval of each industry.
Financial Implications: See report
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Action: This item was withdrawn by the author, Councilmember Bartlett.

Unscheduled Items

8. **Allocating Car Fees for Street Improvements**

From: Councilmember Robinson

Referred: February 24, 2020

Due: July 26, 2020

Recommendation: Double the annual repaving budget by adopting a resolution to allocate either 50 percent of the revenues or revenues upwards of \$6 million collected annually from the Vehicle In-Lieu Tax towards the repaving budget in the interests of street maintenance, sustainability, and bicycle and pedestrian goals.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Rigel Robinson, Councilmember, District 7, (510) 981-7170

Action: This item was withdrawn by the author, Councilmember Robinson.

9. **Open West Campus Pool and Martin Luther King Jr. Pool (King pool) to implement the City of Berkeley Shower Program at these locations, and provide the ability for our community to shower during the COVID 19 Pandemic** *(Item contains revised materials)*

From: Councilmember Davila (Author)

Referred: March 30, 2020

Due: September 27, 2020

Recommendation: Direct the City Manager to open the West Campus Pool and Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (King pool) Pool to implement the City of Berkeley Shower Program at these locations. Opening the West Campus Pool and Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School (King pool) pool will provide the ability for our community to shower during the COVID 19 Pandemic, a humane action required during this crisis.

Financial Implications: \$270,100

Contact: Cheryl Davila, Councilmember, District 2, (510) 981-7120

10. **Housing Trust Fund Resources**

From: City Manager

Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400

11. **Homeless Services Report**

From: City Manager

Contact: Dave White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

12. **Review of Council's Fiscal Policies**

From: City Manager

Contact: Teresa Berkeley-Simmons, Budget Manager, (510) 981-7000

Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on April 27, 2020.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

Communications

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