

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

3:00 P.M.

JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR

Councilmembers:

DISTRICT 1 – RASHI KESARWANI
DISTRICT 2 – TERRY TAPLIN
DISTRICT 3 – BEN BARTLETT
DISTRICT 4 – KATE HARRISON

DISTRICT 5 – SOPHIE HAHN
DISTRICT 6 – SUSAN WENGRAF
DISTRICT 7 – RIGEL ROBINSON
DISTRICT 8 – LORI DROSTE

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Preliminary Matters

Roll Call: 3:03 p.m.

Present: Kesarwani, Hahn, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin

Absent: Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Wengraf

Public Comment - 60 speakers.

Councilmember Bartlett present at 3:08 p.m.

Council member Taplin present at 3:10 p.m.

Councilmember Harrison present at 3:20 p.m.

Councilmember Wengraf present at 6:23 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION:

The City Council convened in closed session to meet concerning the following:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1)

- a. WCAB Case Numbers: #ADJ1556675 and ADJ10831595

Action: M/S/C(Arreguin/Robinson) to approve a settlement by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, as to a workers' compensation matters, WCAB Case #ADJ11556675 and ADJ10831595.

Vote: Ayes – Kesarwani, Taplin, Bartlett, Harrison, Hahn, Robinson, Droste, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Wengraf.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS; GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6

Negotiators: Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager, Paul Buddenhagen, Deputy City Manager, David White, Deputy City Manager, LaTanya Bellow, Human Resources Director, Dania Torres-Wong, Chief Labor Negotiator, Burke Dunphy, Labor Negotiator, Jon Holtzman, Labor Negotiator, Jen Louis, Interim Chief of Police, Abe Roman, Interim Fire Chief.

Employee Organizations: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local 1245, SEIU 1021 Community Services and Part-time Recreation Activity Leaders, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association Local 1227, Berkeley Police Association, Service Employees International Union, Local 1021 Maintenance and Clerical Chapters, Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, Local 1227 I.A.F.F./Berkeley Chief Fire Officers Association, Public Employees Union Local 1, Unrepresented Employees.

Action: No reportable action.

OPEN SESSION:

Public Reports of actions taken pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1.

City Council met in closed session on July 14, 2021 Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) and provided direction to outside counsel and approved a settlement by Compromise and Release with a release of future medical care, as to a workers' compensation matters, WCAB Case #ADJ11556675 and ADJ10831595.

Adjournment

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

Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct record of the closed session meeting on July 14, 2021.

April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk