

SUMMARY

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003 – 5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Teleconference Location – 1636 Channing Way, Berkeley, CA

Preliminary Matters

1. **Roll Call:** 5:02 p.m. All present.

Ballot Measures

2. **Presentation and Results of Voter Survey**
From: City Manager
Contact: Phil Kamlarz, Deputy City Manager, 981-7000
Action: Presentation made.
3. **Special Tax Measure for March 2, 2004 Ballot**
 - a. **From:** Mayor Bates (*to be delivered*)
Contact: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100
 - b. **From:** City Manager (*to be delivered*)
Recommendation: Give direction to staff regarding tax measures to be placed on the March 2, 2004 ballot.
Contact: Phil Kamlarz, Deputy City Manager, 981-7000
Action: Presentation made from Chair of Mayor's Advisory Task Force on City Revenues. Held over to October 21, 2003.
4. **Changing the Date of Runoff Elections (CF 13-03)**
From: City Manager
Recommendation: 1) Determine whether the Council desires to place a charter amendment on either the March or November 2004 ballot to change the date of runoff elections and if so, direct the City Clerk to prepare the appropriate documents to call the election and consolidate with Alameda County; and 2) if the Council desires to place a charter amendment on either the March or November ballot, provide direction to the City Clerk and City Attorney on the date of the runoff and the date that elected officials take office.
Contact: Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900
Action: Presentation made. Held over to October 21, 2003.

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5. **Instant Runoff Voting** (CF 13-03)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: 1) Determine whether the Council desires to place a charter amendment on either the March or November 2004 ballot to allow for instant runoff voting, when feasible and 2) if the Council desires to place a charter amendment on either the March or November ballot, review and comment on charter language prepared by the City Attorney.

Contact: Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900

Action: Presentation Made. Held over to October 21, 2003.

6. **Changes to Candidate Nomination Process** (CF 13-03)

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Determine whether the Council desires to: 1) require candidates to submit signatures in support of a candidate's nomination over and above the 20 currently required; 2) establish a filing fee to cover the cost of processing the candidate's nomination papers; 3) require candidates to pay their pro rata share for the cost of printing, handling, translating, and mailing the candidate statement as part of the voter pamphlet; 4) make revisions to information contained in the candidate statement; and 5) give direction to the City Clerk and City Attorney related to preparing any required ordinances or charter amendments.

Contact: Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900

Action: Presentation Made. Held over to October 21, 2003.

7. **Process to Call a Special Election for March 2, 2004**

From: City Manager

Recommendation: That Council: 1) decide which, if any charter amendments and/or other measures it desires to place on the March ballot; 2) give further direction to the City Manager on specific measures to be placed on the ballot and request staff return with ballot language by November 4, 2003; and 3) give direction to the City Manager and City Clerk to prepare resolutions calling for the March 2, 2004 election including making findings of urgent necessity, if required, and requesting consolidation with Alameda County.

Contact: Sherry Kelly, City Clerk, 981-6900

Action: Held over to October 21, 2003.

Information Reports

8. **Status Report on the Impact of the State Budget on the City's Budget** (to be delivered)

From: City Manager

Contact: Paul Navazio, Budget Manager, 981-7000

Action: Report to be presented on October 21, 2003.

Public Comment

9. **Public Comment:** 3 speakers.

Supplemental Reports and Communications

Item 3: Special Tax Measure for March 2, 2004 Ballot

1. Mayor's Advisory Task Force—City Revenue
2. Viki Tamaradze and Barbara Gilbert, Berkeley Budget Oversight Committee

Item 5: Instant Runoff Voting

3. City Attorney Revised Charter Amendment Language

Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:41 p.m.