

MINUTES
AGENDA COMMITTEE
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2006

1. **Roll Call:** 2.31 p.m.
Present: Mayor Bates, Councilmember Maio and Councilmember Wozniak
Absent: None
2. **Public Comment:** Barbara Gilbert and Pamela Sihvola
3. **Approval of Minutes of Meeting of May 8, 2006.**
Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Maio/Wozniak) to approve the minutes.
4. **Review and Action on Draft Work Session Agenda for May 23, 2006.**
Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Maio/Wozniak) to approve the worksession agenda as amended to move the budget public hearing on fees to the May 23, 2006 City Council action calendar.
5. **Review and Action on Draft Housing Authority Agenda for May 23, 2006.**
Action: All items approved for placement on the agenda
6. **Review and Action on Draft City Council Agenda for May 23, 2006.**
Action: All items approved for placement on the agenda with the following additions, deletions or changes:

Budget Referral: Funding Set Aside for Ball Field and Farmers Market Relocation Costs

From: Councilmembers Wozniak and Olds

Recommendation: Refer to the budget process a recommendation that the City Manager set aside \$1,000,000 to provide funds for costs associated with the closed Derby Street playing field option. Costs would include relocating the Farmers Market to a different portion of the site and relocation and infrastructure improvements associated with closing Derby Street.

Financial Implications: \$1,000,000

Contacts: Gordon Wozniak, Councilmember District 8, 981-7180 and Betty Olds, Councilmember District 6, 981-7160

Action: Withdrawn by Councilmember Wozniak

Presentation: Recommendations for Creeks Ordinance Revisions

a. From: City Manager

Recommendation: Discuss recommendations for revisions to the Creeks Ordinance (BMC Chapter 17.08 – Preservation and Restoration of the Natural Watercourses) and determine if there are remaining issues and questions in anticipation of providing direction to staff after a special Council meeting and public hearing to be held on May 30, 2006.

Contact: Dan Marks, Planning and Development, 981-7400

From: Planning Commission

Recommendation: If the City Council accepts the Creeks Task Force recommendations, the revised ordinance reflect the Planning Commission concerns listed in this report.

Contact: Dan Marks, Planning and Development, 981-7400

Action: Moved to May 30, 2006 by the City Manager.

Presentation: City Infrastructure Report (Public Works Program)

From: City Manager

Contact: Claudette R. Ford, Public Works, 981-6300

Action: Withdrawn by the City Manager.

Discussion and Direction to Staff and Timeline Regarding Ballot Measures

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Hold a discussion and provide direction to staff regarding the preparation of any Council sponsored ballot measures to be placed on the ballot for the November 7, 2006 General Municipal Election.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sara T. Cox, City Clerk, 981-6900

Action: Withdrawn by the City Manager

Clean Money Ballot Measure

From: Councilmembers Worthington and Moore

Recommendation: Consider placement on the November 7, 2006 election ballot, of a campaign finance reform item providing for public finance of future Berkeley elections.

Financial Implications: Approximately \$10,000 to place a ballot measure on a consolidated election.

Contacts: Kriss Worthington, Councilmember District 7, 981-7170; Darryl Moore, Councilmember District 2, 981-7120

Action: Councilmember Anderson added as a co-sponsor.

Allocation of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Housing Trust Fund

From: Homeless Commission

Recommendation: Approve the City Manager's Fiscal Year 2007 Proposed Community Agency Allocations for Homeless Programs requires and expenditure of \$215,521 in Community Development Block Grant, \$173,556 in Community Services Block Grant, \$128,591 in Emergency Shelter Grant, and \$1,728,755 in General Funds for a total allocation of \$2,322,471.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Jane Micallef, Secretary to Homeless Commission, 981-5426

Action: Added as a separate item titled Community Agency Allocations.

Added to the Consent Calendar

Initiative Petition: Ordinance Amending Berkeley Municipal Code Chapter 21.28 to Encourage and Regulate Conversion of a Limited Number of Rental Units to Condominiums and to Assist Tenants in Purchasing Their Own Units

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Refer to the City Manager a proposed initiative for a report to Council as to any of the impacts specified in Election Code Section 9212.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Sara T. Cox, City Clerk, 981-6900

Notice of Intention to Dissolve Zone of Benefit No. 15 in Berkeley Streetlight Undergrounding Assessment District No. 1985-1

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution declaring the City's intention to dissolve Zone of Benefit No. 15 in Berkeley Streetlight Undergrounding Assessment District No. 1985-1.

Financial Implications: See report

Contact: Claudette R. Ford, Public Works, 981-6300

Budget Referral: Implementation of a Hypertension Prevention Initiative

From: Mayor Bates

Recommendation: Refer to the budget deliberations a \$200,000 allocation from the general fund for the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a Hypertension Prevention and Treatment Initiative in partnership with Lifelong Medical Care, Inc.

Financial Implications: \$200,000

Contact: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100

Budget Referral: Berkeley Champions for Kids Community Volunteer Center

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Refer to the budget deliberations a \$10,000 allocation from the general fund for The Berkeley Alliance for the on-going management of Berkeley Champions for Kids – placing city and community volunteers in the City's youth serving programs.

Financial Implications: \$10,000

Contact: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100

Budget Referral: Berkeley Art Center

From: Councilmember Maio, Spring, Capitelli and Mayor Bates

Recommendation: Council refer to the Budget Process the restoration of essential funding of \$20,000 for the Berkeley Art Center.

Financial Implications: General Fund - \$20,000

Contact: Linda Maio, Councilmember District 1, 981-7110

Budget Referral: Landscaped Traffic Barriers

From: Councilmember Spring

Recommendation: Refer to the FY 06-07 budget process the landscaping of permanent traffic barriers in the North Shattuck area on Cedar Street at Milvia and Grant Streets.

Financial Implications: Approximately \$30,000

Contact: Dona Spring, Councilmember District 4, 981-7140

Added to the Action Calendar

Ballot Measure: Greenhouse Gas Ballot Measure

From: Mayor Bates

Recommendation: Discuss placing an advisory measure on the November ballot to support aggressive efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and actively engage in climate-disaster preparations to address the likely local climate change impacts such as flooding, shortages of potable water, and dramatically increased costs of energy.

Financial Implications: \$9,000 to place the item on the ballot

Contact: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100

Fiscal Year 2007 Proposed Budget and Work Plan Update

From: City Manager

Recommendation: Conduct a public hearing on the FY 2007 Proposed Budget and Work Plan Update. Council will adopt the FY 2007 budget on June 27, 2006.

Financial Implications: See budget book

Contact: Tracy Vesely, City Manager, 981-7000

Telegraph Avenue Economic Development Assistance Package

From: Mayor Bates and Councilmembers Wozniak and Worthington

Recommendation: Direct the City Manager to return with a plan (as detailed in the background information) to: 1) increase police presence on Telegraph; 2) increase street and sidewalk cleaning; 3) review street and pedestrian level lighting; 4) create a façade improvement grant/ matching program; 5) streamline permits for the Telegraph commercial district; 6) improve social service and mental health outreach; 7) develop strategies related to inappropriate street behavior; 8) request property owners assist with rent or other incentives to attract new businesses; and 9) launch a new joint marketing effort with the university.

Financial Implications: Significant impacts to be determined

Contacts: Tom Bates, Mayor, 981-7100; Gordon Wozniak, Councilmember, District 8, 981-7180, Kriss Worthington, Councilmember District 7, 981-7170

7. Discussion regarding setting a separate schedule for land use public hearings and/or scheduling time-certain land use public hearings during regular Council meetings

(Held over from March 13, April 10, April 27, May 8 and May 15, 2006)

Action: Held over to May 22, 2006.

Adjournment: 3:03 p.m.

Communications None