



City of Hercules

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Mayor Dion Bailey
Vice Mayor Chris Kelley
Council Member Alex Walker-Griffin
Council Member Dilli Bhattarai
Council Member Tiffany Grimsley

Dante Hall, City Manager
Christie Crowl, City Attorney
Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

5:30 PM

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 P.M., REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 P.M

In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:

Zoom ID: 819 4260 3934 Zoom Passcode: 701154

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 5:30 P.M.

1A-CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCIL MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO JUST CAUSE OR EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449

Present: 4 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, and Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NONE

III. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

The Hercules City Council will meet in Closed Session regarding the following:

The City Attorney was not present at the meeting at this time. City Manager, Dante Hall, read the titles of the items to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council and Staff recessed into Closed Session.

1. [25-201](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(d)(1) (Ramos v. City of Hercules)
2. [25-197](#) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Conference With Labor Negotiators - City Negotiators: Dante Hall, City Manager; Edwin Gato,

Director of Finance; relative to the following employee groups:

- a. Teamsters Local 315 Employee Organizations
- b. Hercules Police Officers Association
- c. Hercules Senior Manager Employee Group
- d. Confidential Unrepresented Employee Group
- e. Mid Management Employee Group

3. [25-198](#) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8. CONFERENCE WITH Real Property Negotiators Property address: 1680 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules CA 94547 Agency Negotiators: Dante Hall, City Manager; Christie Crawl, City Attorney, Negotiating Parties: City of Hercules, Rodeo Hercules Fire Protection District

IV. REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL - 7:00 P.M.

Present: 4 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, and Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Christie Crawl, reported out that there was no final or reportable action taken in Closed Session.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Walker-Griffin.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bailey requested a moment of silence for longtime resident Leola Bullen.

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. [25-192](#) Proclamation - Recognizing July 2025 as Park and Recreation Month

Attachments: [Proclamation - Park and Recreation Month](#)

Mayor Bailey read the proclamation and recognized Park and Recreation month. Director Roke provided comment. Council made remarks. Pictures were taken.

IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment was provided by Ronnell Colquitt, Tanya Little and Stan Kelly.

This time is reserved for members of the public to address issues not included in the agenda. In accordance with the Brown Act, Council will refer to staff any matters brought before them at this time, and those matters may be placed on a future agenda.

Individuals wishing to address the City Council are asked to complete a form indicating the name and address of the speaker and the general topic to be addressed. Speakers must make their comments from the podium and will be allowed 3 minutes to discuss their concerns. All public comments are recorded and become part of the public record. A limit of 30 minutes will be devoted to taking public comment at this point in the agenda. If any speakers remain at the conclusion of the initial 30 minute period, time will be reserved at the conclusion of the meeting to take the remaining comments.

XI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [25-193](#) Mandatory Garbage/Solid Waste Disposal - Delinquent Accounts
RECOMMENDATION:
Conduct a Public Hearing and upon conclusion, consider adopting a Resolution confirming the report of delinquent accounts and placing liens on said properties and special assessments upon property taxes pursuant to City of Hercules Municipal Code Section 5-2.01 to 5-2.16, Mandatory Garbage/Solid Waste Disposal.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Garbage Liens](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

[Attach 2 - Hercules Prelim List](#)

City Clerk, Eibleis Melendez, introduced and presented the item. Comments were provided Council. Mayor Bailey opened the Public Hearing. No public comment. Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing. There was no further discussion by Council. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to adopt Resolution 25-041. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: 3 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, and Vice Mayor C. Kelley

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

Abstain: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Walker-Griffin, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, and Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

1. [25-200](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2025

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2025](#)

APPROVED

2. [25-190](#) Third Amendment to Contract #14-008 with Contract Costa County for Building Inspection and Planning Services
RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the Third Amendment to an existing agreement between the City of Hercules and Contra Costa County (Contract #14-008) to update the Conservation & Development (DCD) Department's hourly billing rates for FY 2024/25, FY 2025/26, and 2026/27.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Amendment 3 to Contra Costa County Contract](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution - Amendment 3 CCC Building-Planning Services Contract](#)

[Exhibit A - CCC Building-Planning Services](#)

[Attach 2 - CCC Building-Planning Services Contract - Original](#)

[Attach 3 - CCC Building-Planning Services Contract - Amend 1](#)

[Attach 4 - CCC Building-Planning Services Contract - Amend 2](#)

[Attach 5 - CCC Building-Planning Services](#)

RESOLUTION 25-042. APPROVED

3. [25-199](#) MOU for Development of a Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan through the Ocean Protection Council Senate Bill 1 Grant Program
RECOMMENDATION:
By minute order, authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the City of Antioch, Contra Costa County, City of Hercules, City of Martinez, City of Oakley, City of Pinole, City of Pittsburg, and City of San Pablo for Development of a Contra Costa

Resilient Shoreline Plan.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Development of A Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan](#)
[Attach 1 - SB1 Grant MOU County-Cities](#)

APPROVED

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [25-202](#) Authorization To Approve A Contract With Tripepi Smith For General Communications Support
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for an amount not to exceed \$93,588 with Tripepi Smith for General Communications Support.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Contract With Tripepi Smith For General Communications Support](#)
[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)
[Attach 2 - 2025-05 General Comms Proposal \(2\)](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced and presented the item. Representatives from Tripepi Smith attend via Zoom to answer questions. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided remarks. City Manager Hall and Tripepi Smith provided a response. Action was take on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai, to adopt Resolution 25-043. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, and Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

2. [25-191](#) Receive the Finance Commission's Annual Report on Measures B and N for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive the Finance Commission's Annual Report on Measures B and N for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Measure B and N Annual Report](#)
[Attach 1 - FC Annual Report on Measure B and N for FY Ending June 30, 2024 Presentation](#)

Finance Director, Edwin Gato, introduced the item. Finance Chair, Ed Ulle, presented the item. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided remarks. Finance Chair Ulle and Finance Director Gato provided a response. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

3. [25-185](#) Discussion Regarding the Structure of the Police Chief Advisory Board Meetings
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the Council discuss this item and give direction to staff by minute order.

Attachments: [Staff Report - The Structure of the Police Chief Advisory Board Meetings](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced and presented the item. Public comment was provided by Tanya Little. Council asked questions and provided comment. No direction was provided by Council. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Walker-Griffin, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley, to continue the discussion of the structure of the Police Advisory Committee to a later date. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, and Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

4. [25-194](#) Finance Department Update
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive an update on the City of Hercules Finance Department.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Finance Department Update Presentation](#)

Finance Director, Edwin Gato, introduced and presented the item. No public comment. Council asked and provided comment. Director Gato provided a response. This was an informational item. No action was taken on this item.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

This time is reserved for members of the public who were unavailable to attend the Public Communications period during Section X of the meeting, or were unable to speak due to lack of time. The public speaker requirements specified in Section X of this Agenda apply to this Section.

**XV. CITY COUNCIL/CITY MANAGER/CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS,
COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE REPORTS
AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

This is the time for brief announcements on issues of interest to the community. In accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act, matters which do not appear on this agenda but require City Council discussion may be either (a) referred to staff or other resources for factual information or (b) placed on a future meeting agenda.

1. Regional Committee

- a. Contra Costa Mayors Conference
- b. Hercules/ Pinole - WasteWater Management
- c. League of Cities
- d. Water Emerg. Transportation Authority
- e. WCCIWMA
- f. WCCTAC
- g. West Co. Mayors & Supervisors Assoc. Meeting
- h. WestCat
- i. MCE
- j. CCTA
- k. East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

- a. Econ. Dev. Subcommittee
- b. Traffic and Public Safety Committee
- c. East Bay Economic Development Alliance
- d. Education Subcommittee

3. Commission Liaisons

- a. Community & Library Services Commission
- b. Finance Commission
- c. Planning Commisison

The Cit Manager reported out on the 4th July celebration. Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke, also reported out on the event and promoted upcoming events. City Attorney had no announcements.

1. Regional Committee

Council Member Walker-Griffin reported out on the Association of Bay Area Governments(ABAG) meeting. Vice Mayor Kelley reported out on West Contra Costa Transportation Authority Commission meeting and Mayor Bailey reported out on the WestCat meeting

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports were provided

3.Commission Liaisons

No reports were provided

Council Members reported out on events they attended throughout the City and County, which included the 4th of July Celebration and the Change of Command Ceremony for the Hercules Fire Department.

Mayor Bailey also provided an update to residents regarding the ongoing labor issues that Republic Services is currently experiencing. He provided updated information on what residents should be doing with their trash.

There were no future agenda items requests.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

Dion Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk