



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 Crawl, City Attorney
Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk

Tuesday, July 29, 2025

6:00 PM

CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M., SPECIAL MEETING - 7:00 P.M

In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:

Zoom ID: 827 4859 6029 Zoom Passcode: 656349

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 6:00 P.M.

***Vice Mayor Kelley will be participating in the meeting from the following remote location: 152 Whig Street, Dennis, MA 02638**

A. 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: 5 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, and 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:

City Attorney, Christie Crawl, read the title of the item to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council and Staff recessed into Closed Session.

Present: 5 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, and Council Member T. Grimsley

1. [25-223](#) 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

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

Present: 5 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, and Council Member T. Grimsley

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

The City Attorney Crowl reported out that there was no final or reportable action taken in Closed Session.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Staff and Council stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bailey requested a moment of silence for former City Council Member Herman Blackmon who recently passed away.

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

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. [25-221](#) Public Hearing to Consider Whether to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Sewer Service Charge Report and Authorize Collection of Proposed Sewer Service Charges on the Tax Roll in the Same Manner, by the Same Persons, and at the Same Time As, Together With and Not Separately

From, General Taxes

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council conduct a public hearing and if protests are not made by a majority of the affected parcels, adopt a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Sewer Service Charge Report and authorizing the collection of sewer service charges on the tax roll in the same manner, by the same persons, and at the same time as, together with and not separately from, general taxes.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Sewer Rate Hearing - Adopt Tax Roll](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution Sewer Rate Tax Roll](#)

[Attach 2 - City of Hercules Sewer Service Charge Roll FY25-26](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, introduced and presented the item. A representative from Francisco and Associates was in attendance via Zoom to answer any questions. No comments and questions from Council. Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing. No public comment. Council provided remarks. Mayor Bailey closed the public hearing. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to adopt Resolution 25-049. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, and Council Member T. Grimsley

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Aye: 5 - Council Member Dilli Bhattarai, Mayor D. Bailey, Vice Mayor C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, and Council Member T. Grimsley

1. [25-222](#) Award of a Contract to Valentine Heating and Air, Inc. for the Swim Center Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement Project
RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Valentine Heating and Air, Inc. (Valentine) in the amount of \$151,100 for the Swim Center HVAC Replacement Project with an additional expenditure of up to \$15,100 for a 10% contingency on said contract, for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$166,200.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Swim Center HVAC Award](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

Resolution 25-050, APPROVED.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

NONE

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

No announcements from the City Manager or City Attorney.

Council Member Grimsley expressed her condolences to Herman Blackmon's family.

1. Regional Committees

No reports were provided

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports were provided

3. Commission Liaisons

No reports were provided

There were no future agenda item requests.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bailey closed the meeting in honor of former Council Member Herman Blackmon. He adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.

Dion Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk