



# 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*  
*Eibeleis Melendez, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, July 22, 2025

5:30 PM

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

**In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:**

**Zoom ID: 831 2741 2946    Zoom Passcode: 221988**

**Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833**

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

#### **IA. 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:

The City Attorney read the titles of the items to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council and Staff recess into Closed Session.

1. [25-220](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - one case.
2. [25-216](#) 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. REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL - 7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Bailey convened the regular meeting at 7:05 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**

There was no final or reportable action taken in Closed Session.

#### **VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

#### **VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

NONE

#### **VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS**

##### **Update on Solid Waste Services - Republic Services**

Mayor Bailey turned to City Manager, Dante Hall, to provide an update on this item. City Manager Hall read a statement provided by Republic Services and provided an update on garbage services. City Manager Hall also clarified the Cities relationship with Republic Services as a third party contractor. Public comment was provided by Gilberto Ramirez, Cheryl Wright, Dorris Sykes and Sherry McCoy. Council provided remarks. No action was taken on this item.

#### **IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS**

NONE

## X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment was provided by Sherry MCoy.

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. [25-206](#) Public Hearing to Consider Whether to Adopt Proposed Sewer Rate Increases Pursuant to Proposition 218  
RECOMMENDATION:  
It is recommended that the City Council take the following actions:
  1. Conduct a public hearing pursuant to Section 6(a)(2) of Article XIII D of the California Constitution regarding the proposed changes to the sewer rates. During the Public Hearing, consider all protests against the proposed changes to the sewer rates;
  2. Close the Public Hearing
  3. If written protests against the proposed sewer rates are presented by a majority of the affected parcels of real property, the proposed sewer rates cannot be adopted; or
  4. If written protests against the proposed sewer rates are presented by less than a majority of the affected parcels of real property, adopt the following Resolution titled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HERCULES FINDING THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AND ADOPTING SEWER RATES. "

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Sewer Rate Hearing](#)  
[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)  
[Attach 2 - Hercules 2025 Prop 218 Sewer Rate Notice](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, introduced the item. A representative from Wildan presented. Mayor Bailey opened the public hearing. Public comment was provided by Adrian Boyant-Reid, Cheryl Wright, Leslie Manzoni(on-line), anonymous. Mayor Bailey brought it back to Council for discussion. Director Dombeck provided a response. Council

asked questions and provided comment. Director Dombeck, City Manager Dante Hall, Finance Director Edwin Gato and Wildan provided a response. Mayor Bailey closed the Public Hearing. Public Works Director Dombeck confirmed that 59 protest letters were received. Which was below the majority vote required. The adoption of the resolution did proceed and action was taken on this item.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to adopt Resolution 2-044. 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

**Abstain:** 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

## **XII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Grimsley, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley, 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. [25-217](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes fro the Regular Meeting of July 8, 2025](#)

APPROVED

## **XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS**

1. [25-207](#) Declare Results of Protest Balloting Proceedings and Confirm Fiscal Year 2025/26 Assessments for Victoria by the Bay Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-1  
RECOMMENDATION:  
City staff is recommending City Council take the following actions:
  1. Adopt a Resolution Declaring the Results of the Ballot Tabulation Regarding the Proposed Increase to the Maximum Assessment Rate for Victoria by the Bay Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-1 commencing Fiscal Year 2025/26; and
  2. Adopt a Resolution Approving the Final Engineer's Report, Confirming Diagram and Assessments, and Ordering Levy of Assessments for Fiscal Year 2025/26 for Victoria by the Bay Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-1 pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972; and
  3. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and Finance Director

to Execute Any and All Necessary Documentation to Repay the General Fund for Monies Loaned to Victoria by the Bay Landscaping and Lighting District in an Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000 Over 10 Years and will bear no interest.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Victoria by The Bay LLAD](#)

[Attach 1 - RESOLUTION DECLARING RESULTS OF THE PROTEST BALLOTING 2002-1](#)

[Attach 2 - RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENTS 2002-1v2](#)

[Attach 3 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF REPAYMENT DOCUMENTS](#)

[Attach 4 - L2002-1-2526 Final Engineer's Report](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, introduced the item which is a continued item from the June 24, 2025 City Council meeting. Francisco and Associates presented. No public comment. Council made remarks. Action was taken on this item.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Grimsley, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai, to adopt Resolution 25-045. 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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to adopt Resolution 25-046. 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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Grimsley, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley, to adopt Resolution 25-047. The motion carried by the following vote:**

2. [25-208](#)

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with SDI Presence, LLC, for the development of an Information Technology Strategic Plan (ITSP) in an amount not to exceed \$84,150

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with SDI Presence, LLC, for the development of an Information Technology Strategic Plan (ITSP) in an amount not to exceed \$84,150.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - SDI Contract Award](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

[Attach 2 - SDI Response to City of Hercules IT Strategic Plan RFP 25-001](#)

Finance Director, Edwin Gato, introduced and presented the Item. SDI Presence, LLC attended via Zoom to answer any questions. No public

comment. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Gato and SDI provided a response. Action was taken on this item.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Council Member Walker-Griffin, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley, to adopt Resolution 25-048. 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

3. [25-195](#)

Discussion Regarding Potential Revenue-Generating Options

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the report on potential revenue-generating options and, by minute order, provide guidance to staff on which option or options to pursue.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Revenue Enhancement Options](#)

[Attach 1 - Staff Report - RPTT Charter City Discussion](#)

[Attach 2 - Presentation](#)

City Manager. Dante Hall, introduced the item. Finance Director, Edwin Gato, presented. Public comment was provided by Sherry McCoy, Leslie Mazoni(Via Zoom) and Jason Bellevue. Council asked questions and provided comment. Finance Director Gato and City Manager Hall provided a response. This was an informational item but Council did provide Staff direction for next steps.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to direct staff to move forward with surveying the public on a future tax measure. The three potential tax measures being considered are Real Property Transfer Tax, General Obligation(GO) Bonds and a sales tax option. No decision was made by Council at this time. 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

4. [25-210](#)

Update on the Hercules Police Department

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update on the Hercules Police Department

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Hercules Police Department Annual Report 2025](#)

[Presentation](#)

Police Chief, Joe Vasquez, introduced and presented the item. Public comment was provided by Dorris Sykes. Council asked questions and provided comment. Chief Vasquez 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**

City Manager Hall promoted National Night Out and also noted that the Annual Report and Parks and Recreation Fall Guide is now available. City Attorney Crowl had no announcements.

**1. Regional Committees**

Vice Mayor Kelley reported out on the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting. Council Member Grimsley reported out on the WestCat Board of Directors meeting. Council Member Walker-Griffin attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and

Mayor Bailey reported out on the West Cat Board of Directors meeting and the Marin Clean Energy Board meeting.

**2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees**

Council Member Walker-Griffin reported out on the Green Empowerment Zone meeting

**3. Commission Liaisons**

No reports were provided

Council Members reported out on events they attended throughout the City and County.

There were no future agenda item requests.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 10:04 P.M.

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