



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, December 10, 2024

6:00 PM

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

In-Person in Council Chambers or To Watch or Listen only:

Zoom ID: 812 5176 1353 Zoom Passcode: 561387

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 6:00 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: 5 - Council Member C. Kelley, Council Member T. Grimsley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, Mayor D. Romero, and Vice Mayor D. Bailey

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 Crowl, noted that Agenda Item III.2, Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code section 549.56.8. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Property Address: 1680 Refugio Valley Road, Hercules, CA 94547, is being continued to the January meeting. City Attorney Crowl read the title of the one item to be discussed in the Closed Session. City Council and Staff recessed into Closed Session.

1. [22-1035](#) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 - City Negotiators: Dante Hall, City Manager; Edwin Gato, Director of Finance; relative to the following employee groups:

a. Teamsters Local 315 Employee Organizations

2. [22-1036](#) 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 Crowl, 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: 5 - Council Member T. Grimsley, Council Member C. Kelley, Council Member A. Walker-Griffin, Mayor D. Romero, and Vice Mayor D. Bailey

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 Grimsley.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

NONE

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment was provided by Nick Barry.

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

NONE

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

1. [22-1023](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 12, 2024](#)

APPROVED

2. [22-1024](#) Declaring Results of the November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election
RECOMMENDATION:
It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution declaring the results of the Consolidated General Municipal Election held on November 5, 2024

Attachments: [Staff Report - Election Results 2024](#)
[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)
[Exhibit A - 2024 Election Certificate and Summary of Results](#)

Resolution 24-077, APPROVED.

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [22-1025](#) Commission and Committee Appointments
RECOMMENDATION:
1. Consider making appointments to the Hercules Commissions, Regional Boards and Committees to fill vacancies and expired terms

2. Following appointments, direct Staff to prepare and publish the Local Appointments List (Maddy Act) pursuant to Government Code 54972

Attachments: [Staff Report - Commission Appointments](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced the item. City Clerk, Eibleis Melendez, presented. There was no discussion or public comment on this item. Council members voted on the Commission applicants. Action was taken on this item. The following applicants were appointed to Commissions:

Planning Commission:

- Sylvia Jimenez
- Kenneth Morrison
- Carol Most-Walker

Finance Commission:

- Janet Stallman
- Sam Ahmad
- Edward Ulle

Community and Library Services Commission:

- Kaitlyn Azevedo
- Han Chen
- D. Yamamoto
- Monique Hernandez, Student Commissioner

Contra Costa Advisory Council on Aging:

- Sara Green

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bailey , seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to direct Staff to prepare and publish the local appointments list per the Maddy Act . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

1. [22-1026](#) Vice Mayor Bailey to Present a Proclamation Commending the Dedication and Leadership of Mayor Romero.

Attachments: [Proclamation for Mayor Dan Romero](#)

Vice Mayor Bailey presented a proclamation to Mayor Romero. Council provided comment. Public comment was provided by Harpreet Sandu, Anthony Tave, and Tanya Little.

2. [22-1032](#) Remarks from Mayor Romero

Mayor Romero spoke and provided remarks on his retirement from City Council. The meeting recessed briefly for pictures.

OATHS OF OFFICE & INSTALLATION OF RE-ELECTED AND NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. [22-1027](#) Administer Oath of Office to Re-Elected Council Members Alex Walker-Griffin and Tiffany Grimsley and Newly Elected Council Member Dilli Bhattarai

Attachments: [Cert of Election Form - A. Walker-Griffin](#)
[Cert of Election Form - T. Grimsley](#)
[Cert of Election Form - D. Bhattarai](#)

The Oath of Office was administered to the re-elected and newly elected Council Members. Council members provided comment. Public comment was provided by Devin Murphy, Anthony Tuve, and Harpreet Sndhu. Although a motion and a vote was made at this point in the meeting to install the Mayor and Vice Mayor, the Council later took this action at the appropriate time on the agenda as part of the first item under the City Council Reorganization.

2. [22-1028](#) Remarks from Council Members

Council provided remarks and welcomed Council Member Dilli Bhattari to the Hercules City Council.

The Meeting went into recess for refreshments and pictures.

RECESS AND REFRESHMENTS**RECONVENE - CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL****CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

1. [22-1030](#) Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor

Attachments: [Staff Report - Selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor](#)
[Attach 1 - Council Rules of Procedure](#)

The City Council meeting reconvened. Vice Mayor Bailey opened the meeting. City Attorney, Christie Crawl, made note that once the newly elected and re-elected Council Members received their oath, they were effectively seated, so the selection of Mayor and Vice Mayor should occur during this agenda item. Action was taken on this item. Council Members provided comment.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to nominate Dion Bailey as Mayor . The motion carried by the following vote:

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Bailey, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai to nominate Chris Kelley as Vice Mayor . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

2. [22-1031](#) City Council Regular Meeting Dates for 2025

Attachments: [Staff Report - Meeting Schedule 2025](#)
[Attach 1 - Draft 2025 Meeting Calendar](#)

City Clerk, Eibleis Melendez, introduced and presented the item. Council members provided comment. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Walker-Griffin, to not have City Council meetings scheduled on the following dates in 2025: August 12 and 26, November 25 and December 23rd. August 12th will be held as a potential meeting date if needed. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

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**
- 2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees**
- 3. Commission Liaisons**

City Attorney, Christie Crowl and City Manager, Dante Hall congratulated the newly elected and re-elected Council Members. No announcements.

1. Regional Committees

No reports were provided

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports were provided

3. Commission Liaisons

No reports were provided

Community Events-

Council Members reported out on events they attended throughout the City and County. They also promoted upcoming local events.

There were no future agenda item requests.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Dion Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk