



# 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*  
*Eibele Melendez, City Clerk*

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:00 PM

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

**In-Person in Council Chambers or To Watch:**

**Zoom ID: 812 9402 0591 Zoom Passcode: 049617**

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

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

Vice Mayor Kelley and Council Member Bhattarai arrived late to Closed Session and were not present during roll call.

**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 Crowl, read the title of the Items to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council and Staff recessed into Closed Session.

1. [25-134](#) 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. Teamster Local 315 Employee Organization
  - b. Hercules Police Officers Association
  - c. Hercules Senior Manager Employee Group
  - d. Confidential Unrepresented Employee Group
  - e. Mid Management Employee Group
2. [25-133](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1) in one matter

#### **IV. REGULAR 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**

City Attorney, Christie Crowl, reported out that there was not final or reportable action taken in CLOsed Session.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Vice Mayor Kelley.

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

Mayor Bailey requested a Moment of Silence for Lloyd Madden, a long-time resident of Hercules that passed away recently.

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

1. [25-136](#) Proclamation - National Public Works Week

**Attachments:** [National Public Works Week Proclamation](#)

Mayor Bailey read the proclamation. Council Members provided their remarks. City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced and welcomed the new Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck. Director Dombeck accepted the proclamation and thanked Council for the acknowledgement.

2. [25-145](#) Proclamation - Recognizing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**Attachments:** [AANHPI Heritage Month 2025 Proclamation](#)

Mayor Bailey read the proclamation. Council Members provided their remarks.

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

NONE

#### **X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Public comment was provided by Marion Vasquez

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.     [25-129](#)     Hercules Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and Consistency Updates to the General Plan Safety Element  
RECOMMENDATION:  
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 25-XX (Attachment 1) adopting an updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to replace the existing LHMP attachment to the General Plan Safety Element, making minor text modifications to the Safety Element for consistency purposes, and finding the action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3).

Attachments:   [Staff Report - LHMP](#)

[Attach 1 - Draft City Council Resolution](#)

[Exhibit A - Proposed Text Updates to the Hercules Safety Element](#)

[Attach 2 - Planning Commission Resolution 25-02](#)

[Attach 3 - Hercules Local Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)

[Attach 4 - FEMA Approvable Pending Adoption Letter](#)

Community Development Director, Tim Rood, introduced and presented the item. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Rood provided a response. Mayor Bailey opened the Public Hearing. No public comment was provided. Mayor Bailey closed the Public Hearing. There was no further discussion from Council. Action was taken on this item.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Grimsely, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai to adopt Resolution 25-026. The motion was 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 Walker-Griffin, seconded by Vice Mayor Kelley to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion was 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. [25-135](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2025](#)

APPROVED

2. [25-114](#) Authorize City Manager to execute an amendment to the City's October 22, 2024 Professional Services Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) (Resolution No. 24-069) Increasing the Total Cost by \$11,800

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment LSA to provide additional services pursuant to the City's October 22, 2024 Professional Services Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) (Resolution No. 24-069) increasing the total cost by \$11,800.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Contract Amendment With LSA Associates](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

[Attach 2 - Terraphase Proposal Letter](#)

Resolution 25-027, APPROVED

3. [25-130](#) Accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2025.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Investment Quarterly Report Ending March 31, 2025](#)

[Attach 1 - Quarterly Investment Report March 31, 2025](#)

APPROVED

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

1. [25-132](#) Approve Traffic Calming Improvements on John Muir Parkway between Albert Nobel Drive and future Bayfront Loop north of Tioga Loop, and authorize the City Manager to initiate preparation of plans and bid documents

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Traffic Calming Improvements on John Muir Parkway between Albert Nobel Drive and future Bayfront Loop north of Tioga Loop, and authorize the City Manager to prepare the plans and bid documents.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - John Muir Pkwy Traffic Calming Improvements](#)  
[Attach 1 - Resolution - Traffic Calming Improvements](#)  
[Attach 2 - Kimley Horn Memorandum](#)  
[Presentation](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced the items. Representatives from Kimley- Horn presented. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided comment. Kimley- Horn and Interim Public Works Director provided a response. Action was taken on this item and direction was provided by Council.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Grimsley to adopt Resolution 25-029 and to approve the recommended Traffic Calming Improvements for John Muir Parkway provided by Kimley- Horn and authorize the City Manager to initiate preparation of plans and bid documents. The motion was 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

2. [25-124](#)

Approval of Quad-City CORE Homeless Services Pilot Program Agreement in the Amount of \$48,965

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution to approve the Quad-City CORE Homeless Services Pilot Program Agreement between the cities of Hercules, Pinole, El Cerrito, and San Pablo in partnership with the Contra Costa County CORE Program and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Approval of Quad-City CORE Homeless Services Pilot Program Agreement](#)  
[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)  
[Attach 2 - FY 2025-26 Quad City Core Services Agreement](#)  
[Presentation](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced. Representatives from the CORE program presented. Public comment was provided by Tanya Little. Council asked questions and provided comment. CORE representatives and City Manager Hall 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 25-028. The motion was 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. [25-131](#)

Update on the City of Hercules Community Development Department

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive an update on the City of Hercules Community Development Department.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - Community Development Update Presentation](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced the item. Community Development Director, Tim Rood, presented. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Rood provided a response. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

4. [25-123](#) Quarterly Update on FY 2024-2026 Hercules City Council Strategic Goals  
RECOMMENDATION:  
Receive and file the report on the FY 2024-2026 Hercules City Council Strategic Goals.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report - 2024-2026 Hercules City Council Strategic Goals Update](#)  
[Attach 1 - FY 2024-2026 Hercules City Council Strategic Goals Report](#)  
[Attach 2 - City Of Hercules 2024 Strategic Goals Work Plan Update](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced and presented the item. No public comment. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

#### **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

Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke, announced upcoming events which included the Hercules Cultural Festival and he advertised summer program registration.

**1. Regional Committees**

Vice Mayor Kelly reported out on the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, the WestCat Board Meeting and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance. Council Member Grimsley also reported out on the WestCat Board meeting. Mayor Bailey reported out on the Marin Clean Energy(MCE) Board meeting.

**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, which included the Clean Up Day and the Community Meeting on Public Safety.

There were no Future Agenda Item Requests from City Council.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:56 P.M.

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Dion Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

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