



City of Hercules

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Meeting Minutes

City Council

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

Patrick Tang, Interim City Manager
Christie Crawl, City Attorney
Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00 PM

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

In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:

Zoom ID: 863 2378 1258 Zoom Passcode: 762371

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

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

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

City Attorney, Christie Crawl, announced the titles of the items to be discussed in Closed Session. Council and Staff convened into Closed Session.

1. [26-072](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) - Bruce v. City of Hercules, et al.; United States District Court, Northern District, Case No. 4:25-cv-01297.

2. [26-071](#) Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employment (City Manager)

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

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Council Member Bhattarai.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Kelley requested a Moment of Silence for all of the American Service members and people that have lost their lives during the Middle East conflict.

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. [26-055](#) Proclamation - American Red Cross Month

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Kelley read the proclamation and presented the proclamation to the American Red Cross representative. The representative thanked Council and provided a statement. Council made remarks. Photos were taken.

2. [26-063](#) BART Presentation - A Defining Year for BART

Attachments: [BART Presentation](#)

Barnali Ghosh, BART Board Director for District 3, presented. Council asked questions and Director Ghosh provided a response.

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

- [26-062](#) 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 - Lien List](#)

City Clerk, Eibleis Melendez, presented the Staff Report. No question from Council. Mayor Kelley opened the Public Hearing. No Public Comment. Mayor Kelley closed the Public Hearing. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, to adopt Resolution 26-017. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

Abstain: 1 - Vice Mayor A. Walker-Griffin

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Bailey asked a clarifying questions regarding Consent Calendar Item 6, Contra Costa County Library Commission Seat Appointment. Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke, provided a response.

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

following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

1. [26-066](#) Meeting Minutes for the Special Closed Session of February 3, 2026

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes for the Special Closed Session Meeting of February 3, 2026](#)

APPROVED

2. [26-070](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2026](#)

APPROVED

3. [26-064](#) 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report
RECOMMENDATION:
Approve the 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR).

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

APPROVED

4. [26-065](#) 2025 Annual Housing Element Progress Report
RECOMMENDATION:
Approve report for submittal to the 2025 Annual Housing Element Progress Report (Attachment 1) to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and other applicable agencies.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Summary](#)
[Table A](#)
[Table A2](#)
[Table B](#)
[Table C](#)
[Table D](#)
[Table E](#)
[Table F](#)
[Table F2](#)
[Table G](#)
[Table H](#)
[Table J](#)
[Table K](#)
[Table L](#)
[LEAP Reporting](#)

APPROVED

5. [26-056](#) Redevelopment Housing Successor Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council receive and file the Housing Successor Agency Annual Report for FY 2024-25.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attach 1 - Hercules Housing Successor Annual Report FY 2024-25](#)
[Appendix 1 - Hercules Redevelopment Agency Housing Assets List](#)

APPROVED

6. [26-057](#) Contra Costa County Library Commission Alternate Seat Appointment
RECOMMENDATION:
The Hercules Community & Library Services Commission recommends that the City Council appoint Wylendia Eastman to fill the City Representative Alternate Seat on the Contra Costa County Library Commission.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attach 1 - Ordinance 444](#)
[Attach 2 - CCC Library Commission By laws](#)

APPROVED

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [26-058](#) Budget Workshop: Fiscal Year 2026-27 Capital Projects Proposed Budget and Ten-Year Capital Improvement Projects Plan
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council receive a presentation and provide feedback on the proposed projects, funding allocations, and prioritization for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 Proposed Capital Projects Budget and the associated Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Attachments: [Staff Report - Budget Workshop - Ten Year CIP](#)
[Attach 1 - Ten-Year CIP Summary](#)
[Attach 2 - Ten-Year CIP - Facility Category](#)
[Attach 3 - Ten-Year CIP - Parks Category](#)
[Attach 4 - Ten-Year CIP - Sewer Category](#)
[Attach 5 - Ten-Year CIP - Street Category](#)
[Attach 6 - Ten Year CIP - Hercules HUB Category](#)
[Presentation](#)

Finance Director, Gato introduced the item and Director Gato and Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, presented the Staff Report. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided comments. Director Dombeck and Director Gato provided a response. No Public Comment. This was an informational item. No action was taken on this item.

2. [26-060](#) Proposition 218 Proceedings for Hercules Village Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-2
RECOMMENDATION:
City staff is requesting direction from City Council regarding the timing of Proposition 218 proceedings to increase annual assessments for the Hercules Village Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-2.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, presented the Staff Report. Francisco and Associates was in attendance via Zoom to answer questions. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Dombeck, Interim City Manager Patrick Tang, City Attorney Crawl and Francisco and Associates provided a response. No Public Comment.

Direction was provided by Council. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, to move forward with Option 2, as proposed by Staff. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member T. Grimsley

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

Interim City Manager, Patrick Tang, provided a citywide departmental update. No announcements from City Attorney Crowl.

1. Regional Committees

Council Member Bailey reported out on the WestCat and Marin Clean Energy(MCE) board meetings. Mayor Kelley attended the Mayors Conference hosted by the City. She reported out on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting.

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports were provided

3. Commission Liaisons

No reports were provided

Council Members also reported out on events that they attended throughout the city and county, such as the Lunar New Year Parade and Bottle and Bites

There were no Future Agenda Item requests from Council.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Chris Kelley, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk