



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, February 25, 2025

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: 815 2601 0912 Zoom Passcode: 296897

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

Council Member Bhattarai arrived late and was not present when roll Call was taken.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

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 titles of the items to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council and Staff recessed into Closed Session.

1. [25-071](#) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION - Title: City Manager
2. [25-070](#) 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

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

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Christie Crawl, reported out that there was no final or reportable action on Item 1. Item 2 was continued until the end of the regular meeting.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Council Member Grimsley.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

NONE

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. [25-063](#) Proclamation - Recognizing the Chinese Heritage Association of Hercules

Attachments: [Chinese Association of Hercules Proclamation](#)

Mayor Bailey presented the proclamation to the Chinese Association of Hercules. James Woo, the Vice President of the Chinese Association of Hercules, was in attendance to accept the proclamation. Council Members provided comment. James Woo spoke and accepted the proclamation. Pictures were taken.

2. [25-064](#) Presentation - Animal Services Update

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Brian Winkleblack, from Contra Costa Animal Services, presented. Council asked questions and provided comment. Mr. Winkleblack provided a response.

IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Discussion Item XIII.1-Update on the Hercules Hub and Amendment No.3 with Gray Bowen Scott for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$562,500 to Provide Project Management and Advance the Funding Plan for The Hub, was moved to a future City Council Meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public comment was provided by Angela Clark and Sarah Creeley.

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 Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

1. [25-065](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2025](#)

APPROVED

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [25-066](#) Update on the Hercules Hub and Amendment No.3 with Gray Bowen Scott for a Not to Exceed Amount of \$562,500 to Provide Project Management and Advance the Funding Plan for The Hub
RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No.3 with Gray Bowen Scott (GBS) for a not to exceed amount of \$562,500 to continue project management and advance the funding plan for The Hub for a total not to exceed contract amount of \$1,465,001.

Attachments: [Staff Report - Hercules Hub Gray Bowen Scott\(GBS\) Amendment](#)
[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)
[Attach 2 - Hercules Hub GBS Amendment #3 Proposal Letter & Scope](#)
[Presentation - Hercules Hub-City](#)

This item was moved to a future City Council Meeting.

2. [25-067](#) Update on the City of Hercules Public Works Department
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive an update on the City of Hercules Public Works Department

Attachments: [Staff Report - Public Works Update](#)
[Presentation - Public Works Updates - 2025](#)

Acting Public Works Director, Jeff Brown, presented. Council asked questions and provided comment. Acting Director Brown provided a response. No public comment. This was an informational item. No action was taken on this item.

3. [25-050](#) East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments Annual Membership Dues
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution authorizing the payment of \$3,000 in annual membership dues to the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments.

Attachments: [Staff Report - East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments Annual Membership Dues](#)
[Attach 1 - Resoluition](#)
[Attach 2 - July 23, 2024 Staff Report - Wildfire Prevention MOU](#)
[Attach 3 - July 23 2024 Attach 1 - Resolution](#)
[Attach 4 - East Bay Hills Wildfire Coordination MOU](#)
[Attach 5 - EastBayWildfirePrevention - Needs To Be Addressed](#)
[Attach 6 - Wildfire Protection Coordinating Group MOU -Presentation -Sept 2023](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced and presented the item. Council asked questions and provided comment. City Manager Hall provided a response. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Kelley, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to adopt Resolution 25-007 . The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

4. [25-069](#) FY 24-25 Midyear Budget Review
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive a report on the midyear budget review for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25.

Attachments: [Staff Report - FY 24-25 Mid-Year Budget Update](#)

[Attach 1 - General Fund Summary](#)

[Attach 2 - Non-General Fund Summary](#)

Finance Director, Edwin Gato, introduced and presented the item. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Gato provided a response. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

5. [25-068](#) "City Dollars & Cents: Funding Our Future" Meeting
RECOMMENDATION:
This is an informational report.

Attachments: [Town Hall meeting announcement - Revenue Enhancement](#)

City Manager, Dante Hall, introduced the item. Finance Director, Edwin Gato, presented. No public comment. Council asked questions and provided 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**
- 2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees**
- 3. Commission Liaisons**

No announcements from the City Manager or the City Attorney.

1. Regional Committee

Vice Mayor Kelley reported out on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority(CCTA) meeting and the East Bay Economic Development Alliance presentation on the Regional Shoreline Action Plan. Mayor Bailey provided information on Hercules joining MCE.

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 the County.

Future Agenda Item Requests-

Mayor Bailey requested a discussion on developing a Brown Acted meeting for a future Police Advisory Committee. Council Members agreed to hold a discussion at a future meeting.

Council Members and Staff reconvened into Closed Session at 8:59pm to discuss the second Closed Session item. There was no reportable or final action taken on this item.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 9:28 P.M.

Dion Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk