



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 Crowl, City Attorney
Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

6:30 PM

CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 PM REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM

In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:

Zoom ID: 882 3272 5214 Zoom Passcode: 216938

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 6:30 PM

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

Vice Mayor Walker- Griffin was not present during roll call but did attend Closed Session.

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

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NONE

III. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Christie Crowl, read the title of the item to be discussed in Closed Session. Staff and Council convened into Closed Session.

The Hercules City Council will meet in Closed Session regarding the following:

1. [26-142](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) (one case).

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

Mayor Kelley opened the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

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

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Crowl stated that no final or reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Council Member Bhattarai.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Kelley requested a Moment of Silence for long time resident, Carol White, who recently passed away.

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. [26-143](#) Proclamation - Juneteenth 2026

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Kelley read the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by Frank Grimsley III. Remarks were made by Mr. Grimsley III and Council Members. Photos were taken.

2. [26-144](#) Proclamation - Pride Month 2026

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Kelley read the proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by Brian Campbell-Miller. Remarks were made remarks by both Mr. Campbell-Miller and Council Members. Photos were taken.

IX. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

NONE

X. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comment was made by Alison Peters, City of Hercules Library Manager and Catherine Dupont.

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

- [26-140](#) Public Hearing on Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-27 City of Hercules Budget Plan including the First Year of the Ten Year 2026-36 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
RECOMMENDATION:
Open the public hearing, receive the staff report, take public testimony, and continue the public hearing to June 23, 2026. The City Council is encouraged to discuss and provide policy directions to staff regarding the proposed FY 2026-27 Annual Budget.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - Proposed FY 26-27 Annual Budget](#)

Mayor Kelley opened the Public Hearing. Interim City Manager, Patrick Tang, introduced the item. Finance Director, Edwin Gato, presented the Staff Report. No public comment. Council asked questions and made comments. Director Gato and Interim City Manager Tang provided a response. Council made some budget requests. Mayor Kelley continued the Public Hearing to June 23rd, 2026.

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Mayor Bailey left the City Council meeting at the end of the Public Hearing item at approximately 8:25pm.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member D. Bailey

- [26-141](#) Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2026

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 26, 2026](#)

Mayor Kelley pulled the May 26th Meeting Minutes from the Consent

Calendar and requested that the word 'revised' be changed to 'clarify' in the motion for Public Hearing Item XI.1(Pg. 17). The minutes were also previously revised to include the names of people that submitted written public comment.

The council voted to revise the minutes with the updated wording on Pg. 17 and to approve the edits that were previously made by the City Clerk.

The Council voted to revise the minutes with the updated wording on Pg. 17 and to approve the edits that were previously made by the City Clerk. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member D. Bailey

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [26-137](#) November 3, 2026 General Municipal Election
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends adoption of a Resolution Calling for the Holding of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and the Specifications of the Election Order for the Election of Two (2) Members of the City Council for the Full Term of Four Years.

Attachments: [Staff Report - City Election](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

[Attach 2 - Draft Election Notice](#)

City Clerk, Eibleis Melendez, presented the Staff Report. A comment was made by Council. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai, to adopt this Resolution 26-030. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member D. Bailey

2. [26-123](#) Military Equipment Use and Acquisition
RECOMMENDATION:
By minute order, (1) accept the annual military equipment report, (2) determine that the Police Department's use of military equipment for the past year complied with the Department's Policy 706 and the requirements of state law, and (3) renew Policy 706 and Ordinance No. 547 (Military Equipment) and confirm that both will remain in effect without change.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Attach 1 - Military Equipment Policy 706](#)[Attach 2 - Annual Military Equipment Report 2025](#)[Attach 3 - AB 481](#)[Attach 4 - Ord. 547- Military Equipment](#)[Presentation](#)

Interim City Manager Tang noted that Commander Chun Kim would be presenting the item in Chief Joseph Vasquez's absence. Commander Kim presented the Staff Report. Council asked questions and made comments. Commander Kim provided a response. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, to (1) accept the annual military equipment report, (2) determine that the Police Department's use of military equipment for the past year complied with the Department's Policy 706 and the requirements of state law, and (3) renew Policy 706 and Ordinance No. 547 (Military Equipment) and confirm that both will remain in effect without change. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member D. Bailey

3. [26-138](#)

Amend the City Council Rules of Procedure to Govern Audiovisual Disruptions Pursuant to SB 707

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution amending the City Council Rules of Procedure to establish a policy governing a City Council response to a disruption to a two-way audiovisual service used for City Council meetings.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)[Attach 2 - City Council Rules of Procedure with proposed amendments](#)

Interim City Manager Tang introduced the item. Attorney City Crowl presented the Staff Report. Council asked questions. City Attorney Crowl provided a response. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to adopt Resolution 26-031. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member D. Bailey

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

3. Commission Liaisons

- a. Community & Library Services Commission
- b. Finance Commission
- c. Planning Commisison

Interim City Manager Tang, promoted upcoming city events and meetings. He also provided an update on certain city projects. Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke, shared departmental project and event updates. City Attorney Crowl had no announcements.

1. Regional Committee

No reports were provided

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports were provided

3. Commission Liaisons

No reports were provided

Council also reported out on events they attend within the city and county, which included the Cultural Festival.

There were no future agenda item requests from Council.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.

Chris Kelley, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk