



# 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*

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Tuesday, April 28, 2026

6:00 PM

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#### **SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 PM**

**In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:**

**Zoom ID: 844 3196 9944 Zoom Passcode: 471002**

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

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

Council Member Grimsley 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**

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

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

1. [26-101](#) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) - 1 case.

**IV. REGULAR MEETING – CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL - 7:00 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 reportable or final action was taken in Closed Session.

**VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bhattarai.

**VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Kelley requested a Moment of Silence for Hercules resident, Christopher Todd Abundis, who recently passed away.

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

1. [26-095](#) Proclamation - National Library Week April 19-25, 2026

**Attachments:** [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Kelley read the proclamation. Hercules Library Manager, Alison Peters, accepted the proclamation and made remarks. Council made remarks.

2. [26-102](#) National Volunteer Week

Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke, acknowledged National Volunteer Week by recognizing all of our City volunteers and expressed his thanks for their time and dedication to the city.

3. [26-098](#) Presentation - Phillips 66 Rodeo Renewable Energy Complex

**Attachments:** [Presentation](#)

Sr. Special Projects Administrator, David Schoenthal, from Phillips 66 presented. Council asked questions and made remarks.

**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**

NONE

**XII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

1. [26-100](#) Meeting Minutes for the Special Closed Session Meeting of April 7, 2026

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes for the Special Closed Session Meeting of April 7, 2026](#)

APPROVED

2. [26-096](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026](#)

APPROVED

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

1. [26-059](#) Presentation from Contra Costa County Representative on the Contra Costa County Regional Alternative Compliance (RAC) Joint Powers Authority  
RECOMMENDATION:  
Council is asked to receive the presentation on the Contra Costa County Regional Alternative Compliance (RAC) Joint Powers Authority.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[Attach 1 - RAC System Overview](#)[Attach 2 - RAC System Fact Sheet](#)[Attach 3 - RAC JPA Joint Powers Agreement](#)[Presentation](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, introduced the item. A representative from Contra Costa County presented. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Dombeck and the County Representative provided a response. Public Comment was provided by Tanya Little via Zoom. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

**2.** [26-097](#)

Landscaping and Lighting Assessment Districts - Approval of Preliminary Engineer's Reports and Declaring the City Council's Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City staff is recommending City Council adopt the following resolutions:

a. A resolution for the preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report and declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 within the Citywide Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 83-2, which is comprised of Benefit Zone Nos. 1, 2, 3&4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, and setting a public hearing for June 23, 2026;

b. A resolution for the preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report and declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 within the Victoria by the Bay Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-1 and setting a public hearing for June 23, 2026;

c. A resolution for the preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report and declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 within the Hercules Village Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2002-2 and setting a public hearing for June 23, 2026;

d. A resolution for the preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report and declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for Fiscal Year 2026/27 within the Baywood Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2004-1 and setting a public hearing for June 23, 2026; and

e. A resolution for the preliminary approval of the Engineer's Report and declaring the City Council's intention to levy and collect assessments for

Fiscal Year 2026/27 within the Bayside Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 2005-1 and setting a public hearing for June 23, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution - FY26-27 Citywide](#)

[Attach 2 - Resolution - FY26-27 Victoria By the Bay](#)

[Attach 3 - Resolution - FY26-27 Hercules Village](#)

[Attach 4 - Resolution - FY26-27 Baywood](#)

[Attach 5 - Resolution - FY26-27 Bayside](#)

[Attach 6 - LLAD Preliminary Engineer's Reports 2026-27](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, introduced the item. Francisco and Associates presented. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Dombeck and Francisco and Associates provided a response. No public comment. Action was taken on this item. This action also sets the Public Hearing for June 23, 2026.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin to adopt Resolution 26-023(Citywide LLAD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin to adopt Resolution 26-024(Victoria By The Bay LLAD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Grimsley, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin to adopt Resolution 26-025(Hercules Village LLAD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Grimsley to adopt Resolution 26-026(Baywood LLAD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Grimsley to adopt Resolution 26-027(Bayside LLAD). The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

3. [26-099](#) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Co-sponsored Special Events and Request for Additional Budget Allocation of \$10,000  
RECOMMENDATION:  
Staff recommends that the City Council receive an update on special events co-sponsored by the city and the Bay Front Chamber of Commerce for the next FY 26-27 and that the Council approve an additional \$10,000 to account for increased costs.

**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - Cultural Festival recap - 2022-23](#)

[Attach 2 - Cultural Festival recap - 2023-24](#)

[Attach 3 - Cultural Festival recap - 2024-25](#)

Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Roke, presented the Staff Report. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Roke provided a response. No public comment. Action was taken on this item.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bailey, seconded by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin to allocate \$55,000 for Community Events for the FY 26-27 . The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**3. Commission Liaisons**

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

Interim City Manager Tang, mentioned a few city updates. No announcements from City Attorney Crowl.

**1. Regional Committees**

Council Member Bailey reported out on the Marin Clean Energy(MCE) Board Meeting. Council Member Grimsley reported out on the Hercules/Pinole Wastewater Subcommittee 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.

There were no future agenda item request made by Council.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:13pm.

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Chris Kelley, Mayor

Attest:

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Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk