



City of Hercules

111 Civic Drive
Hercules, CA 94547

Meeting Minutes

City Council

Mayor Dan Romero
Vice Mayor Dion Bailey
Council Member Alex Walker-Griffin
Council Member Chris Kelley
Council Member Tiffany Grimsley

Dante Hall, City Manager
Christie Crowl, City Attorney
Eibeleis Melendez, City Clerk

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:30 PM

CLOSED SESSION - 5:30 P.M., SPECIAL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

In-Person in Council Chambers or To Watch or Listen only:

Zoom ID: 850 8407 5819 Zoom Passcode: 421542

Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 5:30 P.M.

IA 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 C. Kelley, Council Member T. Grimsley, Mayor D. Romero, and Vice Mayor D. Bailey

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

NONE

III. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

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

1. [22-1022](#) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (California Government Code §54957)
City Attorney, ChristieCrowl, read the title of the item to be discussed in Closed Session. City Council land Staff recessed into Closed Session.

IV. SPECIAL MEETING – CONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - ROLL CALL - 6:00 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

V. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney, Christie Crawl, reported out on the action taken in Closed Session. On a motion by Council Member Kelley and a second by Council Member Grimsley, the Council voted to affirm the decision of the City's hearing officer and uphold the termination of the Human Resources Administrator. The vote was following:

Ayes: Council Member Kelley and Grimsley, and Mayor Romero.

No: NONE

Abstain: Vice Mayor Bailey

Absent: Council Member Walker-Griffin

VI. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Vice Mayor Bailey.

VII. MOMENT OF SILENCE

NONE

VIII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

NONE

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

1. [22-1021](#) 2023-2031 Housing Element Update
RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-XX (Attachment 1) adopting the Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the 2023-2031 Housing Element, finding that the Housing Element substantially complies with State law, and repealing the 2015-2023 Housing Element and adopting the 2023-2031 Housing Element.

Attachments: [Staff Report - 2023-2031 Housing Element Adoption](#)
[Attach 1 - Resolution - 2023-2031 Housing Element Adoption](#)
[Attach 1a - City of Hercules 6th Cycle Housing Element](#)
[Attach 1b - Appendix A - Community Engagement](#)
[Attach 1c - Hercules Housing Element IS ND](#)
[Attach 2 - PC Resolution 24-06 - 2023-2031 Housing Element Adoption](#)
[Attach 3 - HCD substantial compliance letter](#)
[Presentation](#)

Community Development Director, Tim Rood, introduced and presented the item. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Rood provided a response. Mayor Romero opened the Public Hearing. Public comment was provided by Marcelina Magnoli and Myrna Godinez . Mayor Romero closed the Public Hearing. Comments came back to Council. Director Rood provided a response. Action was taken on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Kelley, seconded by Council Member Grimsley, to adopt Resolution 24-076. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Council Member A. Walker-Griffin

XII. CONSENT CALENDAR

NONE

XIII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

NONE

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

City Attorney, Christie Crowl, had no announcements.

1. Regional Committee

Council Member Kelley promoted the Free Ferry Friday.

2. City Council Committees and Subcommittees

No reports provided

3. Commission Liaisons

No reports provided

There were no future agenda item requests.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

Signed by:

Dion Bailey

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Dion Bailey, Vice Mayor



Attest:

Eiblis Melendez, City Clerk