



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, May 12, 2026

5:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING 5:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING - 7:00 P.M (or immediately following Special Meeting)

In-Person in Council Chambers or Via Zoom:

ID: 832 9035 8245 Passcode: 571966 Audio: 1-669-900-6833

I. SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION – CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL - 5:00 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 Bailey was not present at the time of 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 Closes Session. Council and Staff convened into Closed Session.

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

1. [26-114](#) Pursuant to Government Code section 54957: Public Employment (City Manager)

IV. SPECIAL MEETING - Roll Call - 5:30 PM (or immediately following Special Closed Session)

The Special Meeting started at approximately 5:45pm.

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - OPEN SESSION MEETING ITEMS

NONE

VI. COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

1. [26-109](#) General Plan Advisory (GPAC) Committee Interviews
RECOMMENDATION:
Conduct interviews for eligible candidates which have applied for the General Plan Advisory Committee.

The City Council held interviews for the General Plan Advisory Committee(GPAC). Nine applicants were originally scheduled to interview. Two applicants were unable to attend. The council interviewed seven applicants for the committee. Council appointed the applicants during the 5/12 Regular City Council meeting.

VII. REGULAR MEETING - ROLL CALL - 7:00 PM (or immediately following Special Meeting)

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

VIII. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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

IX. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin.

VI. MOMENT OF SILENCE

NONE

VII. INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATIONS/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. [26-115](#) Proclamation - World Lupus Day

Attachments: [Proclamation](#)

Mayor Kelley read the proclamation, Council provided remarks.

VIII. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

NONE

IX. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Public Comments was provided by Joseph Garcia and Jose Flores(via Zoom).

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.

X. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

XI. CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: A motion was made by Council Member Bhattarai, seconded by Council Member Bailey, 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. [26-107](#) Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026](#)

APPROVED

2. [26-106](#) Accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2026
RECOMMENDATION:
Accept the Investment Report for the Quarter Ending March 31, 2026

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attach 1 - Quarterly Investment Report](#)

APPROVED

XII. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. [26-104](#) General Plan Advisory Committee At-Large Appointments
RECOMMENDATION:
By minute action, appoint five (5) to seven (7) at-large community representatives to the ad-hoc General Plan Advisory Committee to serve until the comprehensive General Plan update is adopted.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Community Development Director, Tim Rood presented the Staff Report. No public comment. Council voted on the applicants that interviewed at the 5/12 Special Meeting. Council appointed the following seven (7) candidates to the General Plan Advisory Committee: Hector Garcia, Stephanie Buquis, Richard Mitchell, Darlene Almeida, Rachit Paudel, David Davenport and Harjinderpal Pannu. Council did take action on this item.

MOTION: A motion was made by Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin, seconded by Council Member Bhattarai, to appoint seven(7) at- large community representatives to the ad- hoc General Plan Advisory Committee to serve until the Comprehensive General Plan update is adopted. 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

2. [26-105](#) Housing Asset Funding Proposals: Community HousingWorks (Bayline); Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (Sycamore Crossing); Eden Housing (Victoria Green)
RECOMMENDATION:
Receive a report on the three proposals received from affordable housing developers to the City's Notice of Funding Availability for \$5 million in Housing Asset Funding for affordable housing development. This item is for information only.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - RSG Memo](#)

[Attach 2 - RSG Presentation](#)

[Attach 3 - CHW Proposal](#)

[Attach 4 - SAHA Proposal](#)

[Attach 5 - Eden Housing Proposal](#)

Community Development Director, Tim Rood, presented the Staff Report. A representative from RSG presented. Council asked questions. Director Rood and RSG provided a response. Public Comment was provided by Todd Chambers, Johnathan Astmann, Chris Palomo, Tanya Little and Weijia Song(Via Zoom). This item was an informational item. No action was taken.

3. [26-103](#) Budget Workshop: Fiscal Year (FY) 26-27 City of Hercules Proposed Annual Budget
RECOMMENDATION:
The staff recommends that the City Council receive the budget presentation, review the preliminary budget documents, and the financial forecast for FY 26-27. This discussion should also cover the additional budget request outlined in Attachment 1, which details significant changes and the economic implications of each adjustment.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - FY 26-27 List of Additional Budget Request](#)

[Attach 2 - FY 26-27 Proposed General Fund - Fund Summaries](#)

[Attach 3 - FY 26-27 Proposed Special Revenue - Fund Summaries](#)

[Attach 4 - FY 26-27 Proposed Sewer Enterprise - Fund Summaries](#)

[Attach 5 - FY 26-27 Proposed Internal Service - Fund Summaries](#)

[Attach 6 - FY 26-27 Proposed Debt Service - Fund Summaries](#)

[Attach 7 - FY 26-27 Proposed Capital Improvement Projects \(CIP\) - Fund Summaries Presentation](#)

Finance Director, Edwin Gato, presented the Staff Report. Council asked questions and provided comment. Director Gato and Interim City Manager, Patrick Tang, provided a response. No public comment. This was an informational item. No action was taken.

4. [26-110](#)

Allocation of \$1,000 for Juneteenth Event 2026; Amendment to Flag Policy; Approval of Juneteenth and Pride Flag Raising for 2026 and Annually
RECOMMENDATION:

City Council should receive a presentation on the proposed Juneteenth event at the library and direct staff to allocate \$1,000 for the event. The Council should further consider approving a minor amendment to the City's flag policy and the raising of the Juneteenth and Pride flags this year as well as annually.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - City of Hercules Flag Policy - Proposed Amendment](#)

City Attorney, Christie Crowl, presented the Staff Report. Council asked questions and provided comment. City Attorney Crowl, Parks and Recreation Director, Christopher Roke and Interim City Manager, Patrick Tang, 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 approve the following: (1) Allocate \$1000 to the Juneteenth library event. (2) Approve The annual raising of the Pride flag for the month of June except when the Juneteenth flag is flying on the teen-days, the 13th-19th. (3) The amendment to section B1. of the Flag Policy and update it with the following language:

1. The City Council shall only consider a request to display a commemorative flag if the request is made by a member of the Hercules City Council, and approved by the City Council at a City Council meeting, pursuant to the two-step process set forth in the City Council's adopted Rules of Procedure. Staff may also make a request for City Council approval to display a commemorative flag. 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

5. [26-108](#) Acceptance of the Falcon Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project
RECOMMENDATION:
Adopt a resolution accepting the Falcon Way Pavement Rehabilitation Project as complete for a total amount of \$773,946.26 and authorizing the filing of the Notice of Completion with the Contra Costa County Recorder's Office.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attach 1 - Resolution](#)

[Attach 2 - Notice of Completion](#)

[Attach 3 - Falcon Way Project Location](#)

Public Works Director, Glenn Dombeck, presented the Staff Report . Council asked questions and made remarks. Director Dombeck 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 approve Resolution 26-028 . 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

XIII. 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.

XIV. 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, Patrick Tang, reported out on the Community Clean Up Day and advertised upcoming city events. City Attorney had no announcements

1. Regional Committees

Council Member Bailey reported on the Marin Clean Energy(MCE) Board meeting. Vice Mayor Walker-Griffin and Mayor Kelley attended the Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

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 requests made by Council.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kelley adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Chris Kelley, Mayor

Attest:

Eibleis Melendez, City Clerk