



# City of Oakland

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## Meeting Minutes - DRAFT Special Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency/City Council

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Friday, June 12, 2026

12:00 PM

City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor

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### Budget Meeting

The Special Current Meeting of the ORSA/ City Council convened at 12:09 P.M., with Council Member Ramachandran presiding as Chairperson.

**1 Call To Order**

**2 ROLL CALL / CITY COUNCIL**

**Present** 7 - Noel Gallo, Janani Ramachandran, Zac Unger, Carroll Fife, Kevin Jenkins, Rowena Brown, and Charlene Wang

**Excused** 1 - Ken Houston

**3 Modifications To The Agenda And Procedural Items, Including But Not Limited To Requests To: Reschedule Items From Consent To Non-Consent, Items To The Next Council Agenda, Speak On Consent Calendar, Register Votes, Change Order Of Items, Reconsiderations, Pull Items Held In Committee**

*Chair Ramachandran Stated Items 4 and 5 Are To Be Taken Together And Item 5 Shall be Approved First*

This be Accepted.

The Roll Call Was Modified To Show Councilmember Houston Present at 12:16 P.M.

**COUNCIL MEMBER RAMACHANDRAN RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR AT 2:11 P.M. AND COUNCILMEMBER BROWN PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.**

**COUNCIL RAMACHANDRAN WAS NOTED PRESENT AT 2:28 P.M. AND RESUMED PRESIDING AS CHAIR.**

- 5 Subject: FY 2026-27 Execution Of Maintenance Of Effort Waivers And Use Of One-Time Revenues To Balance The Midcycle Budget  
From: Finance Department  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution: (1) Authorizing The Use Of One-Time Revenues To Balance The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Midcycle Budget Pursuant To Section 1, Part D Of The City Of Oakland Consolidated Fiscal Policy
- (2) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity And The Existence Of A Severe And Unanticipated Financial Event That Has Adversely Impacted The General Purpose Fund Such That The City Is Unable To Budget At The Required Minimum Number Of 700 Sworn Police Personnel Pursuant To “The Oakland Community Violence And Emergency Response Act Of 2024” (Measure NN)
- (3) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity, To Provide For The Temporary Suspension Of The ‘Park Maintenance’ Maintenance Of Effort Requirements, Pursuant To The 2020 Oakland Parks And Recreation Preservation, Litter Reduction, And Homelessness Support Act (Measure Q)
- (4) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity For The Midcycle Budget, Allowing For The Minimum Budget Set-Aside For Public Campaign Financing To Be Suspended, Pursuant To The Oakland Fair Elections Act
- (5) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity For The Midcycle Budget, And Temporarily Suspending 1) The Requirement To Consider Advisory Board Recommendations Prior To Appropriating Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Tax Revenue
- (6) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity For The Midcycle Budget, Authorizing The Use Of Funds Deposited Into The Affordable Housing Trust Fund (Fund 1870) To Balance The Fiscal Years 2026-27 Midcycle Budget
- (7) Establishing The Intention Of The City Council To Prioritize Restoration Of Services To Meet The Maintenance Of Effort Requirements  
[26-0779](#)

**Sponsors:** Finance Department

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**58 Speakers Spoke On This Item**

**There was a Motion By Council President Jenkins and Seconded By CM Fife To Approve Staff's Recommendations As Amended To Include The Following:**

**Removing all references to measure Q**

A motion was made by Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Carroll Fife, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Gallo, Ramachandran, Unger, Fife, Jenkins, Houston, Brown, and Wang

**NO VOTE:** 0

- 4 Subject: FY 2026-27 Proposed Midcycle Budget  
From: Finance Department  
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution (1) Adopting The Midcycle Budget For Fiscal Years 2026-27 And Appropriating Funds And Revenues To Cover Expenditures Approved By Said Budget; And
- (2) Authorizing The City Administrator To Transfer Funds Between Departments, Programs And Funds As Necessary To Support Operations As Set Forth In The Adopted Policy Budget For Fiscal Year 2026-27; And
- (3) Authorizing All Actions Necessary To Apply For Accept And Appropriate Additional Funds Required To Advance And Complete The Projects Identified In The Capital Improvement Program Provided That Such Acceptance Is Consistent With And Does Not Otherwise Negatively Impact The City's Capital Improvement Program; And
- (4) Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate Future Settlement Proceeds Received By The City; And
- (5) Authorizing The City Administrator To Accept And Appropriate Future Insurance Recoveries Proceeds Received By The City For The Repair Or Replacement Of Damaged City Assets; And
- (6) Authorizing The City Administrator To Appropriate Funds As Necessary To Satisfy Legally Required Payments Or Payments Related To Unfunded Liability; And
- (7) Declaring A State Of Extreme Fiscal Necessity And The Existence Of A Severe And Unanticipated Financial Event; And
- (8) Suspending For Fiscal Years 2026-2027 The Charter Mandated Minimum Staffing Budget Set Asides For The Public Ethic Commission; And
- (9) Suspending The Minimum Budget Set Asides For The Democracy Dollars Fund And For Non-Staff Costs Related To The Public Ethics Commission's Administration Of The Oakland Fair Elections Act's Democracy Dollars Program  
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**Sponsors:** Finance Department

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#### **58 Speakers Spoke On This Item**

***There was a Motion By CM Ramachandran and Seconded By Council President Jenkins To Approve Staff's Recommendations As Amended To Include The Following:***

#### ***Policy Directives:***

***1) Direct the City Administrator to present quarterly updates on the impact of the 2025 Encampment Abatement Policy to the Life Enrichment Committee. This informational report should include, but not be limited to, the number of encampments addressed pursuant to the policy, locations of said encampments, the departments involved, shelter offers and placements, resources expended for operations (cleanings, relocations, closures), demographic data, number of relocations to low-sensitivity areas (encampments and RVs), any updates to the sensitivity maps, etc.***

***2) Direct The City Administrator To Present Quarterly Updates To The Public Safety Committee On The Status Of Civilianization And Moving The Internal Affairs Division To CPRA Per City Council Direction Provided In Previous Budget Cycles. The City Of Oakland Has Completed Studies And Information Reports Dating Back To 2008, Identifying Sworn Administrative Positions In The Police Department That Could Be Performed More Affordably By Civilian Staff. The Council Should Be Informed Of The Progress In Implementing Past Directives For Transparency And Accountability Purposes.***

***And As Amended By Administration: The report on updates to the Public Safety Committee on the status of Civilianization at the very least, twice a year***

***3) Direct The City Administrator To Explore A Cultural Facilities Bond Measure To Address Deferred Maintenance And Capital Improvement Needs In Key Community Resources, Including The Malonga Casquelourd Center For The Arts And Children's Fairyland. The City Administrator Shall Provide A Report And Recommendations To The City Council No Later Than May 2027.***

*And As Amended By Administration; The Report On The Cultural Facilities Bond Measure Is To Come Back In October 2027, Rather Than May 2027*

*4) Direct The City Administrator To Assess The Feasibility Of Establishing A Park Ranger Program And Permitted Vending Locations To Address Issues Of Safety And Un-Permitted Activity At Lake Merritt. The Assessment Shall Include Funding Sources That Can Be Utilized To Support These Efforts And Shall Be Presented In Time To Inform Decisions In The Next Biennial Budget.*

*5) Direct The City Administrator To Develop A Standard Communications Protocol For Departments To Update Council Offices On Major Projects, Initiatives, And Events That Impact The Areas They Serve. Some Departments Are Proactive With Sharing Relevant Updates With Council Offices, While Others Are Not As Consistent. A Standard Protocol Will Help Ensure Equitable Access For All Council Offices. Additionally, Better Communication Will Help Councilmembers In Assisting Departments With Any Community Outreach Needs.*

*6) Prioritize Expanding senior centers hours based on exploring available funding and staff levels.*

**Amendments To The Budget Spreadsheet:**

**Fund 1010**

*-Adding a One-Year Exempt Limited Duration Employee (ELDE) to Assist with Human Trafficking and Other Penalties Enforcement.*

*-Adding Increased Funding For The Film Incentive Funding Program, Which Would Go Towards Administering a Contract To An Outside Agency.*

*-Reallocating \$250,000 From The Sugar Sweet And Beverage Tax Fund, A \$50,000 Grant To OUSD For Safe Water Access, And \$200,000 For Senior Wellness Programs And Other Senior Centers Related Funding.*

**Fund 2244**

*Adding to the Community Garden Food Pilot Program a ELDE.*

A motion was made by Janani Ramachandran, seconded by Kevin Jenkins, that this matter be Adopted as Amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Ramachandran, Unger, Fife, Jenkins, Houston, and Brown

**No:** 2 - Gallo, and Wang

**NO VOTE:** 0

**The Roll Call Was Modified To Show Councilmember Gallo Out Of His Seat at 3:36 P.M.**

**Council Acknowledgments/Announcements**

## **OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*7 speakers spoke during Open Forum.*

## **ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL SESSION**

**(Meeting Shall Conclude No Later Than 9:30 P.M., Unless Extended By Majority Vote Of The Council)**

*There being no further business, and upon the motion duly made, the Council adjourned the meeting at 3:44 P.M.*

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