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

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

9:30 AM

City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor

The Special Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland City Council and Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency Convened at 9:32 A.M. With Council President Jenkins Presiding As Chairperson.

1 Call To Order

2 ROLL CALL / CITY COUNCIL

Present 7 - Noel Gallo, Zac Unger, Carroll Fife, Kevin Jenkins, Ken Houston , Rowena Brown, and Charlene Wang

Excused 1 - Janani Ramachandran

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

There was a motion by Council President Jenkins, seconded by President Pro Tempore Gallo, to modify the agenda by rescheduling item 6.1, "Repeal 2020 Encampment Management Policy and Adopt 2025 Encampment Abatement Policy," from consent to non-consent.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR AT 10:25 A.M. AND COUNCILMEMBER WANG PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILMEMBER WANG RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR AT 10:38 A.M. AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR AT 11:27 A.M. AND COUNCILMEMBER BROWN PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN RELINQUISHED THE CHAIR AT 11:32 A.M. AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS PRESIDED AS CHAIRPERSON.

This be Accepted as Amended.

4 CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS WITH STATUTORY PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS:

5 ACTION ON OTHER NON-CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS:

6.1 Subject: Repeal 2020 Encampment Management Policy And Adopt 2025 Encampment Abatement Policy

From: Councilmember Houston

Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Amending Resolution No. 88341 To Repeal The 2020 Encampment Management Policy And Replace With A 2025 Encampment Abatement Policy That (A) Defines “Encampment” To Exclude Vehicles And Authorizes Citation And Towing Of Inhabited Vehicles By City Departments Pursuant To The California Vehicle Code And Oakland Vehicle Code; (B) Continues To Require Reasonable Efforts To Make Shelter Offers And 7-Day Notice Prior To Non-Urgent Encampment Closures; And (C) Clarifies Emergency And Urgent Health And Safety Conditions That Authorize Immediate, 24-Hour, Or 72-Hour Notice For Encampment Closures, Including Encampments Blocking Sidewalks

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Sponsors: Houston

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58 Speakers spoke on this item

Council President Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Houston, to adopt as amended Item 6.1, with the following amendments:

COUNCILMEMBER UNGER Amendments to Exhibit(s)

-ADD to Section I Second Paragraph after the word properties: in all Council districts.

-ADD to Section I (C) At the end of the Second Paragraph: Any SOPs related to tow

procedures shall ensure that inhabited vehicles that are subject to tow under the CVC or other laws receive adequate notice prior to towing and that the prioritization of tows are in line with the goals of this Policy and the Office of Homelessness Solutions' Homelessness Strategic Action Plan

-ADD to Section II (A) After Last Bullet:

The EMAT leads interventions only on City-owned or City-controlled property. Non-City agencies are strongly encouraged to coordinate with the EMAT in planning their operations, and BART and Caltrans should deploy their own resources, including officers, outreach, crisis intervention, and/or cleaning staff, to support City of Oakland interventions in areas near critical infrastructure

-ADD to Section II First Paragraph after the word authorized: and encouraged to. After the word areas: in all Council districts.

-ADD to Section II (B) First Paragraph after the word areas: in all Council districts

-ADD to Section III (B) Second to the Last Paragraph after the word tow: must notify the EMAT in writing and

-ADD to Section III (B) At the end of the Seventh Bullet: including SOPs guiding prioritization of towing with the goal of addressing the most dangerous vehicles, such as those presenting imminent hazards and within areas designated by the CAO as the highest priority zones

COUNCILMEMBER WANG Amendments to Exhibit(s)

-ADD to Section I (C): Furthermore, the SOPs shall include addressing families living in vehicles subject to tow and shall avoid towing vehicles where children are living, absent imminent risks to health or safety.

-ADD to Section III (B) After Cleaning bullet: Oakland Public Works (OPW) is authorized to conduct debris removal, and sanitation services around encampment sites as needed, and follows the City's SOPs and Collective Bargaining Agreements.

-ADD to Section III (B) After Closure bullet: and provide information and resources that include safe parking lot sites, and available services, shelter, and supports in Alameda County. When shelter is not available at the time of closure, the EMAT shall establish a method to locate and contact displaced individuals to offer them shelter as soon as it becomes available. Participation in this tracking and the subsequent acceptance of shelter remains strictly voluntary.

COUNCILMEMBER BROWN Amendments to Exhibit(s)

-STRIKING from Section I: Within 90 days of enactment; City Administration shall provide to City Council a written report identifying city properties that could be converted to shelter, low sensitivity areas, and/or safe parking sites. ADD: Upon adoption of this policy, the City Administrator, in coordination with the Office of Homelessness Solutions, shall within 90 days, Provides the City Council with an analysis of City-owned properties evaluated for interim shelter and/safe parking and

options for vehicle storage for individuals accepting shelter.

-STRIKING from Section I (A): will; to determine its effectiveness in relation to the equity indicators and outcomes consistent with the guidance and best practices promoted by the City's Department of Race and Equity.

-ADD to Section I (A) last paragraph: conducted by the City's Department of Race and Equity and the Encampment Management and Abatement Team ("EMAT"), in coordination with the Human Services Department and the Office of Homelessness Solutions. The review shall include, at minimum:

- 1. The number of encampments addressed, closed, or stabilized;*
- 2. The number of residents offered shelter, accepted shelter, successfully placed into programs, or exited to housing;*
- 3. The number and location of repeated closures or returns ("recidivism of encampments");*
- 4. A breakdown of demographics, including race, age, disability, veteran status, and other relevant equity indicators;*
- 5. Resources expended (staff hours, contractor costs, service provider involvement);*
and
- 6. Recommendations to reduce repeat closures and improve long-term outcomes.*

ADD to Section III (D) first paragraph: The City will make reasonable efforts to address and/or accommodate disability needs that are made known to the City prior to or at the start of the operation. Examples of reasonable requests may include: providing a referral to a specific shelter if available, extensions of time for individuals with disabilities to move out of a work zone, or allowing volunteers to help move belongings at the beginning of an operation, provided that any such accommodations do not delay or halt EMAT operations.

-ADD to Section III (D) third paragraph after the word operation: and performing a deep cleaning intervention

COUNCILMEMBER FIFE Amendments to Exhibit B(s)

-ADD to Section I Second Paragraph: The EAP shall become effective the sooner of (a) 90 days from adoption, or (b) the date that the City Administrator presents the above written report to the City Council.

-ADD to Section III (D) At the end of the First Paragraph: The City will make reasonable efforts to address and/or accommodate disability needs that are made known to the City prior to or at the start of the operation. Examples of reasonable requests may include: providing a referral to a specific shelter if available, extensions of time for individuals with disabilities to move out of a work zone, or allowing volunteers to help move belongings at the beginning of an operation, provided that any such accommodations do not delay or halt EMAT operations.

-ADD to Section III EMAT Intervention: When any closure or partial closure occurs, the following shall be documented: clear findings regarding urgency, resources used for closure, resources offered to residents of the encampment (shelter offer). In cases where no shelter options are available but due to urgency findings a closure occurs, there should be clear documentation that will allow the City to determine if

individuals are migrating to different blocks or neighborhoods.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS Amendments to Exhibit(s)

-ADD to Section II a new section: C. Priority Zone Designation

The City Administrator, in consultation with the Councilmember representing the affected district, should have the authority to reclassify specific geographic areas as Highest Priority Zones for purposes of enforcement and intervention under this policy.

These designations should be based on objective criteria including, but not limited to: concentration of complaints; public health and safety risks; proximity to schools, businesses, or critical infrastructure; equity impacts on surrounding communities; and frequency of service calls and prior interventions.

Priority Zone designations should be reviewed periodically, posted publicly, and may be adjusted by the City Administrator in consultation with the applicable Councilmember.

Council President Jenkins accepted the City Administrator's request into his motion to reconcile Councilmember Brown's and Councilmember Fife's amendments to Section I, Second Paragraph, keeping Councilmember Fife's effective date language and using Councilmember Brown's language for what the report requires

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

Aye: 5 - Unger, Jenkins, Houston, Brown, and Wang

No: 1 - Gallo

Excused: 1 - Ramachandran

Abstained: 1 - Fife

NO VOTE: 0

6 CONSENT CALENDAR (CC) ITEMS:

7 Council Acknowledgments/Announcements

OPEN FORUM

10 speakers spoke during Open Forum.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and upon the motion duly made, the Council adjourned the meeting at 12:40p.m.

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