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Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

*Community & Economic Development Committee

City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza,
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City of Oakland Website: <http://www.oaklandca.gov>

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

1:30 PM

City Council Chamber, 3rd Floor

The Oakland City Council Community And Economic Development Committee Convened At
1:30 P.M., With Councilmember Brown Presiding As Chairperson

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Roll Call / Call To Order

Present 3 - Carroll Fife, Zac Unger, and Rowena Brown

Excused 1 - Janani Ramachandran

Councilmember Ramachandran Noted As Present At 1:32 P.M.

- 1 Approval Of The Draft Minutes From The Committee Meeting Of June 23, 2026
[26-0837](#)

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A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Janani Ramachandran, that this
matter be Accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

- 2 Determination Of Schedule Of Outstanding Committee Items
[26-0838](#)

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9 Speakers Spoke On This Item

A motion was made by Zac Unger, seconded by Janani Ramachandran, that this
matter be Accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

S3 Subject: Chapter 8 Tax Sale Authorization
From: Housing And Community Development Department
Recommendation: Adopt The Following Pieces Of Legislation:

1) A Resolution (1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Remove Delinquent City Of Oakland Code Enforcement Liens And Unliened Fees, Costs, Assessments And Civil Penalties On Certain Tax Defaulted Properties, For A Period Of Four Years, To Facilitate The Development Of These Properties Into Affordable Housing Via Alameda County's Chapter 8 Tax Sale Program, And (2) Limiting The Aggregate Amount Of Liens Removed Pursuant To This Authorization To A Nominal Value Not To Exceed Ten Million (\$10,000,000) Dollars, And (3) Acknowledging The Transmutation Of These Code Enforcement Liens, Et. Al. Into Prorated Chapter 8 Sales Proceeds That Will Be Paid To The City Of Oakland; And

[26-0814](#)

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Councilmember Brown Made A Motion Seconded By Councilmember Fife To Approve The Urgency Finding On Item S3 For The Following Reasons: That There Is A Need To Take Immediate Action Which Came To The Attention Of The Local Body After The Agenda Was Posted, And That The Need To Take Immediate Action Is Required To Avoid A Substantial Adverse Impact That Would Occur If The Action Were Deferred To A Subsequent Special Or Regular Meeting;

Motion Passed By 4 Ayes

1 Speakers Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Consent

A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Rowena Brown, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

2) A Resolution (1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Remove Delinquent City Of Oakland Vacant Property Tax Liens On Certain Tax Defaulted Properties, For A Period Of Four Years, To Facilitate The Development Of These Properties Into Affordable Housing Via Alameda County's Chapter 8 Tax Sale Program, (2) Acknowledging The Transmutation Of These Vacant Property Tax Liens Into Prorated Chapter 8 Sales Proceeds That Will Be Paid To The City Of Oakland, And (3) Limiting The Aggregate Amount Of Liens Removed Pursuant To This Authorization To A Nominal Value Not To Exceed Ten Million (\$10,000,000) Dollars

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Councilmember Brown Made A Motion Seconded By Councilmember Fife To Approve The Urgency Finding On Item S3 For The Following Reasons: That There Is A Need To Take Immediate Action Which Came To The Attention Of The Local Body After The Agenda Was Posted, And That The Need To Take Immediate Action Is Required To Avoid A Substantial Adverse Impact That Would Occur If The Action Were Deferred To A Subsequent Special Or Regular Meeting;

Motion Passed By 4 Ayes

1 Speakers Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Consent

A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Rowena Brown, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS A QUORUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL WAS NOTED, AND A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER RAMACHANDRAN AND SECONDED BY CHAIR BROWN TO ADJOURN THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING, AND TO CONVENE AS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL AT 2:02 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 4 AYES

S4 Subject: Seminary Point - Debt And Rent Forgiveness
From: Economic And Workforce Development Department
Recommendation: Adopt The Following Pieces Of Legislation:

1) A Resolution Authorizing The Forgiveness Of (A) A City Loan To Athena MT, LLC, Of Up To Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) In Outstanding Principal, Plus All Accrued And Unpaid Interest And Fees, And (B) A City Revolving Line Of Credit To Siavash Afshar With A Final Outstanding Balance Of One Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$1,500,000), Plus Accrued And Unpaid Interest And Fees For The Foothill Seminary Point Retail Project, Each Contingent Upon The Sale Or Transfer Of The Project To A Qualified Purchaser; And Making Appropriate California Environmental Quality Act Findings; And [26-0826](#)

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Chair Brown Made A Motion Seconded By Councilmember Unger To Approve The Urgency Finding On Item S4 For The Following Reasons: That There Is A Need To Take Immediate Action Which Came To The Attention Of The Local Body After The Agenda Was Posted, And That The Need To Take Immediate Action Is Required To Avoid A Substantial Adverse Impact That Would Occur If The Action Were Deferred To A Subsequent Special Or Regular Meeting;

Motion Passed By 4 Ayes

2 Speakers Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Consent

A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Janani Ramachandran, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

2) An Ordinance Authorizing The Forgiveness Of Outstanding And Future Rent Balances In An Amount Of Up To \$40,000 For Seminary Point, LLC, Pursuant To A Ground Lease With The City, Contingent On The Sale Or Transfer Of The Leasehold Interest In The Property To A Qualified Purchaser; And Making California Environmental Quality Act Findings

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Chair Brown Made A Motion Seconded By Councilmember Unger To Approve The Urgency Finding On Item S4 For The Following Reasons: That There Is A Need To Take Immediate Action Which Came To The Attention Of The Local Body After The Agenda Was Posted, And That The Need To Take Immediate Action Is Required To Avoid A Substantial Adverse Impact That Would Occur If The Action Were Deferred To A Subsequent Special Or Regular Meeting;

Motion Passed By 4 Ayes

2 Speakers Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Consent

A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Janani Ramachandran, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

- 5** Subject: FY 2025-26, Quarter 1 And Quarter 2 Update On Code Enforcement's Activities
From: Planning And Building Department
Recommendation: Receive An Informational Report Regarding The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quarter 1 And Quarter 2 Update On The Planning And Building Department's Code Enforcement Activities

[26-0788](#)

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1 Speaker Spoke On This Item

A motion was made by Carroll Fife, seconded by Rowena Brown, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

- 6** Subject: Professional Services Agreement With Barretto, Co. For Signage And Wayfinding Services
From: Office Of The City Administrator
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution (1) Authorizing The City Administrator To Enter Into A Professional Services Agreement With Barretto-Co. LLC, An Oakland Certified Small Local Business Enterprise, For Signage And Wayfinding Graphic Design Services At 250 Frank H Ogawa Plaza, For A One-Year Term With The Option To Extend For An Additional One Year, For A Total Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$300,000; And (2) Waiving The Competitive Request For Proposal/Qualifications Requirements
[26-0882](#)

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1 Speaker Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Non-Consent, Due To A 3-1 Vote

A motion was made by Rowena Brown, seconded by Carroll Fife, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 3 - Fife Ramachandran, Brown

No 1 - Unger

NO VOTE 0

- 7 Subject: Acceptance And Appropriation Of Workforce Development Funds For FY 2026-27
From: Economic And Workforce Development Department
Recommendation: Adopt A Resolution Authorizing The Following Actions In Fiscal Year 2026-2027: (1) Accept And Appropriate Workforce Innovation And Opportunity (WIOA) Title I Formula Funds For Adult, Dislocated Worker, And Youth, And Rapid Response Services In An Amount Up To Four Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$4,827,587); (2) Accept And Appropriate California Volunteers Youth Service Corps Funding In An Amount Not To Exceed One Million Nine Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$1,993,914) From California Volunteers Youth Service Corps Program For The Oakland Forward Initiative Through December 31, 2027; (3) Authorize The City Administrator To Execute Grant Agreements, Amendments, And Related Documents Necessary To Implement The Programs; And (4) Authorize The City Administrator To Apply For, Accept, And Appropriate Grants And Contributions For Workforce Development Services Beyond The WIOA Title I Formula Funding And Other Budgeted Funding Sources Up To Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) Per Instance With The Approval Of The Oakland Workforce Development Board
[26-0870](#)

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2 Speakers Spoke On This Item

The Committee Approved The Recommendation Of Staff And To Forward This Item To The July 21, 2026 City Council Agenda On Consent

A motion was made by Zac Unger, seconded by Janani Ramachandran, that this matter be Approved the Recommendation of Staff, and Forward to go before the * Concurrent Meeting of the Oakland Redevelopment Successor Agency and the City Council, to be heard 7/21/2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Fife Ramachandran Unger, Brown

NO VOTE 0

Open Forum

9 Speakers Spoke During Open Forum

Adjournment

There Being No Further Business, The Oakland City Council Community And Economic Development Committee Adjourned The Meeting At 3:20 P.M.

*** In the event of a quorum of the City Council participates on this Committee, the meeting is noticed as a Special Meeting of the City Council; however no final City Council action can be taken.**

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