

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## BUDGET ADVISORY COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a **meeting** of the City of Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (BAC) is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 13, 2019** at **6:00 pm** in **Hearing Room 4, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**, at 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza.

### **Commission Members Present (9):**

Jay Ashford, Ed Gerber, Travis George, Vincent Leung, Kasheica McKinney, Caitlin Prendiville, Darin Ranahan, Brenda Roberts, Marchon Tatmon

### **Commission Members Absent (2):**

Ken Benson, Geoffrey Johnson

### **City's Representative(s):**

Jose Segura, Nicole Remiker, Adam Benson – *Finance Department*

### **Meeting Agenda:**

1. Administrative Matters
  - Welcome & Attendance. Meeting called to order at 6:10PM. Quorum confirmed with 9 members present.
2. Recent City labor agreements ratification, tax proposals and budget impacts; see attachment [15 minutes] – Adam Benson, City's Director of Finance, discussed the internal memo from City Administrator Sabrina Landrith to City Council regarding recent proposed policy changes with potential significant impacts to the City budget in FY19-20 and FY20-21.
3. BAC Report on 2019-21 Budget Cycle to November 12th Finance & Management Committee, including staff response; see attachment [15 minutes] – Chairperson Ed Gerber rescheduled the September BAC report to be heard at the Finance & Management Committee meeting on December 3, 2019. Adam Benson responded to Commissioner questions on staff responses to the BAC recommendations; notably, related to Police & Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS), Other Post-Employment Benefits liabilities (OPEB) and the Real Estate Transfer Tax (RETT).
4. California State Auditor - Fiscal Health of California Cities Report; see attachment and [http://auditor.ca.gov/bsa/cities\\_risk\\_index](http://auditor.ca.gov/bsa/cities_risk_index) [10 minutes] – Adam Benson discussed the background on the report's fiscal health measures (e.g., liquidity, debt burden, pension obligations) using 2016-2017 data and took questions from Commissioners on the CA State Auditor's methodology and current status of these fiscal health measures for the City of Oakland.

5. BAC Self-Evaluation [30 minutes] – Commissioners Brenda Roberts and Darin Ranahan presented a draft survey for Commissioner self-evaluation. The Commission discussed the survey population, survey delivery, survey sections, etc. Areas of survey included: procedures, special projects, budget priorities poll, May/September Budget Reports. The Commission agreed to make suggested edits to the survey and disseminate in the coming weeks. Commissioners Brenda Roberts and Darin Ranahan will present results at the next regular meeting.
6. BAC membership status & election of officers [15 minutes] – City staff presented their records of Commission membership (e.g., appointing resolutions, term dates) and discussed the number of vacancies (4).

**Chairperson** - The Chairperson shall be responsible for chairing meetings, coordinating meeting times and agenda items in concert with City staff, representing the Commission in conversations with the Mayor, City Council President, City Administrator when required, and representing the Commission in public forums & meetings.

Commissioner Ed Gerber nominated Commissioner Jay Ashford to serve as Chairperson. Jay Ashford was confirmed Chairperson by unanimous vote (7-0).

**Vice-Chairperson** - The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and shall perform the duties of Chairperson when the Chairperson is unavailable to perform those duties.

Commissioner Jay Ashford nominated Commissioner Darin Ranahan to serve as Vice-Chairperson. Darin Ranahan was confirmed Vice-Chairperson by unanimous vote (7-0).

**Liaison to the Finance and Management Committee** - The Liaison with the Finance and Management Committee shall be responsible for listening and where possible attending meetings of that body, keeping the Commission informed on significant issues, and coordinating reports submitted to the Finance and Management Committee.

Commissioner Jay Ashford nominated Commissioner Ed Gerber to serve as Liaison to the Finance and Management Committee. Ed Gerber was confirmed Liaison to the Finance and Management Committee by unanimous vote (7-0).

7. Discussion of next meeting dates and subjects [5 minutes] – The Commission agreed not to hold a regular meeting in December. Next meeting is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
8. Open Forum – Commissioner Caitlin Prendiville suggested the Commission formally support the “Schools and Communities First” November 2020 ballot initiative which aims to close commercial property tax loopholes to support K-12 schools, community colleges and local communities. The Commission agreed to agendize this item and invite

interim Budget Administrator and former Commission City representative Bradley Johnson to speak on the topic of ballot measures and City Districts implications.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned 8:00PM.