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BUDGET AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

Emeryville City Hall, Council Chambers
1333 Park Avenue Emeryville, CA 94608

October 7, 2025 – 3:30 PM

AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
 - 3.1 *Submit a written comment card at www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies.*
4. Approval of September 18, 2025, Special Meeting Action Minutes
5. Action Item
 - 5.1 Discussion and Recommendations on City Investment Policy
 - 5.2 Review Holding One Council Meeting Per Month and Holding Monthly Council Committee Meetings
6. Information Items
7. Future Agenda Items
 - 7.1 Review Ordinances on Multi-Family Residential Inspections for Lead, Mold and Substandard Conditions
 - 7.2 Review Fees for Pet License
8. Announcements / Member Comments
 - 8.1 Next Meeting – December 2, 2025, 3:30 PM
9. Adjournment

Public comment for agenda items can be submitted online via a written comment card at www.emeryville.org/advisorybodies, or submitted by email to the Committee Secretary. If you would like to support, oppose, or otherwise comment on an upcoming agenda item, please send in your comments prior to the meeting.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained by contact Sharon Friedrichsen, Committee Secretary, at 510-596-4352 or sharon.friedrichsen@emeryville.org. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2025, at 3:30 PM.

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Agenda Item 4

Approval of Minutes

September 18, 2025, Special Meeting



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BUDGET AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special Meeting

Emeryville City Hall, Council Chambers

1333 Park Avenue Emeryville, CA 94608

September 18, 2025 – 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present – Kaur, Welch

3. Public Comment

0 speakers.

4. Approval of May 27, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Motion/Second/Carried) Kaur/Welch

Vote: All Ayes.

5. Action Items

5.1. Discussion of Research of Revenue Measures for 2026

Action: M/S/C Kaur/Welch to recommend the parcel tax option 3 (flat rate of \$75-100 on residential parcels and square footage rate basis for commercial properties) with an income based exemption modeled after CARES (those that qualify would just need to prove their eligibility for the other program); and the Business License rate increase option 2 (variable gross receipts rate) including removing the cap. Additionally, the members would like to poll the hoteliers regarding an increase to the transient occupancy tax.

Vote: All Ayes.

6. Information Items

7. Future Agenda Items

7.1. Review Ordinances on Multi-Family Residential Inspections for Lead, Mold and Substandard Conditions

7.2. Review holding one Council meeting per month and holding monthly Council Committee meetings

7.3. Review fees for pet licenses

8. Announcements / Member Comments

8.1. Next Meeting – October 7, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Agenda Item 5.1

Discussion and Recommendations on City
Investment Policy

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY

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CITY OF EMERYVILLE
STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY
July October 2025

POLICY

It is the policy of the City to invest public funds in a manner which will safely preserve portfolio principal, provide adequate liquidity to meet the City's cash flow needs and optimize returns while conforming to all federal, state, and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.

SCOPE

This investment policy applies to all cash and financial investments of the various funds of the City of Emeryville as reported in the City's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and as set forth in the California Government Code Section 53600 *et seq.*, with the exception of those financial assets explicitly excluded from coverage for legal or operational reasons. The provisions of the related bond indentures or resolutions shall govern investments of bond proceeds. City funds to which this policy applies are as follows:

- General Fund
- Special Revenue Funds
- Capital Projects Funds
- Debt Service Funds
- Internal Service Funds
- Enterprise Funds
- Fiduciary Funds
- Any new fund created by the City Council unless specifically exempted.

PRUDENCE

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent person" and/or "prudent investor" standard in accordance with CA Government Code Section 53600.3, and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio.

53600.3. [. . .all governing bodies of local agencies or persons authorized to make investment decisions on behalf of those local agencies investing public funds pursuant to this chapter are trustees and therefore fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a trustee shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the agency, that a prudent person acting in a like

capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the agency. Within the limitations of this section and considering individual investments as part of an overall strategy, investments may be acquired as authorized by law.]

Investment officers acting in accordance with the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The criteria for investing and managing public funds and the order of priority are as follows:

Safety of Principal: Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the City shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To attain this objective, the City will diversify its investments by investing funds among a number of financial institutions offering a variety of securities with independent returns.

Liquidity: Liquidity is the ability to change an investment into its cash equivalent on short notice at its prevailing market value. The City's investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to enable the City to meet all operating requirements which might be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrently with anticipated cash needs. Since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio will maintain a liquidity "buffer" equivalent to six months of expenses and invest in short-term, highly liquid vehicles such as LAIF and/or money market funds.

Rate of Return (Yield): The portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a benchmark rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account safety and liquidity requirements. The benchmark may vary from time to time depending on the economic and budgetary conditions present.

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority to manage the City's investment program is derived from the California Government Code Section 53607. Management's responsibility is hereby delegated by the City Council to the Treasurer, who shall establish procedures for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of subordinates. The Treasurer can designate a staff person(s) to be responsible for investment transactions. No persons may engage in an investment transaction for the City except as provided under the terms of this policy.

The City may engage the services of one or more external investment advisers, who are registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, to assist in the management of the City's investment portfolio in a manner consistent with the City's objectives. External investment advisers may be granted discretion to purchase and sell investment securities in accordance with this investment policy. Any and all independent investment managers

used by the City must be approved by the City Council.

ETHICS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Treasurer and all investment personnel shall refrain from personal business activities that could conflict with proper execution of the investment program and/or which could impair their ability to make impartial investment decisions. The Treasurer and all investment personnel shall disclose to the City Manager and the City Council any material financial interests in financial institutions that conduct business within this jurisdiction and shall disclose any material investment positions which could be related in a conflicting manner to the performance of the City's investment portfolio.

The State of California Fair Political Practices Commission Statement of Economic Interests shall be completed on an annual basis by the Treasurer.

AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND DEALERS

The Treasurer will maintain a list of financial institutions, selected on the basis of credit worthiness, financial strength, experience, references and minimal capitalization that are authorized to provide investment capacity. No public deposit shall be made except in a qualified public depository as established by state laws.

As part of a due diligence program, the Treasurer should review the annual financial reports of key counterparty banks as well as summary reports retrieved from each bank's regulator. These summary reports are known as Call Reports and can be viewed on the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council's (FFIEC) website at <https://cdr.ffiec.gov/public/>.

Annually and before engaging in investment transactions with a broker/dealer, the firm shall sign a certification form, attesting that the individual responsible for the City's account with that firm has reviewed the investment policy and that the firm understands the policy and intends to present only those investment transactions appropriate under the policy. The Treasurer shall request for the broker/dealer to provide the latest/most available financial statement to the City.

AUTHORIZED AND SUITABLE INVESTMENTS

The City is empowered by California Government Code Section 53601 to invest in the following types of securities. Concentration limits and minimum credit quality apply at time of purchase. Within the investments permitted by the Code, the City seeks to further restrict eligible investments to the guidelines listed below. In the event a discrepancy is found between this policy and the Code, the more restrictive parameters will take precedence.

- United States Treasury bills, notes, bonds, or certificates of indebtedness, or those for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest with a maximum remaining maturity of five (5) years.

- Obligations issued by agencies or instrumentalities of the U.S. Government, Federal Agencies or United States Government-Sponsored Enterprise (GSE) obligations, with a maximum remaining maturity of five (5) years, per California Code 53601(f). No more than 30% of the portfolio may be invested in any single Agency/GSE issuer. The maximum percentage of agency callable securities in the portfolio will be 20%.
- Asset-Backed (ABS), Mortgage-Backed, Mortgage Passthrough Securities, and Collateralized Mortgage Obligations from issuers not defined in the first and second subparagraphs (U.S. Treasury and Federal Agency) of the Authorized and Suitable Investments sections of this policy, provided that the securities are rated "AA" or its equivalent or better by one nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO"). No more than 20% of the total portfolio may be invested in these securities, and the maximum final maturity may not exceed five (5) years per California Government Code 53601(o). No more than 5% of the portfolio may be invested in any single ABS or Commercial Mortgage issuer.
- Bonds, notes, warrants or other evidence of debt issued by a City of Emeryville entity with a maximum remaining maturity of five (5) years.
- ~~The Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) maintained by the State of California. The City may invest up to the maximum amount permitted by LAIF. LAIF's investments in instruments prohibited by or not specified in the City's policy do not exclude the investment in LAIF itself from the Agency's list of allowable investments, provided LAIF's reports allow the Treasurer to adequately judge the risk inherent in LAIF's portfolio. Current policies of LAIF set minimum and maximum amounts of monies that may be invested as well as maximum number of transactions that are allowed per month.~~
- Shares of Beneficial Interest Issued by a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) provided that: The JPA is organized pursuant to California Government Code Section 6509.7 and invests in the securities and obligations authorized in subdivisions (a) to (r), inclusive. Each share shall represent an equal proportional interest in the underlying pool of securities owned by the JPA. The JPA has retained an investment advisor who is registered with the SEC (or exempt from registration), has assets under management in excess of \$500 million, and has at least five years' experience investing in instruments authorized by Section 53601, subdivisions (a) to (q).
- Local Government Investment Pools including other LGIPs permitted by the City of Emeryville and California Government Code. ~~No more than 20% of the total portfolio may be invested in LGIPs other than LAIF and JPAs.~~
- Negotiable certificates of deposit issued by federally or state chartered banks or associations or by a state licensed branch of a foreign bank with a maximum remaining maturity of five (5) years. Purchases may not exceed 30% of surplus funds.
- Medium term notes with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, by corporations organized and operating in the United States and in a rating category of "AA" or better by one nationally recognized statistical rating organization

("NRSRO"). Pursuant to California Government Code, the "AA" category encompasses "AA-, AA, and AA+". No more than 30% of surplus funds can be invested in this type of security, per California Government Code 53601(k). No more than 5% of the portfolio may be invested in any single issuer.

- Commercial Paper provided that the following specific criteria is met: for securities issued by corporations, the issuer must be a U.S.-based corporation with assets exceeding \$500 million, the securities are rated "A-1" or equivalent by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO), if the issuer has other debt obligations, they must be in a rating category of "A" or better; for securities issued by other entities such as a special purpose corporation, trust, or limited liability company, the issuer must be U.S.-organized, the securities must have program-wide credit enhancements (e.g., overcollateralization, letters of credit, or a surety bond), and also be rated "A-1" or equivalent by at least one NRSRO. Portfolio limits include a maximum of 25% invested in commercial paper overall (*increasing temporarily to 40% for portfolios over \$100 million until January 1, 2026*) and a maximum of 5% in any single issuer. The maximum maturity does not exceed [270 or 397] days.
- Money Market Mutual Funds. Shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies investing in the securities and obligations authorized by this section. Such funds must carry the highest rating of at least two of the largest national rating agencies. No more than 20% of surplus funds can be invested in such funds. The companies shall retain an investment adviser registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission with not less than five (5) years' experience investing in the securities and obligations as authorized by this section, and with assets under management in excess of \$500,000,000. The purchase price of shares of beneficial interest purchased pursuant to this subdivision shall not include any commission that these companies may charge.

- Insured or collateralized time deposits or savings accounts secured in accordance with the provisions of Sections 53651 and 53652 of the California Government Code. If the collateral is government securities, 110% of market value to the face amount and accrued interest of the deposit is required. If secured by first mortgages and first deeds of trust, the market value must be 150% of the face amount and accrued interest of the deposit. The collateral must be held by a third party.

Required ratings will be deemed to be the rating on the date of purchase.

A five (5) year maximum remaining maturity is allowed unless an extension of maturity is granted by the City Council.

PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS

Certain investments allowed by California Government Code will continue to be excluded from the policy. These include: repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, ~~commercial paper~~, interest only strips, ~~collateralized mortgage obligations~~, County investment pools, notes and bonds issued by the State of California and local agencies within California. The purchase of a security with a forward settlement date exceeding 45 days from the time of the investment is prohibited.

SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE INVESTING

City funds should be guided by the following provisions when investing in securities of non-governmental entities:

- Priority shall be given to investments in entities that support community well-being through safe and environmentally sound practices and fair labor practices.
- Priority shall be given to investments in entities that promote equality of rights regardless of race, religion, color, ancestry, age, national origin, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability or place of birth.
- Priority shall be given to investments in entities that promote community economic development

In addition, the direct investment of City funds is restricted as follows. These are investments made by City staff directly and funds are not part of a pool or other similar investment accounts (e.g., LAIF and investments for bond funds and trust).

- No investments are to be made in tobacco or tobacco-related products.
- No investments are to be made to support the production of weapons or military systems.
- No investments are to be made to support the production or distribution of fossil fuels.

The City Treasurer shall periodically verify compliance with the guidelines either through direct contact with company or through the use of a third-party resource.

COLLATERALIZATION

California Government Code Section 53652, et seq. requires depositories to post certain types of collateral for public funds above the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance amounts. The collateral requirements apply to bank deposits, both active (checking and savings accounts) and inactive (non-negotiable certificates of deposit).

SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53601, all securities owned by the City shall be held in safekeeping by the City's custodial bank or a third-party bank trust department, acting as an agent for the city under terms of the custody agreement.

All securities will be received and delivered using a delivery vs. payment (DVP) basis, which ensures that securities are deposited with the third-party custodian prior to the release of funds. Securities held by the third-party custodian will be evidenced by safekeeping receipts and/or bank statements. Investments in the State Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) or money market mutual funds are undeliverable and are not subject to delivery or third-party safekeeping.

Investment trades shall be verified against bank transactions and broker confirmation tickets. On a monthly basis, the custodial asset statement shall be reconciled with the month-end portfolio holdings.

The City shall consider divesting in custodial banks or third-party banks that do not align with the sustainable and responsible investing requirements of this policy. Such decisions should be made in the best interest to the City.

FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT AND APPLICATION

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) passed GASB statement 72 effective fiscal year 2016 which addresses accounting and financial reporting issues related to fair value measurements. The definition of fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. This Statement provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for financial reporting purposes. This Statement also provides guidance for applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements. Determination can be obtained by the fiscal agent statements in which the City's cash and investments are held.

DIVERSIFICATION AND OTHER GUIDELINES

Credit risk is the risk that a security or a portfolio will lose some or all of its value due to a real or perceived change in the ability of the issuer to repay its debt. Credit risk will be mitigated by limiting investments to the types of securities authorized by this policy, using pre-qualified financial institutions, and diversifying the investment portfolio.

The City will diversify its investments by security type, except for securities issued by the U.S. Government and its agencies, and by institution to reduce or eliminate risk of loss. The following guidelines shall apply:

- Maturities shall be matched against projected liabilities to avoid an over-concentration in a specific series of maturities.
- Maturities selected shall provide for stability and liquidity.
- The duration of the portfolio will generally be approximately equal to the duration (typically, plus or minus 20%) of a Market Benchmark, an index selected by the City based on the City's investment objectives, constraints and risk tolerances.
- Every transaction will be reviewed by the Treasurer and City Manager.
- Expenditures and revenues will be carefully monitored and forecast to allow as much money to be invested as possible.
- In general, securities will be bought with the intent to maturity, but may be sold to rebalance the city's investments, generate liquidity, or to improve credit quality.
- The City's cash should be pooled.
- The Local Agency Investment Fund should be used to provide daily liquidity to the portfolio. The portfolio will be diversified to balance yield with other objectives.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The investment portfolio will be managed in accordance with the standards established within this investment policy and should obtain a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the City's investment risk constraints, cash flow needs and maturities of its investments. The basis to determine whether market yields are being achieved shall be the total return of the portfolio. The Treasurer shall monitor and evaluate the portfolio's performance relative to the chosen market benchmark(s), which may be included in the Treasurer's quarterly report. The Treasurer shall select an appropriate, readily available index to use as a market benchmark.

REPORTING

The Treasurer shall review City Investments and provide Quarterly Investment Reports to the City Council that include the face amount of cash investments, the classification of the investments, the name of the institution or entity of investments, the rate of interest, the maturity date, the current market value and accrued interest due for all securities, along with transactions for this period.

The report will also include a certification of the following:

- All investments meet the requirements of the City's investment policy.

- Sufficient investment liquidity and anticipated revenues are available to meet the City's budgeted expenditure requirements for the next six months.

The quarterly reports will be submitted to the City Council within forty-five (45) days following the end of the quarter covered by the report as per Section 53646 (b)(1) of the California Government Code. The quarterly reports shall be placed on the City Council's meeting agenda for its review and approval. If there are no Council meetings within the 45-day period, the quarterly report shall be presented to the Council at the soonest possible meeting thereafter.

ADOPTION

The investment policy shall be adopted annually by resolution of the City Council.

GLOSSARY

The attached Glossary is incorporated as part of the policy.

GLOSSARY

The following technical words are included in the policy because they are common treasury and investment terminology.

Agencies: Debt instruments issued by the U.S. government agencies, departments, government-sponsored corporations and related instrumentalities to finance their own programs. Some examples of these agencies are Federal Farm Credit, Federal Home Loan and Student Loan Marketing Association.

Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR): The official annual report for the City of Emeryville. It includes basic financial statements for each individual fund and account group prepared in conformity with GAAP. It also includes supporting schedules necessary to demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions, extensive introductory material, and a detailed Statistical Section.

Ask: The price at which securities are offered. The offer price is the cost of the security to the buyer.

Bankers' Acceptance (BA): A draft or bill or exchange accepted by a bank or trust company. The accepting institution guarantees payment of the bill, as well as the issuer.

Basis Point: A basis point equals one one-hundredths of 1% (0.01%).

Bid: The price offered by a buyer of securities. This is payment that the seller gets when a security is sold.

Broker: A broker brings a buyer and seller together for a commission.

Callable: Securities subject to payment of the principal amount and accrued interest prior to the stated maturity date, with or without premium.

Certificate of Deposit (CD): A time deposit with a specific maturity evidenced by a certificate issued by commercial banks and savings institutions. The first \$250,000 is insured by the FDIC. For governmental agency, deposits in excess of \$250,000 are required to be collateralized by the financial institutions.

Collateral: Securities, evidences of deposit or other property which a borrower pledges to secure repayment of a loan or to secure deposits of public moneys. Also refers to securities pledged by a bank to secure deposits of public monies.

Commercial Paper: An unsecured promissory note with a fixed maturity no longer than 270 days. Usually sold in discount form.

Coupon: The annual rate of interest that a bond's issuer promises to pay the bondholder on the bond's face value. A certificate attached to a bond evidencing interest due on a payment date.

CUSIP Number: An identifying number developed by the Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures, under the auspices of the American Bankers Association to provide a uniform method of identifying municipal, U.S. government, and corporate securities.

Dealer: A dealer, as opposed to a broker, acts as a principal in all transactions, buying and selling for his own account.

Debenture: A bond secured only by the general credit of the issuer.

Delivery versus Payment: There are two methods of delivery of securities: Delivery versus payment and delivery versus receipt. Delivery versus payment is delivery of securities with an exchange of money for the securities. Delivery versus receipt is delivery of securities with an exchange of signed receipt for the securities.

Direct Investment: Investment transactions explicitly managed by the delegated authority for the City.

Discount: The difference between the cost of a security and its maturity when quoted at lower than face value. A security selling below original offering price shortly after sale also is considered to be at a discount.

Discount securities: Non-interest bearing money market instruments that are issued below the face amount and redeemed at maturity at full face value, such as Treasury Bills.

Diversification: Dividing investments of funds among a variety of securities offered independent returns, maturity and market risks.

Duration: A measure of the timing of the cash flows, such as the interest payments and the principal repayment, to be received from a given fixed-income security. This calculation is based on three variables: term to maturity, coupon rate, and yield to maturity. The duration of a security is a useful indicator of its price volatility for given changes in interest rates.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC): A federal agency that insures bank deposits currently up to \$250,000 per deposit.

Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB): Government sponsored wholesale banks (currently 11 regional banks) which lend funds and provide correspondent banking services to member commercial banks, thrift institutions, credit unions, and insurance companies. The mission of the FHLBs is to liquefy the housing related assets of members who must purchase stock in their district bank.

Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA): FNMA was chartered under the Federal National Mortgage Association Act in 1938. FNMA is a federal corporation working under the auspices of the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). It is the largest single provider of residential mortgage funds in the United States. Fannie Mae, as the corporation is called, is a private stockholder-owned corporation. The corporation's purchases include a variety of adjustable mortgages and second loans in addition to fixed-rate mortgages. FNMA's securities are also highly liquid and are widely accepted. FNMA assumes and guarantees that security holders will receive timely payment of

principal and interest.

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac): A Government Sponsored Enterprise that provides liquidity to the mortgage markets, much like FNMA and FHLB.

Federal Reserve System: The central bank of the United States created by Congress and has 12 regional banks that are overseen by a seven member Board of Governors in Washington, D.C.

Liquidity: Liquidity is the ability to change an investment into its cash equivalent on short notice at its prevailing market value. In the money market, a security is said to be liquid if the spread between bid and asked prices is narrow and reasonable size can be done at those quotes.

Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF): The aggregate of all funds from political subdivisions that are placed in the custody of the State Treasurer for investment.

Market Value: The price at which a security is trading and could presumably be purchased or sold.

Master Repurchase Agreement: A secured contractual obligation between an investor and an issuing financial institution establishing each party's rights in the transactions. It specifies the right of the buyer-lender to liquidate the underlying securities in the event of default by the seller-borrower. The investor exchanges cash for temporary ownership of the collateral securities with an understanding the seller-borrower (financial institution) will repurchase the securities. Interest income earned during the term belongs to the investor.

Maturity: The date upon which the principal or stated value of an investment becomes due and payable. An investment's term or remaining maturity is measured from the settlement date to final maturity.

Money Market: The market in which short-term instruments (bills, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances, etc.) are issued and traded.

Offer: The price asked by a seller of securities. When buying securities the investor asks for an offer.

Portfolio: Collection of securities held by an investor.

Primary Dealer: A group of government securities dealers who submit daily reports of market activity and positions and monthly financial statements to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and are subject to its informal oversight. Primary dealers include Securities and Exchange (SEC)-registered securities broker-dealers, banks and a few unregulated firms.

Prudent Person Rule: A standard followed by a person of discretion and intelligence seeking a reasonable income and preservation of capital.

Rate of Return: The yield obtainable on a security based on its purchase price or its current market price. This may be the amortized yield to maturity on a bond or the current income return.

Safekeeping: A service to customers rendered by financial institutions for a fee whereby securities and valuables of all types and descriptions are held in the bank's vault for protection. Other services which are normally provided are marking the portfolio to market value, reporting investments held and investment activities.

Securities & Exchange: Agency created by Congress to protect investors in securities transactions by administering securities legislation.

Treasury Bills: A non-interest bearing discount security issued by the U.S. Treasury to finance the national debt. Most bills are issued to mature in three months, six months or one year.

Treasury Bond: Long-term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities of more than 10 years.

Treasury Notes: Intermediate term coupon-bearing U.S. Treasury securities issued as direct obligations of the U.S. Government and having initial maturities of one to ten years.

Variable rate note: Securities which pay interest at rates that can fluctuate during the life of the security.

When issued: A conditional transaction that takes place between the time a new issue is offered and the time of physical delivery of the bonds. It is understood between the buyer and the seller that transactions will occur when and if the bonds are issued.

Yield: The rate of annual income return on an investment, expressed as a percentage. (a) Income yield is obtained by dividing the current dollar income by the current market price for the security. (b) Net yield or yield to maturity is the current income yield minus a premium above par or plus any discount from par in purchase price, with the adjustment spread over the period from the purchase date to the maturity date.

Yield to Maturity: The rate of return yielded by a debt security held to maturity when both interest payments and the investor's capital gain or loss on the security are taken into account.

Agenda Item 5.2

Review Holding One Council Meeting per
Month and Holding Monthly Council
Committee Meetings



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 7, 2025

TO: Budget and Governance Committee

FROM: Sharon Friedrichsen, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Review Holding One Council Meeting per Month and Holding Monthly Council Committee Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Budget and Governance Committee review, discuss and provide recommendations for consideration and action by the City Council.

BACKGROUND

As part of the City Council meeting on May 6, 2025, the Council discussed future agenda item requests from Council Members. Vice Mayor Kaur requested and received majority support for a referral to the Budget & Governance Committee to consider one Council meeting per month and move all Council Policy Committees to monthly. As such, this item is being brought forth to the Budget and Governance Committee for discussion.

DISCUSSION

Council Meetings Once a Month

To help facilitate the discussion, staff researched the meeting frequency of several comparable-sized and neighboring cities, as illustrated in the table below.

Jurisdiction	Population	Meeting Frequency
Albany	20,325	Twice a Month
Berkeley	125,327	Twice a Month
El Cerrito	25,700	Twice a Month
Emeryville	13,314	Twice a Month
LaFayette	25,371	Once a Month
LaPalma	15,092	Once a Month
Los Altos Hills	8,435	Once a Month
Piedmont	10,782	Twice a Month
Pinole	18,192	Twice a Month
Oakland	443,554	Twice a Month
Richmond	112,735	Three Times a Month
San Anselmo	12,291	Once a Month

While this list compares the frequency of council meetings based on the size of a jurisdiction, it does not take into consideration the complexity of a jurisdiction and the unique operational needs of an entity that help determine how often the elected body meets. While there are some efficiencies resulting from a decrease in council meetings,

such as the staff time required to prepare for and attend meetings, the cost to print agendas and utility costs, these costs should be considered with the possible tradeoffs associated with less meetings. For example, there may be a delay in executing contracts that require council approval, which could impact delivery of projects and services; the effective date of ordinances would be extended as the second reading would occur one month after the first reading was adopted; fewer meetings may limit the council and staff's ability to respond quickly to new issues and monthly meetings may have more agenda items that could lead to longer and more congested meetings. In addition, the opportunity for the public to speak on non-agenda items (public comment) would be reduced should council change the frequency of meetings. It is worth noting that special meetings may be added and regularly scheduled meetings may be cancelled based on operational necessity regardless of how often council meets.

Committee Meetings

The majority of Council Committees meet every two months as illustrated on the table below.

Committee	Meeting Frequency	Meeting Dates
Budget and Governance	Quarterly	February, May, October and December
Community Services	Every Two Months beginning in January	January, March, May, July, September and November
Public Safety	Every Two Months beginning in January	January, March, May, July, September and November
Transportation and Sustainability	Monthly	Monthly with no August meetings.

Council approved the current meeting schedule on January 21, 2025, as part of the agenda item on the City Council Committee Reorganization and Amendment to the Housing Committee Membership. As the Budget and Governance Committee currently meets quarterly, the Committee may consider whether to recommend to Council that the Committee also meets every two months for consistency as well as for operational enhancements, particularly during March-June to align with the biennial budget process. However, regardless of the current or proposed meeting frequency, special meetings may be held and regularly scheduled meetings may be cancelled based on operational needs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts associated with discussing these options.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There has been no communication with the public on this item.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There is no known conflict of interest.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Budget and Governance Committee review, discuss and provide recommendations for consideration and action by the City Council. This item is a policy discussion by Council and staff has no recommendation at this time.