



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

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Members: Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey

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Thursday, June 8, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, and Matt Dorsey

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Thursday, June 8, 2023, with Chair Catherine Stefani presiding. Chair Stefani called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

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COMMUNICATIONS

Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, instructed members of the public, when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments in-person or by dialing the telephone number published on the agenda and scrolling across the screen. Clerk Carroll further announced that in-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called.

*(Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial *3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email (john.carroll@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.)*

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Stefani, Vice Chair Engardio, and Member Dorsey were noted present.

A quorum of the committee was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

230469 [Liquor License Issuance - 2565 Mission Street - Arena SF]

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to Qualia Entertainment Inc., to do business as Arena SF located at 2565 Mission Street (District 9) will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

04/14/23; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to Qualia Entertainment Ins., to do business as Arena SF located at 2565 Mission Street (District 9).

04/21/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

04/21/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/18/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department recommends approval. The site is located within the Mission RUSD as defined in Planning Code, Section 249.60. In this case the Zoning Administrator has determined that the Type-90 meets the intent of the Mission RUSD in that: The Type-90 can be approved for existing entertainment establishments that already have another license (Type-47, -48, etc.) without impacting their established land uses (i.e., Nighttime Entertainment, General Entertainment, Restaurant, Bar, etc.). 2565 Mission Street has been operating with a Type-47 on or before November 1, 1976, per the California ABC; the Type-47 has been in continual use since then; 2565 Mission Street has operated with an established land use of General Entertainment / Nighttime Entertainment. This operation has been operating prior to and continually since 1995.

06/01/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response recommending approval with the following conditions:

- 1) Petitioner(s) shall actively monitor the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons on any property adjacent to the licensed premises as depicted on ABC-253;
- 2) Entertainment provided shall not be audible at any nearby residence or consideration point; and
- 3) Between the hours of 7:00 pm and 2:00 am, or at any time the premises are providing entertainment, the petitioner(s) shall provide at least one (1) uniformed security guard(s) on the premises and shall maintain order therein and prevent any activity which would interfere with the quiet enjoyment of their property by nearby residents or the surrounding community; the licensed uniform security guard must be licensed by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Officer Joel Salmonson (Police Department); Mark Rennie; presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.

Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to Qualia Entertainment Inc., to do business as Arena SF located at 2565 Mission Street (District 9), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, Section 23958.4; and requesting that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control impose conditions on the issuance of the license. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

Chair Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

230527 [Liquor License Transfer - 2240 Market Street - The Epicurean Trader]

Hearing to consider that the person-to-person, premises-to-premises transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to The Epicurean Trader, Inc., doing business as The Epicurean Trader, located at 2240 Market Street (District 8), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

05/01/23; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to The Epicurean Trader, Inc., doing business as The Epicurean Trader, located at 2240 Market Street.

05/05/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

05/10/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/31/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department recommends approval for ABC Type-21 license in conjunction with principally-permitted Specialty Grocery Store use (d.b.a The Epicurean Trader) in the Upper Market Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit Zoning District per Planning Code, Section 764.

06/01/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response recommending approval with the following condition:

1) Petitioner(s) shall actively monitor the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons on any property adjacent to the licensed premises as depicted on the ABC-253.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: Officer Joel Salmonson (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.

Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the person-to-person, premises-to-premises transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to The Epicurean Trader, Inc., doing business as The Epicurean Trader, located at 2240 Market Street (District 8), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, Section 23958.4; and requesting that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control impose a condition on the issuance of the license. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

Chair Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Chair Stefani requested that File Nos. 221220 and 230070 be called together.

221220 [Hearing - Sheriff's Department Staffing Levels]

Sponsor: Stefani

Hearing regarding updates on the Sheriff's Department's current staffing levels and how staffing impacts relate to jail conditions and a status report of rehabilitation programs, including but not limited to Five Keys Charter, RSVP, etc.; and requesting the Sheriff's Department to report.

11/29/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

12/06/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Sheriff's Department for informational purposes. Referred by request to the Youth Commission for review and comment.

12/30/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On December 19, 2022, the Youth Commission met and recommended support for the hearing, and submitted questions and recommendations for the file.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Nicole Jones, Acting Deputy Chief (Police Department); Sheriff Miyamoto (Sheriff's Department); Ardis Graham and Nate Johnson (Department of Human Resources); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Efraim; Ken Lomba (San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association); Francisco Da Costa; Yolanda Huang; Speaker; Brian Tacket; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

230070 [Urging the Department of Human Resources to Enhance the Competitiveness of Police and Sheriff's Department Recruitment Bonuses and the Police Commission and Sheriff's Department Oversight Board to Develop Full-Duty Staffing Plans]

Sponsors: Dorsey; Stefani, Mandelman and Engardio

Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Human Resources to explore ways to adopt policies to match top recruitment bonuses offered by law enforcement agencies in Northern California that compete for new and laterally hired police officers and sheriff deputies; urging the Police Commission and Sheriff's Department Oversight Board to develop sworn staffing plans to achieve recommended full-duty police and sheriff staffing levels; and urging continued improved efficiencies in the recruitment and hiring of prospective San Francisco Police Department officers and San Francisco Sheriff's Department Deputies.

01/24/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

01/27/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Human Resources, the Police Department, and the Police Commission for informational purposes.

05/11/23; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee.

Speaker: David Pilpel; shared various concerns about the resolution matter.

05/11/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Nicole Jones, Acting Deputy Chief (Police Department); Sheriff Miyamoto (Sheriff's Department); Ardis Graham and Nate Johnson (Department of Human Resources); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Efrain; Ken Lomba (San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association); Francisco Da Costa; Yolanda Huang; Speaker; Brian Tacket; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

Member Dorsey moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 6, Lines 22-23, to read 'although the department has almost enough supervisors, it needs 76 and has 73;' and on Page 8, Lines 11-17 to read 'FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges DHR, SFPD, and the San Francisco Police Commission to continue collaborative efforts to improve efficiencies in recruiting and hiring prospective police officers in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges DHR, SFSD, and the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board to continue collaborative efforts to improve efficiencies in recruiting and hiring prospective sheriff deputies in the City and County of San Francisco.' The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Member Dorsey moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:27 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.