



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Rules Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, Gordon Mar

Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723

Thursday, July 9, 2020

2:00 PM

Special Meeting

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, and Gordon Mar

The Rules Committee met in special session through videoconferencing on Thursday, July 9, 2020, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Mar were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

200507 [Charter Amendment - Adjustment of Baseline Funding]

Sponsor: Mayor

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that future annual adjustments in baseline funding for the following Charter-mandated funds will not take into account certain changes in City revenue resulting from voter-approved business taxes on the November 3, 2020 ballot: the Municipal Transportation Fund, the Park, Recreation and Open Space Fund, the Children and Youth Fund, the Library Preservation Fund, the Housing Trust Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, the Dignity Fund, and the Street Tree Maintenance Fund; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

05/19/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/18/2020.

05/27/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency, Dept. of Children Youth and Their Families, Library, and Public Works for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

06/17/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2).

06/24/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

06/25/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ben Rosenfield, Controller (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

06/25/20; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

06/30/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency, Dept. of Children Youth and Their Families, Library, and Public Works for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

Vice Chair Stefani moved that this Charter Amendment be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION to the Budget and Finance Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

200654 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations Code - Real Property Transfer Tax Rate Increase on Transfers of Properties for at Least \$10,000,000]

Sponsors: Preston; Ronen, Haney, Mar and Walton

Hearing to consider the proposed Initiative Ordinance submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the November 3, 2020, Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to increase the Real Property Transfer Tax rate from 2.75% to 5.5% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$10,000,000 and less than \$25,000,000 and from 3% to 6% on transfers of properties with a consideration or value of at least \$25,000,000; and to increase the City's appropriations limit by the amount of the tax increase for four years from November 3, 2020."

(Economic Impact; No Economic Analysis Report)

06/12/20; RECEIVED. Submitted to the Department of Elections and received Initiative Ordinance from Supervisors Preston, Ronen, Haney, Mar and Walton.

06/16/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

06/24/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; Office of Small Business for review/report, and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, and the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

06/30/20; TRANSFERRED to Rules Committee.

07/02/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

07/07/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Dean Preston (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Jordan Davis; Artim; Tracy Flanderick; Lourine Fleder; Speaker; Todd Snyder; Kala Williams; Irene Chun; Curtis Woo; Anastasia Renopolis; Everposim Tear; Katie Green; Sharlett; Speaker; Erica; Peter; Speaker; Curtis Bradford; Misa Stire; Mr. Taylor; Eric Brooks; Isan; Marie; Maggie Chan; Angelica Cabanda; Speaker; Monk; Speaker; Speaker; Cathy Lipscom; Jan; Carolyn Cockrin; Hona; Camille; Shawn; Sara; Tres Balbone; Ms. Varmas; Frank Rosa; Speaker; Hernandez; Lena Maybaum; David Woo; Sam; Ken Tray; Emily; Speaker; Michael Cota; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

200515 [Charter Amendment - Police Department Staffing Levels]**Sponsors: Yee; Ronen, Peskin, Fewer, Walton and Mar**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to remove the minimum police staffing requirement, to require the Police Department to submit a report and recommendation regarding police staffing levels to the Police Commission every two years, and to require the Police Commission to consider the report and recommendation when approving the department's proposed budget; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

05/19/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/18/2020.

05/27/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Police Department, Police Commission, and the Department of Human Resources for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

06/17/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2).

07/08/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Commissioner John Hamasaki (Police Commission); President Norman Yee (Board of Supervisor); Bob Moser, Assistant Chief (Police Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Katy Green; Ren Newton; Telly; Speaker; Spensor; Pamela; Camilla; Speaker; Sam; Matt Segal; Speaker; Monica; Majik Altman; Allison Demis; Karen Nixon; Sonya Spray; Jessica Catman; Lauren Church; Torrie Airhart; Peter; Kasine Mills; Calvin Quick; Joe; Mr. Rowwood; Speaker; Wendy; Hiya Wilsmire; Kaila Koffman; Marie; Julia Fair; Shevan; Torrie Lawson; Marian; Shiv; Ms. Wong; Kiana; Mr. Scott; MacKinelly; Speaker; Todd Snyder; Joanna; Luis Bersterm; Offia; Alana; Anna Craftsner; Conner Kelly; Sarah; Kattie Rivers; Chris Neally; Ann Couch; Hope Williams; Katlin Ronan; Gailin; Shanna; Speaker; Gabbie Rob; Matilda More; Monica; Speaker; Jessica Lee; Carolyn Cockrin; Speaker; Speaker; Phil; Canel; Jessie; Speaker; Kate Williams; Addidi; Jordan Davis; Ms. Newsom; Joanne; Tina Winn; Speaker; Catherine Shee; Shu; Alex; Regina; Speaker; Miriam; Jenette Page; Anthony; Steven Miller; Speaker; Speaker; Camilla; Cass Perry; Speaker; Amanda; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; Allie; Anna; Frances Britt(-); Alex Post(-); Sean Cochran; Rachel; Leah McGeever; Susan Shallot; Erin; Lawrence; Mimi Klausner; Kylie; Maureen; Emma Kelsey; Emma Kelsie; Dillon Sabreth; Edna; Angelina; Mina; Angela Tang; Tera Campton; Speaker; Alisha; Naima; Speaker; Marc Salomon; Correy; Sarah; Tyler; Kyle; Heather; Annette; Lawrence Drinker; Corina; Speaker; Speaker; Nehan; Jennifer Woo; Gracie; Speaker; Katelin Fatherhein; Speaker; John; Jess; Nickie; Martha; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; Curtis; Speaker; Speaker; Angela Ball; Sonali; Emily Lodze; Speaker; Delial; Yevgena Alreas; Mina Gray; Vickie Lang; Anthony; Iris; Karen; Jack Stevenson; Key Walters; Shawn Buton; Aaron; Sarah; Emily Badrin; Victoria Beckly; Speaker; Doyle; Robin Metha; Jeremy; Jessie Bulluck; Mihapoly; Sofia; Claudia; Page; Leo; Camilla; Speaker; Speaker; Megan; Scott; Amila Cray; Eve; Nick Jiles; Maria; Jason Prado; Zoe; Gabriel Gothman; Speaker; Alice; Albaba; Speaker; Shawn Titas; Beth; Katrina; Rocky Tau; Jose Hernal; Charlie; Jessie Stout; Kiely; Speaker; Humprey; Bethany; Judy; Celia; Haley; Speaker; Danny; Matthew; Abdula McHan; Pat; Sascha; Alina Canoska; Mr. Night; Melaine; Speaker; Kelly; Jack Polosky; Vincent Harper; Kam; Gabriel; Karen; Kristina; Speaker; Paul; Madian Row; Dillon Anderson; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; ; spoke in support of the matter. Sgt O'Mally (SF Airport Police); Speaker; Brian; Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Supervisor Mar request to be added as a co-sponsor.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to remove the minimum police staffing requirement, to require the Police Department to submit a report and recommendation regarding police staffing levels to the Police Commission every two years, and to require the Police Commission to consider the report and recommendation when approving the department's proposed budget; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Rules Committee Meeting of July 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

200509 [Charter Amendment - Public Advocate]

Sponsors: Mar; Ronen, Haney, Preston and Walton

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to: 1) create the Office of the Public Advocate; 2) set the Public Advocate's powers and duties; 3) authorize the Public Advocate to review the administration of City programs and services, including programs for transmitting information to the public and departments' customer service plans, and to receive, investigate, and attempt to resolve complaints regarding City services and programs; 4) authorize the Public Advocate to receive and investigate specified whistleblower complaints; and 5) provide for the Public Advocate's election, removal, and salary; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

05/19/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/18/2020.

05/27/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, and the Civil Service Commission for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

06/17/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2).

06/29/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Debra Garficle; Hope Williams; Linda Chapman; spoke in support of the matter.

06/29/20; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

06/30/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, and the Civil Service Commission for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

07/06/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

07/06/20; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

07/07/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, and the Civil Service Commission for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Jordan Davis; Cala Williams; Curtis Bradshaw; Todd Snyder; Tess Wilborn; Ms. Moore; Anastasia Renopolis; Speaker; Megan; Kiara; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

Charter Amendment (Fourth Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to: 1) create the Office of the Public Advocate; 2) set the Public Advocate's powers and duties; 3) authorize the Public Advocate to review the administration of City programs and services, including programs for transmitting information to the public and departments' customer service plans, and to receive, investigate, and attempt to resolve complaints regarding City services and programs; 4) authorize the Public Advocate to receive and investigate specified whistleblower complaints; and 5) provide for the Public Advocate's election, removal, and salary; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Rules Committee Meeting of July 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

200510 [Charter Amendment - Department of Sanitation and Streets, Sanitation and Streets Commission, and Public Works Commission]**Sponsors: Haney; Walton, Preston, Ronen and Mar**

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Department of Sanitation and Streets to succeed to specific duties currently performed by the Department of Public Works; to create a Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets; to create a Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works; and to require an annual performance audit and cost and waste analysis for both departments; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

05/19/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/18/2020.

05/27/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Public Works and the Office of the City Administrator for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

06/17/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2).

06/22/20; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

06/29/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisors Matt Haney and Shamann Walton (Board of Supervisors); Alaric Degrafinried, Interim Director (Public Works); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker: Gabi Rubensen; Ms. Romeres (Local 241); Mary Wilkay; David Elliott Lewis; Rena Colorado; Linda Chapman; Curtis Bradford; Casey Ashburry; John McCormick; Rachael Redondiez; Gem; Lorenzo Lorenzo; Lila Moreski; spoke in support of the matter.

Supervisors Ronen and Mar requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

06/29/20; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

06/30/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

06/30/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Public Works and the Office of the City Administrator for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22

07/06/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); Natasha Mihal (Controller's Office); Alaric Degrafinried, Acting Director (Public Works); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Julia Summers; Daryl Mitchell; Ms. Smith; David Elliot Lewis; Amis Cogery; Mr. McCormick; L. June; Roy; Bruce Jeron; Ann Davinthaw; Mr. Hernandez; Miguel Hernandez; Reanne Colorado; Joc; spoke in support of the matter. Miguel Larus; Jordan Davis; Carolyn Ward; spoke in opposition of the matter.

07/06/20; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE.

07/06/20; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

07/07/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental review; Office of the Controller for financial analysis report; and Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Public Works and the Office of the City Administrator for reports and/or comments, pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); Alaric

Degrafinried, Acting Director (Public Works); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Jordan Davis; Ms. Nugan; Anthony; Alina Cusoka; Speaker; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

Charter Amendment (Fourth Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Department of Sanitation and Streets to succeed to specific duties currently performed by the Department of Public Works; to create a Sanitation and Streets Commission to oversee the Department of Sanitation and Streets; to create a Public Works Commission to oversee the Department of Public Works; and to require an annual performance audit and cost and waste analysis for both departments; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Rules Committee Meeting of July 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to create the Sheriff's Department Oversight Board to advise and report findings and recommendations to the Sheriff and the Board of Supervisors regarding Sheriff's Department operations; to create the Sheriff's Department Office of Inspector General, under the direction of an Inspector General appointed by the Oversight Board, to investigate complaints of non-criminal misconduct by employees and contractors of the Sheriff's Department and in-custody deaths, develop policy recommendations for the Sheriff's Department, and report quarterly its findings, results, and recommendations to the Sheriff and the Oversight Board; at an election to be held on November 3, 2020.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Rules Committee Meeting of July 13, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 9:40 p.m.

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