



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Rules Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, Connie Chan

Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723

Monday, May 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, and Connie Chan

The Rules Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing on Monday, May 10, 2021, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.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.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

210517 [Appointment, Local Agency Formation Commission - Supervisor Dean Preston]

Motion appointing Supervisor Dean Preston, term ending February 4, 2022, to the Local Agency Formation Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

05/05/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

RECOMMENDED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210418 [Mayoral Appointment, Retirement Board - Shruti Gandhi]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Shruti Gandhi to the Retirement Board, for a term ending February 20, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)

(Charter, Section 3.100(18), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within thirty days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by two-thirds vote within the thirty day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed.

Transmittal date: April 16, 2021)

04/20/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Shruti Gandhi; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director (Office of the Clerk of the Board); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Ally Janet; Speaker; Speaker; Jed Holtsman; Jack Fleck; Speaker; spoke in support of the appointment of Shruti Gandhi. Johnny Coultrre; David Page; spoke in opposition of the appointment of Shruti Gandhi. Jack Fleck; Charles Hernandez; spoke neither in support nor against the appointment Shruti Gandhi.

Chair Peskin moved that this Motion to approve/reject the appointment of Shruti Gandhi to the Retirement Board be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Chair Peskin moved to rescind the Motion to approve/reject the appointment of Shruti Gandhi to the Retirement Board. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 10, 11, and 12, to replace 'reappointment' with 'appointment' and Page 1, Line 13, to replace 'reappointed' with 'appointed' . The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

(Charter, Section 3.100(18), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within thirty days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by two-thirds vote within the thirty day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed. Transmittal date: April 16, 2021)

Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210303 [Administrative Code - Neighborhood Anchor Business Registry]

Sponsors: Chan; Haney, Ronen, Preston, Walton and Peskin

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create a Neighborhood Anchor Business Registry under the Office of Small Business and make it City policy to promote participation by Neighborhood Anchor Businesses in City grant programs for small businesses and for commercial eviction defense.

03/23/21; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 4/22/2021.

03/29/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Small Business Commission for hearing and recommendation.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director (Office of Small Business); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisor Peskin requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE on Page 1, Line 1, to strike 'Creating a'; on Page 1, Line 6, to insert 'related to COVID-19'; and to limit the grants and loans prioritized for Neighborhood Anchor Businesses to those related to relief or recovery from the COVID-19 emergency; add Cultural Districts to the areas where Neighborhood Anchor Businesses can be nominated; require businesses nominated for the registry to sign a sworn statement that they do not have any pending complaints, unpaid judgements, or findings by a court or labor enforcement agency that they have violated a worker protection law (reducing the burden on Office of Small Business staff); allow the E.D. of the Office of Small Business to identify additional community-based organizations so they can nominate small business who may not have connections to traditional business groups, to advance the City's racial equity and language access goals; allow each merchants association or community-based organization to nominate a maximum of 10 small businesses per year; give the Office of Small Business more time to prepare a report identifying all COVID relief and eviction prevention services available to Neighborhood Anchor Businesses, and requiring them to add new programs to the report within 30 days of adopting eligibility requirements for those programs; and adding other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create a Neighborhood Anchor Business Registry under the Office of Small Business and make it City policy to promote participation by Neighborhood Anchor Businesses in City grant programs for small businesses related to COVID-19 relief and for commercial eviction defense.

Chair Peskin moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the May 17, 2021, Rules Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:29 a.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.