



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Monday, October 30, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Matt Dorsey, Shamann Walton, and Ahsha Safai

The Rules Committee met in regular session, on Monday, October 30, 2023, with Chair Matt Dorsey presiding. Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Dorsey, Vice Chair Walton, and Member Safai were noted present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, informed the public that on October 17, 2023, the Board of Supervisors approved a Motion discontinuing remote public comment and participation at all Board and Committee meetings; going forward all public comment will be taken in-person, with remote access only being provided for those who require an ADA accommodation.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

230985 [Charter Amendment - Minimum Police Department Staffing and Five-Year Annual Funding Requirement]**Sponsors: Dorsey; Engardio and Mandelman**

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to establish minimum staffing levels for sworn officers of the Police Department, requiring for a period of five years that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors appropriate funds to meet staffing levels, establishing a Police Full Staffing Fund for a period of five years for purposes of facilitating minimum police staffing, and allowing for a temporary freeze of appropriations to the Police Full Staffing Fund in a budget or economic emergency; at an election to be held on March 5, 2024.

09/19/23; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 10/19/2023.

09/26/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Dept. of Elections, Ethics Commission, Office of the Controller, and the Police Department per Rules of Order. Referred to the Planning Department for CEQA Determination.

10/03/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines.

10/19/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

10/23/23; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Chief William Scott; Commander Nicole Jones, Deputy Chief Peter Walsh, and Patrick Leung (Police Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Mary Harris (All My Neighbors in Action); Henry Kolonowitz (SFPD Small Business Advisory Forum); Shelley Costantini; Isabella Gomide; Speaker; Alan Burradell; Chema Hernandez Gil (SEIU Local 1021); Karina Velasquez (Stop Crime SF); Charlotte Wolfstern; Speaker; Tenika; Carlie Matthews; Ms. Portay; Marlene Tran; May Lai Yeung; Jake Conner Otega; Marie Hurabiell; Richard Purino; Leah McGeever; Speaker; Tiffany Good; Donna Herwitz; Harry Fludermersh; spoke in support of the matter. Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter. George Wooding; Steven Johnson; Jordan Davis; Jasmine Nazari; Speaker; Steve Cotton; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

10/23/23; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE.

10/23/23; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

10/23/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Dept. of Elections, Ethics Commission, Office of the Controller, Human Resources and the Police Department per Rules of Order. Referred to the Planning Department for CEQA Determination.

10/25/23; RESPONSE RECEIVED.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Commander Nicole Jones, Patrick Leung, and Chief William Scott (Police Department); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Meling; Stephen Martin Pinto; Susan Abbot; Speaker; Lai Wa Wu (Chinese Progressive Association); Sara Silvers; Jake Hunter Otega; Julia Rome (SF Travel Association); Richard Perina; Speaker; Mark Brannon; spoke in support of the matter. Bianca Polvina (IFPTE Local 21); Angela Chan; Melonie Kim and Caroline Goosen, and Jessie Siphor (Office of the Public Defender); Carlof Kay; Rudy Ruiz (SF Library); J. Wesley; Jordan Davis; Allen Cohen (Adult Protective Services); Ingrid (SF General Hospital); Kim Catinovi (SF Labor Council); spoke in opposition of the matter. Teresa Rutherford, Christian Marty, Gus Vallejo, A. J. Thomas, Brandon Dawkins, Speaker, Donna Elshere; Joseph, and Ms. Dobson (SEIU Local 1021); Kim Thompson (SEIU Local 21); Rudy Gonzalex (San Francisco Building Trade Council); Martha Conti; Lesslie Cupper (Department of Public Health); Speaker; Forest Cameron; Alan Burradell; Burt Wilson; Shannon (SF Drug Overdose Program); Dillon Evans; Chris (Local 718); Clara Lou (Chinese Progress Association); Aaron Kramer (SF General Hospital); Brenda Barrows; Lea McGeever; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to define "Full-Duty Sworn Officers" for purposes of establishing minimum staffing levels for sworn officers of the Police Department; and, contingent upon the Controller's certification that a future tax measure passed by the voters will generate sufficient additional revenue to fund the cost of employing Full-Duty Sworn Officers at specified minimum staffing levels and the minimum amount necessary to implement a police staffing fund: 1) set the Minimum Staffing Number for five fiscal years beginning with 1,700 full-duty sworn officers in year one, with increases each year such that by the fifth fiscal year, the Minimum Staffing Number shall be 2,074; 2) require for a period of five years that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors appropriate funds to pay for at least the number of sworn officers as of February 1 of the prior fiscal year; 3) establish a Police Full Staffing Fund ("Fund") for a period of five fiscal years to facilitate minimum police staffing; 4) require that \$16.8 million be appropriated into the Fund in the first year, and varying amounts in years two through five, calculated based on staffing shortages, but allowing for a temporary freeze of appropriations to the Fund after the first year in a budgetary or economic emergency; at an election to be held on March 5, 2024.

Member Safai moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the November 6, 2023, Rules Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Walton, Safai

Noes: 1 - Dorsey

231008 [Administrative Code - Community Policing and Foot and Bike Patrols]

Sponsors: Safai; Engardio, Peskin, Ronen, Chan, Walton and Dorsey

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department, and to require the Police Commission to hold annual hearings regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols.

09/26/23; ASSIGNED to Rules Committee. 9/27/23 - President Peskin waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

10/10/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department and Police Commission for information purposes.

10/23/23; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Chief William Scott (Police Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Mary Harris (All My Neighbors in Action); spoke in support of the matter. Lea McGeever; Jordan Davis; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Supervisors Walton and Dorsey requested to be added as a co-sponsors.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Chief William Scott (Police Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Member Safai moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 4-5, to strike 'and to require the Police Commission to hold annual hearings regarding community policing and foot and bike patrols'; beginning on Page 1, line 24, insert 'SFPD shall submit each CCP to the Poilce Commission so that the Police Commission may consider the CPP in conjunction with its consideration of SFPD's budget under Chapter 3 of th eAdministrative Code; Page 3, Line 2, to replace 'June 30' with 'January 1'; Page 3, Line 12, to insert 'and a staffing analysis for foot and/or bike patrols, and making other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Chief of Police to adopt a foot and bike patrol strategy for the Police Department.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:13 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.