



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Monday, June 17, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, and Ahsha Safai

The Rules Committee met in regular session, on Monday, June 17, 2024, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (victor.young@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

240656 [Presidential Reappointment, Planning Commission - Maria Theresa Imperial]

Motion approving/rejecting the President of the Board of Supervisors Aaron Peskin's nomination for the reappointment of Maria Theresa Imperial to the Planning Commission, for a term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2028. (Clerk of the Board)

(Charter, Section 4.105, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 4, 2024.)

06/05/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Theresa Imperial; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Calvin Welch; spoke in support of the reappointment of Maria Theresa Imperial.

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the President of the of the Board of Supervisors' nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Motion approving the President of the Board of Supervisors Aaron Peskin's nomination for the reappointment of Maria Theresa Imperial to the Planning Commission, for a term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2028. (Clerk of the Board)

(Charter, Section 4.105, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 4, 2024.)

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240494 [Reappointment, Public Works Commission - Gerald Demarcus Turner and Fady Zoubi]

Hearing to consider appointing two members, terms ending July 2, 2028, to the Public Works Commission. (Rules Committee)

Seat 1, succeeding Gerald Demarcus Turner, term expiring July 2, 2024, must be a member of the public for a four-year term ending July 2, 2028.

Seat 5, succeeding Fady Zoubi, term expiring July 2, 2024, must be a member of the public for a four-year term ending July 2, 2028.

(Qualifications for commissioners that are desirable, but not required, include a background or experience in cleaning and maintaining public spaces, urban forestry, urban design, construction, skilled crafts and trades, finance and audits, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, or performance measurement and management.)

05/14/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Fady Zoubi; Gerald Demarcus Turner; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Gerald Turner, seat 1, recommended.

Fady Zoubi, seat 5, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion reappointing Gerald Demarcus Turner and Fady Zoubi, terms ending July 2, 2028, to the Public Works Commission. (Rules Committee)

Gerald Demarcus Turner, seat 1, succeeding himself, must be a member of the public, for a four-year term ending July 2, 2028.

Fady Zoubi, seat 5, succeeding herself, must be a member of the public, for a four-year term ending July 2, 2028.

(Qualifications for commissioners that are desirable, but not required, include a background or experience in cleaning and maintaining public spaces, urban forestry, urban design, construction, skilled crafts and trades, finance and audits, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, or performance measurement and management.)

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240691 [Controller's Reappointment, Public Works Commission - Lauren Post]

Motion approving/rejecting the Controller's nomination for the reappointment of Lauren Post to the Public Works Commission, for a term beginning July 2, 2024, and ending July 2, 2028. (Clerk of the Board)

(Charter, Section 4.141, provides that this nomination is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: May 21, 2024.)

06/12/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Lauren Post; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Controller's nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Motion approving the Controller's nomination for the reappointment of Lauren Post to the Public Works Commission, for a term beginning July 2, 2024, and ending July 2, 2028. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.141, provides that this nomination is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: May 21, 2024.)

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240463 [Mayoral Appointment, Building Inspection Commission - Catherine Meng]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the appointment of Catherine Meng to the Building Inspection Commission, for the unexpired portion of an initial one-year term ending July 1, 2024, and for a term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2026. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.121, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: May 2, 2024.)

Seat 4, inaugural appointment, must be an active, formerly active, or retired structural engineer, architect, or residential builder nominated by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending July 1, 2024, and a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2026.

05/07/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Catherine Meng; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for the appointment of Catherine Meng to the Building Inspection Commission, for the unexpired portion of an initial one-year term ending July 1, 2024, and for a term beginning July 1, 2024, and ending July 1, 2026. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.121, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: May 2, 2024.)

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240663 [Mayoral Appointment, Port Commission - Stephen Engblom]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Stephen Engblom to the Port Commission, term ending May 1, 2028. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.114, provides that the Mayor's appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority (six votes) of the Board of Supervisors, with no timeframe to confirm specified. Transmittal Date: June 5, 2024.)

06/05/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Stephen Engblom; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Stephen Engblom to the Port Commission, term ending May 1, 2028. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.114, provides that the Mayor's appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority (six votes) of the Board of Supervisors, with no timeframe to confirm specified. Transmittal Date: June 5, 2024.)

Chair Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240501 [Administrative Code - Streamlined Contracting for Vision Zero Projects]**Sponsors: Chan; Melgar and Ronen**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to streamline contracting for Vision Zero transportation projects by authorizing the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Works to expedite contracts by waiving application of the Environment Code and provisions relating to competitive bidding, equal benefits, local business enterprise utilization, and other requirements, for construction work and professional and other services relating to Vision Zero projects, for a period of three years.

05/14/24; ASSIGNED to Rules Committee. 5/15/24 - President Peskin waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

05/20/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the municipal Transportation Agency and Public Works for informational purposes.

06/03/24; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Joel Ramos (Municipal Transportation Agency); Alex Burns (Public Works); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter.

06/03/24; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

06/10/24; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Joel Ramos (Municipal Transportation Agency); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Bruce Robinson (Public Works); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Tricia Gregory; LaSonia Mansfield; John Trasvina; Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter.

06/10/24; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Bruce Robinson (Public Works); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; Allen Brendell; Angelina Yu (Office of Supervisor Chan); spoke in opposition of the matter.

Member Safai moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 4, by inserting 'but not requiring'; Page 1, Line 7, by inserting 'in other Codes'; Page 1, Line 8, by striking 'local business enterprise utilization'; Page 1, Line 25, by inserting 'authorizing the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Works to expedite; Page 2, Lines 5-7, to insert 'The Authority established by this Section to expedite contracts is in addition to - and not to the exclusion of - other provision of law that may expedite contracting'; Page 2, line 11, to strike 'administrative Code Chapter 14B'; and Page 2, Line 19-25, to add '(c) Prior to entering into a new contract under the authority of subsection (b), the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Works, either jointly or independently, in the discretion of each department, shall issue a request for qualifications substantially in conformance with the requirements and procedures set forth in subsection (f) of Section 6.20, for establishment of a list of prequalified Bidders. Prequalification shall be valid for not more than three years following the date of initial prequalification, or upon expiration of this Section 6.78, whichever occurs first. The Department Head shall establish procedures governing how to make selections from the prequalified list of Bidders, which may include potential selection without further solicitation'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to streamline contracting for Vision Zero transportation projects by authorizing, but not requiring, the Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Works to expedite contracts by waiving application of the Environment Code and select provisions in other Codes relating to competitive bidding, equal benefits, and other requirements, for construction work and professional and other services relating to Vision Zero projects, for a period of three years.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240469 [Administrative Code - Amended Airport Surveillance Technology Policy]

Ordinance approving the amended Airport Surveillance Technology Policy governing the use of pre-security cameras. (Airport Commission)

04/30/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

05/14/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/13/2024.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Guy Clarke (San Francisco International Airport); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240440 [Administrative Code - Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund]

Sponsor: Safai

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Downtown University Attraction and Retention Fund to provide financial incentives to attract public colleges or universities interested in having a physical location in the South of Market, Union Square, and Financial District neighborhoods, and to purchase or lease property for public college or university campuses in those neighborhoods.

04/30/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Budget and Finance Committee, expires on 5/30/2024.

05/06/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Offices of Economic and Workforce Development, City Administrator, and Controller, City Administrator's Real Estate Division, and Planning Department for informational purposes.

05/14/24; TRANSFERRED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): None.

Member Safai moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 2, Lines 17-18, to insert ' including monies appropriated from bond financing proceeds.' The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240332 [Administrative Code - Library Read to Recovery Program]**Sponsors: Dorsey; Mandelman, Stefani, Engardio, Ronen and Safai**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Library Read to Recovery Program to provide at the Main Library and all Library branches free written materials and books from mutual-help programs, for individuals who seek recovery from substance-use disorders and non-substance-related addictive disorders.

04/02/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/2/2024.

04/08/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Library Dept. for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Mahanaz Ebadi (Office of Supervisor Dorsey); Michael Lambert, City Librarian and Doreen Horstin (Public Library); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

240412 [Administrative Code - Repealing Deemed Approved Off-Street Alcohol Use Nuisance Ordinance]**Sponsors: Stefani; Dorsey**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to repeal Chapter 26, known as the Deemed Approved Off-Sale Alcohol Use Nuisance Regulations, and thereby repealing certain City provisions regulating establishments that sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption.

04/23/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/23/2024.

04/29/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Lorenzo Rosa (Office of Supervisor Catherine Stefani); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Walton, Safai

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:38 a.m.

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