



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Agenda

### Government Audit and Oversight Committee

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

*Members: Dean Preston, Connie Chan, Rafael Mandelman*

*Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445*

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Thursday, April 15, 2021

10:00 AM

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**Regular Meeting**

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## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AGENDA CHANGES

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. [210349](#) **[Hearing - City Whistleblower Program and Most Recent Whistleblower Report]**  
**Sponsor: Preston**  
Hearing on the most recent Whistleblower Report from the Office of the City Controller and to review the status of the City's Whistleblower Program; and requesting the Office of the Controller to report.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
  
2. [210200](#) **[Concurring in Actions to Meet Local Emergency - Coronavirus Response - Thirty-Fifth Supplement]**  
**Sponsor: Walton**  
Motion concurring in actions taken by the Mayor in the Thirty-Fifth Supplement to the Proclamation of Emergency to meet the ongoing local emergency related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic by allowing departments to extend COVID-19-related contracts through a streamlined process for an additional twelve months; allowing the Civil Service Commission to approve emergency personal service contracts without requiring advance union notification otherwise required by memoranda of understanding; authorizing the Controller to adopt a policy concerning streamlined approval of certain amendments to non-COVID-19-related contracts; and authorizing the Controller to adopt a policy under which the City may provide expedited payments of funds covering cost-of-doing-business or cost-of-living increases to nonprofit organizations that provide services under existing agreements with the City.  
  
2/23/21; REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING to the Board of Supervisors.  
  
3/2/21; REFERRED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

## LITIGATION

### Conference with City Attorney

*[Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant]  
Motion that the Government Audit and Oversight Committee of the Board of Supervisors convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing litigation and anticipated litigation. Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits and claims listed below.*

*After a closed session, if one occurs, the Committee shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.*

3. [210245](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Frank Villa - \$64,250]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Frank Villa against the City and County of San Francisco for \$64,250; the lawsuit was filed on May 14, 2019, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-19-575979; entitled Frank Villa v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury from a fall in a City parking lot. (City Attorney)  
  
3/5/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
3/16/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
4. [210246](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Luis Angel Garcia Valencia - \$41,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Luis Angel Garcia Valencia against the City and County of San Francisco for \$41,000; the lawsuit was filed on November 30, 2018, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-18-571714; entitled Luis Angel Garcia Valencia v. City and County of San Francisco, et. al; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury from a vehicle collision. (City Attorney)  
  
3/5/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
3/16/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
5. [210247](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Jennifer Galarza - \$100,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Jennifer Galarza against the City and County of San Francisco for \$100,000; the lawsuit was filed on September 7, 2018, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-18-569532; entitled Jennifer Galarza v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves an employment dispute. (City Attorney)  
  
3/5/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
3/16/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

6. [210329](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Recology San Francisco, Sunset Scavenger Company, and Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling Company - San Francisco Refuse Ratepayers to Receive \$94,520,000 in Restitution; City to Receive \$7,000,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by the City and County of San Francisco against Recology San Francisco, Sunset Scavenger Company, and Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling Company for payment of at least \$94,520,000 in restitution and related interest as well as \$7,000,000 in civil penalties; the lawsuit was filed on March 4, 2021, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-21-590091; entitled People of the State of California, acting by and through Dennis J. Herrera as City Attorney of San Francisco; and City and County of San Francisco v. Recology San Francisco, Sunset Scavenger Company, and Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling Company; the lawsuit involves Defendants' violations of California's Unfair Competition Law and San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code based on improper overcharging of San Francisco refuse Ratepayers and unlawful gifts and contributions made to city employees and officers or to third-parties at their request; other material terms of the settlement are that Defendants agree to be bound to a four-year injunction to be presented and entered by the court after the settlement agreement is approved. (City Attorney)  
  
3/19/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
7. [210330](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Elena Ruiz-Diaz and Mercedes Arroyo - \$600,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Elena Ruiz-Diaz and Mercedes Arroyo against the City and County of San Francisco for \$600,000; the lawsuit was filed on July 30, 2020, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-585869; entitled Elena Ruiz-Diaz, by and through her attorney-in-fact, Mercedes Arroyo, and Mercedes Arroyo, individually v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves allegations of medical negligence, elder neglect/abuse, violations of the Patient's Bill of Rights, and negligent infliction of emotional distress concerning Ms. Ruiz-Diaz's care at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. (City Attorney)  
  
3/22/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
8. [210331](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Armin Abdollahvand - \$50,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Armin Abdollahvand against the City and County of San Francisco for \$50,000; the lawsuit was filed on August 27, 2019, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-19-578732; entitled Armin Abdollahvand v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves an alleged personal injury in a rear-end automobile collision involving a City employee. (City Attorney)  
  
3/24/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

9. [210332](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Ramsey Abouremeleh - \$275,000]**  
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Ramsey Abouremeleh against the City and County of San Francisco, et al. for \$275,000; the lawsuit was filed on January 5, 2021, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Case No. CGC-21-588689; entitled Ramsey Abouremeleh v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves an employment dispute. (City Attorney)  
  
3/25/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
10. [210248](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Shipt, Inc. - \$215,000]**  
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Shipt, Inc. against the City and County of San Francisco for \$215,000; the claim was filed on July 24, 2020; the claim involves a refund of gross receipts taxes, penalties, and interest. (City Attorney)  
  
3/5/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
3/16/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
11. [210249](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Katherine Ripley - \$75,000]**  
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Katherine Ripley against the City and County of San Francisco for \$75,000; the claim was filed on January 31, 2020; the claim involves alleged personal injury arising from the use of the South Sunset Athletic Field. (City Attorney)  
  
3/5/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
3/16/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
12. [210333](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Luis Hernandez - \$65,602]**  
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Luis Hernandez against the City and County of San Francisco for \$65,602; the claim was filed on February 18, 2020; the claim involves a cast iron water main break that caused flooding to the property. (City Attorney)  
  
3/22/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
13. [210334](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Farmers Insurance Exchange - \$60,000]**  
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Farmers Insurance Exchange against the City and County of San Francisco for \$60,000; the claim was filed on January 17, 2020; the claim involves property damage arising from sewer main pipe overflow as a result of heavy rain, which resulted in loss of business income. (City Attorney)  
  
3/22/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.  
  
4/6/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

*[Elect To Disclose]*

*Motion that the Board finds it is in the public interest to disclose information discussed in closed session, and directs the Chair immediately to disclose that information.*

*[Elect Not To Disclose]*

*Motion that the Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the public that the Committee elect at this time not to disclose its closed session deliberations listed above.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **LEGISLATION UNDER THE 30-DAY RULE**

*NOTE: The following legislation will not be considered at this meeting. Board Rule 3.22 provides that when an Ordinance or Resolution is introduced which would CREATE OR REVISE MAJOR CITY POLICY, the Committee to which the legislation is assigned shall not consider the legislation until at least thirty days after the date of introduction. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the routine operations of the departments of the City or when a legal time limit controls the hearing timing. In general, the rule shall not apply to hearings to consider subject matter when no legislation has been presented, nor shall the rule apply to resolutions which simply URGE action to be taken.*

*(There is no legislation pending under the 30-Day Rule.)*

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### Agenda Item Information

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- 1) Legislation
- 2) Budget and Legislative Analyst report
- 3) Department or Agency cover letter and/or report
- 4) Public correspondence

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