

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 - 1:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Members: Matt Haney, Ahsha Safai, Gordon Mar, Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton
Clerk: Linda Wong (415) 554-7719

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

BOARD COMMITTEES

Committee Membership

Budget and Appropriations Committee

Supervisors Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Budget and Finance Committee

Supervisors Haney, Safai, Mar

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

Supervisors Preston, Chan, Mandelman

Joint City, School District, and City College Select Committee

Supervisors Ronen, Safai, Haney (Alt), Commissioners Moliga, Collins, Cook (Alt), Trustee Davila, Williams, Selby (Alt)

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Supervisors Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Supervisors Mar, Stefani, Haney

Rules Committee

Supervisors Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Meeting Days

Wednesday

1:00 PM

Wednesday

10:30 AM

1st and 3rd Thursday

10:00 AM

2nd Friday

10:00 AM

Monday

1:30 PM

2nd and 4th Thursday

10:00 AM

Monday

10:00 AM

First-named Supervisor is Chair, Second-named Supervisor is Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Members Present: Matt Haney, Ahsha Safai, Gordon Mar, Hillary Ronen, and Shamann Walton

The Budget and Appropriations Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, with Chair Matt Haney presiding. Chair Haney called the meeting to order at 1:10 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>.

Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: linda.wong@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly-scheduled Budget and Appropriations Committee Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. every Wednesday of each month. Committee agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://sfbos.org/committees>.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors Melgar and Preston were also noted present at 1:10 p.m.; thereby constituting a quorum of the Board of Supervisors. A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened at 1:10 p.m.; although, the meeting was conducted in all respects as a committee meeting for items on the agenda and any substantive decisions constitute a recommendation of the committee and not action taken by the Board.

Present: Supervisors Haney, Mar, Melgar, Preston, Ronen, Safai, and Walton

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

201364 [Appropriation - Property Tax Revenue \$20,100,000 - Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development - \$10,050,000 for Rent Relief - \$10,050,000 for Social Housing - FY2020-2021]

Sponsors: Preston; Mar, Ronen and Walton

Ordinance appropriating \$10,050,000 from the General Reserve to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for rent relief under the Rent Resolution and Relief Fund and \$10,050,000 for the acquisition, creation and operation of affordable, social housing under the Housing Stability Fund in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

(Fiscal Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisors Dean Preston and Myrna Melgar (Board of Supervisors); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Jordan Davis; Speaker; Ian Brody; Harlo Tipinger; Dyanna Lourdes; Carly Gomes; Susan Marsh; Gabriel Kaufman; Speaker; Emily; Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

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

Vice Chair Safai, seconded by Member Walton, moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 1, by striking 'General Reserve' and adding 'Property Tax Revenue \$20,100,000'; on Page 1, Lines 4-5, by striking 'the General Reserve' and adding 'Property Tax Revenue'; on Page 1, Lines 21-25, and Page 2, Lines 4-7, by making changes to the 'SOURCES Appropriation'; on Page 3, Lines 15-17, by adding 'Section 3. The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development shall provide a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the final implementation rules for the distribution of the direct allocation of federal rent relief funding.'; on Page 3, Line 20, by replacing 'Section 3' with 'Section 4'; and to make other clarifying and conforming amendments.

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Ordinance appropriating \$10,050,000 from Property Tax Revenue to the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development for rent relief under the Rent Resolution and Relief Fund and \$10,050,000 for the acquisition, creation and operation of affordable, social housing under the Housing Stability Fund in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

(Fiscal Impact)

Member Mar, seconded by Member Ronen, moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Special Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting of March 23, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Chair Haney requested File Nos. 210178, 210177, and 210215 be called together.

210178 [Appropriation - Property Tax - Hotel Tax for Arts General Fund Backfill - Various Departments - ADM - \$11,228,000 Grants for the Arts; ART - \$787,867 Arts Impact Endowment; \$604,428 Cultural Centers; \$4,409,000 Cultural Equity Endowment - FY2020-2021]

Sponsors: Mayor; Peskin, Walton, Ronen, Haney, Mandelman, Stefani and Safai

Ordinance appropriating \$11,228,000 from Property Tax to the General Services Agency - City Administrator (ADM) for Grants for the Arts; \$787,867 to the Arts Commission (ART) for Arts Impact Endowment; \$604,428 for Cultural Centers; and \$4,409,000 for Cultural Equity Endowment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

(Fiscal Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ashley Groffenburger, Budget Director (Office of the Mayor); Brian Cheu (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Supervisors Connie Chan and Myrna Melgar (Board of Supervisors); Maria Su, Director (Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families); Viva Mogi (San Francisco Unified School District); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Diana Ponce De Leon (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Risa Sandler (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Debra Walker; Speaker; Marie Stornson; Rachel Lexamoza; Lucy Fisher; Charles Chip McNeal; Francisco Da Costa; Bob Goldhart; Speaker; Allison Collins; Jennifer Fong; Steven Torres; Sharon Quizon; Speaker; Benny Patton; Jenny Low; Eric Quaid; Diana; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Chair Haney, seconded by Vice Chair Safai, moved that this Ordinance be TABLED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Supervisor Chan was noted present at 2:39 p.m.

210177 [Appropriation – Property Tax Revenue \$89,900,000 - Various Departments - Small Businesses, Arts and Cultural Organizations, and Families Relief for COVID-19 and Overdose Prevention - De-appropriation - Business Fee Revenue - \$28,200,000 - FY2020-21]

Sponsors: Mayor; Stefani, Walton, Ronen, Haney, Safai and Mandelman

Ordinance appropriating \$20,000,000 of property tax revenue to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 for a grant program to provide relief to over 2,000 low-income small businesses across the City, in particular those most impacted by Shelter in Place orders, and those that have not accessed state or federal financial programs; and for a loan program which will complement and expand existing local, state, and federal initiatives aimed at providing relief for small businesses struggling as a result of COVID-19.

(Fiscal Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ashley Groffenburger, Budget Director (Office of the Mayor); Brian Cheu (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Supervisors Connie Chan and Myrna Melgar (Board of Supervisors); Maria Su, Director (Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families); Viva Mogi (San Francisco Unified School District); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Diana Ponce De Leon (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Risa Sandler (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Debra Walker; Speaker; Marie Stornson; Rachel Lexamoza; Lucy Fisher; Charles Chip McNeal; Francisco Da Costa; Bob Goldhart; Speaker; Allison Collins; Jennifer Fong; Steven Torres; Sharon Quizon; Speaker; Benny Patton; Jenny Low; Eric Quaid; Diana; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Haney, seconded by Vice Chair Safai, moved that this Ordinance AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 1-3, to read 'Appropriation - Property Tax Revenue \$104,900,000 - Various Departments - Small Businesses, Arts and Cultural Organizations, and Families Relief for COVID-19 and Overdose Prevention - De-appropriation - Business Fee Revenue - \$28,200,000 - FY2020-21'; on Page 1, Lines 4-18, to read 'Ordinance appropriating \$104,900,000 of property tax revenue to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, General Services Agency-City Administrator, Arts Commission, Children Youth and Their Families, Public Health, and General City Responsibility to provide relief to small businesses, including for small businesses impacted by property crime, Grants for the Arts, Arts Impact Endowment, Cultural Centers, Cultural Equity Endowment, Cultural Districts, Youth Learning Initiatives, San Francisco Unified School District and City College Dual Enrollment Programs, overdose prevention, and support for family relief struggling as a result of COVID-19; and de-appropriating \$28,200,000 of business fee revenue, and placing \$6,520,705 on reserve in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.'; by consolidating part of the line items in the proposed Ordinances in Board File Nos. 210178 and 210215 into this Ordinance, and by making other clarifying and conforming amendments. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Ordinance appropriating \$104,900,000 of property tax revenue to the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, General Services Agency-City Administrator, Arts Commission, Children Youth and Their Families, Public Health, and General City Responsibility to provide relief to small businesses, including for small businesses impacted by property crime, Grants for the Arts, Arts Impact Endowment, Cultural Centers, Cultural Equity Endowment, Cultural Districts, Youth Learning Initiatives, San Francisco Unified School District and City College Dual Enrollment Programs, overdose prevention, and support for family relief struggling as a result of COVID-19; and de-appropriating \$28,200,000 of business fee revenue, and placing \$6,520,705 on reserve in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

(Fiscal Impact)

Chair Haney, seconded by Member Walton, moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Special Budget and Appropriations Committee meeting of March 23, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

210215 [Appropriation - Property Tax - Department of Children, Youth and Their Families - \$15,000,000 - Summer Programming - FY2020-2021]

Sponsors: Haney; Chan, Ronen, Melgar, Walton and Safai

Ordinance appropriating \$15,000,000 from Property Tax to the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families (CHF) for summer programming, learning, and activities for youth for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021.

(Fiscal Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ashley Groffenburger, Budget Director (Office of the Mayor); Brian Cheu (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Supervisors Connie Chan and Myrna Melgar (Board of Supervisors); Maria Su, Director (Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families); Viva Mogi (San Francisco Unified School District); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Diana Ponce De Leon (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Risa Sandler (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Debra Walker; Speaker; Marie Stornson; Rachel Lexamoza; Lucy Fisher; Charles Chip McNeal; Francisco Da Costa; Bob Goldhart; Speaker; Allison Collins; Jennifer Fong; Steven Torres; Sharon Quizon; Speaker; Benny Patton; Jenny Low; Eric Quaid; Diana; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Chair Haney, seconded by Vice Chair Safai, moved that this Ordinance be TABLED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

210138 [Business Registration Fee - Weights and Measures and Point of Sale Station Fees]

Sponsors: Mayor; Ronen and Safai

Ordinance extending the deadline for certain businesses to pay the business registration fee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to November 1, 2021; temporarily suspending through November 1, 2021, penalties for late payment of certain weights and measures fees and point of sale station fees billed by the Tax Collector on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before October 1, 2021; and refunding suspended penalties paid to the City.

(Fiscal Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Amanda Fried (Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Chris Sweis (Yellow Cab); Mark Bloomberg; Berry Toronto; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

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

Chair Haney, seconded by Vice Chair Safai, moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE to extend the payment deadline of the business registration fee for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, from May 31, 2021, to either June 30, 2021, or November 1, 2021, depending on when the businesses commenced business in the City and the business's San Francisco gross receipts in calendar year 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

Ordinance extending the deadline to pay the business registration fee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to November 1, 2021, for certain businesses that commenced business in the City before January 1, 2021, and had \$25,000,000 or less in San Francisco gross receipts in 2020 or that commenced business in the City on or after January 1, 2021; extending the deadline to pay the business registration fee for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2021, for certain businesses that commenced business in the City on or before January 1, 2021, and had over \$25,000,000 in San Francisco gross receipts in 2020; temporarily suspending through November 1, 2021, penalties for late payment of certain weights and measures fees and point of sale station fees billed by the Tax Collector on or after March 17, 2020, and on or before October 1, 2021; and refunding suspended penalties paid to the City.

(Fiscal Impact)

Chair Haney, seconded by Vice Chair Safai, moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Haney, Safai, Mar, Ronen, Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Budget and Appropriations Committee and the Special Board of Supervisors adjourned at the hour of 4:35 p.m.

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