



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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

Members: Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin

Clerk: Erica Major (415) 554-4441

Monday, November 15, 2021

1:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Aaron Peskin

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday, November 15, 2021, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

COMMUNICATIONS

*Erica Major, Clerk of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, instructed members of the public, to contribute live comments for up to two minutes by dialing the provided telephone number. When connected, they will receive another prompt, dial * 3 to be added to the queue to speak, advised the public to call from a quiet location, speak clearly and slowly, and turn down their television, radio, or streaming device, and that written comments may be submitted through email to the Clerk (Erica.Major@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.*

REGULAR AGENDA

210452 [Planning Code - Exemption from Neighborhood Notification and Review Requirements for Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Converting to Cannabis Retail]

Sponsor: Mayor

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to exempt Grandfathered Medical Cannabis Dispensaries that convert to Cannabis Retail Uses from neighborhood notification and review requirements; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302.

04/27/21; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 5/27/2021.

05/05/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, for public hearing and recommendation and the Planning Department for environmental review; the Office of Cannabis and Department of Public Health for informational purposes; and Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation.

05/13/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the

08/20/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On July 15, 2021, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and recommended approval of the proposed legislation.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: John Pierce, Acting Director (Office of Cannabis); Aaron Starr (Planning Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Member Peskin moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

210810 [Planning Code - Business Signs on Awnings and Marquees]**Sponsors: Stefani; Chan**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow business signs on awnings or marquees in addition to projecting signs in various neighborhood commercial and residential-commercial districts, and in certain Chinatown mixed use districts; applying business sign controls to additional Neighborhood Commercial Districts; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and public necessity, convenience, and general welfare findings pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

07/13/21; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 8/12/2021.

07/21/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, for public hearing and recommendation and the Planning Department for environmental review; and the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation.

07/22/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

09/21/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On September 13, 2021, the Commission met and recommend support for the proposed legislation.

10/27/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On October 14, 2021, the Commission met and held a duly noticed hearing and recommended approval for the proposed legislation.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Catherine Stefani (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter. George Wooding; spoke in opposition of the hearing matter. Dave Osgood; Corey Smith; Charles Head; Linda Chapman; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

211039 [Hearing - Policy Decisions Balancing Housing and Transportation Coverage, Service Frequency, Long Term Impacts, and Geographic Equity]

Sponsors: Melgar; Mar and Mandelman

Hearing regarding Muni Plans, long term issues of service coverage and frequency, policy consistency with the Housing Element, Plan Bay Area 2050, access and basic service to West Side residents, seniors, people with limited mobility, and those who live in areas with low ridership pre-pandemic; and requesting the Municipal Transportation Agency, Department of Disability and Aging Services, Planning Department, County Transportation Authority, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and the Office of Resilience and Capital Planning to report.

09/28/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

10/01/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Department of Disability and Aging Services for informational purposes.

11/02/21; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

11/05/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, and Department of Disability and Aging Services, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, County Transportation Authority, and the Office of Resilience and Capital Planning for informational purposes and requesting the agencies to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Gordon Mar (Board of Supervisors); Julie Kirschbaum, Gwyneth Borden, Chair and Kansai Uchida (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency); Doug Johnson (Planning Department); Michelle Beaulieu and Alisa Paz (San Francisco Transportation Authority); Brian Strong (Office of Resilience and Capital Planning); Cathy DeLuca; Kimia Haddadan (Planning Department); Tilly Chang, Executive Director (San Francisco Transportation Authority); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Anastasia Yovanopoulos; Zach Deutsch-Gross (San Francisco Transit Riders); Christopher Peterson; Margarette Grass; Linda Chapman; Kathy DeLuca; Lorraine Petty; Gabe Goffman and Harlo Pippenger (San Francisco Transit Riders); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Melgar moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

211021 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 447 Battery Street (aka Jones-Thierbach Coffee Company Building)]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 447 Battery Street (aka Jones-Thierbach Coffee Company Building), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0206, Lot No. 002, as a Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in Article 10 of the Planning Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1. (Historic Preservation Commission)

09/21/21; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

10/05/21; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 11/4/2021.

11/05/21; NOTICED. Notice of Public Hearing for 11/15/2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting mailed to property owners and interested parties.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None

Member Peskin moved that this Ordinance be TABLED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 3:58 p.m.

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