



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall
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Members: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, March 11, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, and Matt Haney

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, March 11, 2021, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.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.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Haney were noted present.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

200133 [Hearing - San Francisco Housing Conservatorship Preliminary Evaluation Report]

Sponsor: Mandelman

Hearing to discuss the San Francisco Housing Conservatorship Preliminary Evaluation Report; and requesting the Department of Public Health and Office of the Public Conservator to report.

02/04/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

02/12/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Public Health and the Office of the Public Conservator, care of the Human Services Agency, for informational purposes.

06/25/20; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dr. Angelica Almeida (Department of Public Health); Jill Nielsen (Department of Aging and Adult Services); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jennifer Esteen (Housing Conservatorship Working Group); Gabby Ruiz (Tenderloin Community Development Corporation); Zach Carlson; Michael Lyon (Senior and Disability Action); Juliana Morris (Do No Harm Coalition); Sherry Park; Tom Metz; Carolyn Kennedy; Chelsea (Coalition on Homelessness); Lauren; Dr. Allen Cooper; Ashley; Raia Small (Senior and Disability Action); Gracie; Rachel Rodriguez (Housing Conservatorship Working Group); David Brighton; Fred Winograd; Carolyn Thomas; David Mauroff (San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project); Jennifer; Jessica Lehman, Executive Director (Senior and Disability Action); spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

07/23/20; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dr. Angelica Almeida (Department of Public Health); Jill Nielsen (Human Services Agency); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Paulina Fayer; Michael Lyon (Senior and Disability Action); Justin; Michael Godwin; Reya Small; Linda Chapman; Carolyn Thomas; Darby Morris; Carolyn Kennedy; Marlayne Morgan (Cathedral Hill Neighborhood Association); Ben Bleiman (Discover Polk Community Benefit District); Jennifer; Curtis Bradford (Tenderloin People's Congress); Cheryl Travers (Rescue SF); Gabby Ruiz (Tenderloin Community Development Corporation); Francis Gorman (Rescue SF); Anakh Sul Rama (Community Housing Partnership); George Wooding; Lauren; Raul de la Rosa; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

09/24/20; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Dr. Angelica Almeida (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

11/12/20; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

12/10/20; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

02/11/21; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, and Dr. Angelica Almeida (Department of Public Health); Jill Nielsen (Human Services Agency); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Jessica Lehman, Director (Senior and Disability Action); spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

200830 [Police Code - Right to Reemployment Following Layoff Due to COVID-19 Pandemic]**Sponsor: Mar**

Ordinance amending the Police Code to create a right to reemployment for certain employees laid-off due to the COVID-19 pandemic if their employer seeks to fill the same position previously held by the laid-off employee, or a substantially similar position, and to reasonably accommodate employees who cannot work because of a family care hardship.

(Supervisor Stefani dissented in Committee.)

07/28/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 8/27/2020.

08/05/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement for informational purposes. Referred to the Small Business Commission for review and comment.

09/21/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On September 14, 2020, the Small Business Commission met and voted 6 to 0 to oppose the proposed ordinance.

01/28/21; RECOMMENDED. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Joshua Arce (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

02/09/21; RE-REFERRED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

Chair Mar moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 8, Line 8, through Page 9, Line 24, to read “Employer” means any “Contractor” as defined by Police Code Section 3300C.1(b), any “Grocery Establishment” as defined by Police Code Section 3300D.2(e), any “Hospitality Establishment” (“Large Food Service Operation,” “Large Hotel,” or “Large Restaurant”) as defined by Police Code Section 3300E.2, or any “Employer” (a “Formula Retail Establishment”) as defined by Police Code Section 3300F.2. These terms are alternatives; so, by way of example but not limitation, if one does not qualify as a “Grocery Establishment” under Police Code Section 3300D.2(e) but does qualify as an “Employer” under Police Code Section 3300F.2, one would qualify as an “Employer” within the meaning of this Article 33K. If any of the above definitions are amended, the definitions as amended shall apply. In addition, subject to the limitations stated in the remaining paragraphs of this definition, “Employer” also means any person as defined in Section 18 of the California Labor Code who directly or indirectly, on or after February 25, 2020, employed or employs 100 or more employees worldwide, as of the earliest date that an employer Separated or Separates one or more Eligible Worker that resulted or results in a Layoff. If one does not qualify as an “Employer” within the meaning of this Article 33K under any of the four terms specified in the first paragraph of this definition solely because of not satisfying the threshold element or elements required to qualify for the term, one shall not be deemed an “Employer” under the second paragraph of this definition. The threshold elements for the respective terms are stated in the referenced Police Code sections and are as follows: for “Contractor” as defined by Police Code Section 3300C.1(b), employing 25 or more persons; for “Grocery Establishment” as defined by Police Code Section 3300D.2(e), being over 15,000 square feet in size; for “Hospitality Establishment” as defined by Police Code Section 3300E.2, for “Large Food Service Operation,” a seating capacity of 5,000 or more at which 100 or more persons have been employed, for “Large Hotel,” having 100 or more guest rooms or suites of rooms, and for “Large Restaurant,” employing 200 or more persons at a single establishment under the specified conditions; and for “Employer” (“Formula Retail Establishment”) as defined by Police Code Section 3300F.2, having 20 or more employees in the City and at least 40 retail sales establishments worldwide. By way of example but not limitation, one who otherwise qualifies as a “Grocery Establishment” under Police Code Section 3300D.2(e), but is only 14,000 square feet in size, and does not otherwise qualify as an “Employer” for purposes of this Article 33K under one of the other terms specified in the first paragraph of this definition, shall not be considered an “Employer” under the second paragraph of this definition. If any of the threshold elements are amended, the amended thresholds shall apply. Further, “Employer” does not under any circumstances include any federal, state, local, or other public agency. Further, “Employer” does not under any circumstances include any employer that provided or provides services that qualify as healthcare operations, which include, without limitation, hospitals, medical clinics, diagnostic testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare service providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services, as well as veterinary care and all healthcare service providers to animals.’; on Page 12, Lines 22-25, by striking 'or any position for which the Eligible Worker would be qualified, including a position that would necessitate training that an Employer would otherwise make available to a new employee to the particular position upon hire'; on Page 13, Lines 20-21, by inserting 'or after the expiration of Ordinance No. 104-20 and prior to the effective date of this Article 33K'; on Page 18, Lines 15-16, by striking 'or upon expiration of Emergency Ordinance No. 104-20, whichever date is later'; and making other conforming, clarifying, and clerical changes throughout the Ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

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

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

Chair Mar requested that File Nos. 201374 and 201373 be heard together.

201374 [Hearing - Digital Divide Review]**Sponsor: Safai**

Hearing requesting departments report to determine how many households do not have internet service, which neighborhoods they reside in, and how many of these households have children under the age of 18 and are students of the San Francisco Unified School District, and determine the racial and ethnic make-up of these households, including how many are foreign born and non-English speakers and English learners; and requesting the Department of Technology, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's Office of Digital Equity, Human Rights Commission, City Administrator, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, San Francisco Housing Authority, Public Works, Human Services Agency, and San Francisco Unified School District to report.

12/08/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

12/16/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Technology, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's Office of Digital Equity, Human Rights Commission, City Administrator, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, San Francisco Housing Authority, Public Works, Human Services Agency, and San Francisco Unified School District for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Rudy Reyes (Verizon); Cammy Blackstone (AT&T); Dillon Auyoung (Comcast); Yolanda Lewis (Digital Mobility); Eric Shaw, Director (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Linda Gerull, Director (Department of Technology); Terry Jones (Human Rights Commission); Matthias Jaime, Director (Committee on Information Technology); Dylan Schneider (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Dr. Tonia Lediju, Acting Executive Director (San Francisco Housing Authority); Susie Smith (Human Services Agency); Michael Lambert, City Librarian (San Francisco Public Library); Aumijo Gomes (Department of Children, Youth and Their Families); Orrian Willis (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Del Seymour; Preston Rhea (Monkey Brains); Val Langmuir (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Center); Anne Sciaruto (Bay Area Council); Maurice Rivers (Oceanview Merced Heights Ingleside Participation Project); David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

201373 [Urging the Implementation of Recommendations in the October 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force Report - Bridge the Digital Divide]**Sponsors: Safai; Mar and Haney**

Resolution urging the adoption of certain Sections in the October 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force Report that recommend the City pursue economic justice, provide high-quality computers to vulnerable populations; bridge the digital divide with affordable connectivity and internet service, and build technology capacity of news users, small businesses, and non-profits; and seeking the Department of Technology to provide a literature review of the past 20 years of the City's efforts to close the digital divide, and provide the Board with a written estimate of cost for the implementation of the three Sections proposed for adoption.

12/08/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

12/16/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the Mayor, the Assessor-Recorder, the Treasurer, the Department of Technology, Public Works, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, and the Office of Racial Equity for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Rudy Reyes (Verizon); Cammy Blackstone (AT&T); Dillon Auyoung (Comcast); Yolanda Lewis (Digital Mobility); Eric Shaw, Director (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Linda Gerull, Director (Department of Technology); Terry Jones (Human Rights Commission); Matthias Jaime, Director (Committee on Information Technology); Dylan Schneider (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Dr. Tonia Lediju, Acting Executive Director (San Francisco Housing Authority); Susie Smith (Human Services Agency); Michael Lambert, City Librarian (San Francisco Public Library); Aumijo Gomes (Department of Children, Youth and Their Families); Orrian Willis (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Del Seymour; Preston Rhea (Monkey Brains); Val Langmuir (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Center); Anne Sciaruto (Bay Area Council); Maurice Rivers (Oceanview Merced Heights Ingleside Participation Project); David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Supervisors Mar and Haney requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Chair Mar moved that this Resolution be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, by making various clerical changes throughout the form of the Resolution. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

Resolution urging the implementation of three recommendations in the October 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force Report that the City provide high-quality computers to vulnerable populations; bridge the digital divide with affordable connectivity and internet service; and build the technology capacity of new users, small businesses, and non-profits; and urging the Department of Technology to review the City's efforts over the past 20 years to close the digital divide, and provide the Board with a written estimate of the cost of implementing the three recommendations.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 2:39 p.m.

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