



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

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

Members: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, March 18, 2021

4:00 PM

Special Meeting

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

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in special session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, March 18, 2021, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 4:01 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: john.carroll@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly-scheduled Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays 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 Mar, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Haney were noted present.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

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.

03/11/21; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

03/11/21; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: Chhavi Sahni (Golden Gate Restaurant Association); spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Haney

Noes: 1 - Stefani

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:11 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.