

City and County of San Francisco Meeting Minutes

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Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Members: Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey

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Friday, September 20, 2024

1:00 PM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Special Meeting

Present: 3 - Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, and Matt Dorsey

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in special session on Friday, September 20, 2024, with Chair Catherine Stefani presiding. Chair Stefani called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Stefani, Vice Chair Engardio, and Member Dorsey were noted present. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monique Crayton, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (monique.crayton@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

240844 [Police Code - Vehicle Sideshows] Sponsors: Mayor; Dorsey and Stefani

Ordinance amending the Police Code to 1) prohibit persons from promoting a Vehicle Sideshow or preparations for such a sideshow; 2) prohibit persons from assembling together to obstruct the streets, sidewalks, highways, other public right-of-ways, off-street parking facilities, or private property in connection with a Vehicle Sideshow or preparations for such a sideshow; 3) prohibit persons from knowingly being present at a Vehicle Sideshow or preparations for such a sideshow for purposes of participating in the Vehicle Sideshow; 4) prohibit persons present at a Vehicle Sideshow or preparations for such a sideshow from interfering with official performance of law enforcement duties; 5) seize and impound vehicles used in a Vehicle Sideshow or preparations for such a sideshow, and under certain conditions sell the vehicles; and 6) make violations of these provisions a misdemeanor, subject to imprisonment and/or fine.

09/03/24; ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. 9/4/24 - President Peskin waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

09/06/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Police Department, Office of the District Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, and Municipal Transit Agency for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Commander Nicole Jones, Diana Aroche (Police Department); Brad Russi (Office of the City Attorney); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

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

Chair Stefani moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 7, Line 5, by inserting 'after being warned to disperse by a law enforcement official;' and on Page 8, Lines 24-25, to read '(f) This Article 56 shall be construed and enforced consistent with the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.' The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

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

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:18 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.