



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Eric Mar, David Campos, Julie Christensen

Clerk: Derek Evans (415) 554-7702

Thursday, April 2, 2015

2:00 PM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 4 - Eric Mar, Julie Christensen, Scott Wiener, and London Breed

Absent: 1 - David Campos

President London Breed appointed Supervisor Scott Wiener, in place of Supervisor David Campos, to the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting of April 2, 2015.

MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 2:04 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

150191 [Health Code - Wild or Exotic Animals for Public Entertainment or Amusement]

Sponsors: Tang; Wiener and Yee

Ordinance amending the Health Code to prohibit the performance of wild or exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement.

02/24/15; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 3/26/2015.

03/04/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review.

03/06/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Animal Care & Control, Police, and Public Health departments for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Katy Tang (Board of Supervisors); Virginia Donohue, Executive Director (Animal Care and Control); Joe Fitting, Deputy Director (San Francisco Zoo); Sally Stevens, Chair (Animal Control and Welfare Commission); presented information concerning the matter and answered questions raised throughout the hearing. Ed Stewart (Performing Animals Welfare Society); Captain Cindy Machado (Marin Humane Society); Dr. Alison Stanley (League of Humane Voters of California); Davi Lang (Animal Legal Defense Fund); Krista Herman (San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals); Pat Cuvillo (Humanity Through Education); Perry Matlock; Andrea Montoya; Daniela Boer; Philip Gerrie; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Supervisor Christensen moved that the Ordinance be AMENDED on page 4, line 16, by replacing 'American Sanctuary Association' with 'Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries'. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Christensen, Wiener

Absent: 1 - Campos

Supervisor Christensen moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Christensen, Wiener

Absent: 1 - Campos

150165 [Hearing - Public Access to the Public Utilities Commission Peninsula Watershed] Sponsors: Avalos; Wiener

Hearing to receive an update on efforts to expand public access to the Public Utilities Commission Peninsula Watershed; and requesting the Public Utilities Commission to report.

02/10/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee.

02/18/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for informational purposes.

02/25/15; TRANSFERRED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. Transferred pursuant to File No. 150103 (M15-026), approved 2/24/15.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor John Avalos (Board of Supervisors); Steve Ritchie, Assistant General Manager of the Water Enterprise, and Tim Ramirez, Watershed Manager (Public Utilities Commission); Howard Levitt, Director of Communications and Partnerships, and Christine FitzGerald (National Park Service - Golden Gate National Recreation Area); Supervisor Dave Pine (San Mateo Board of Supervisors); presented information concerning the matter and answered questions raised throughout the hearing. Brian Coyne; Jason Beck (SF Urban Riders); Erik Meister (OpentheWatershed.org); Ray Hosler; Andy Howse (OpentheWatershed.org); Sasha Magee (SF Urban Riders); Bern Smith (Bay Area Ridge Trail Council); Robert Peters (SF Urban Riders); Charlie Krenz (OpentheWatershed.org); Gary Kremen; Kamala Silva Wolfe (OpentheWatershed.org); Uri Friedman (Swell Bicycles); Jim Sullivan; Tyler Frisbee (San Francisco Bicycle Coalition); Lina Martensson; Doug Johnston; Julia Miller (San Francisco Bay Trail Board); Rez; spoke in support of the hearing matter. Mike Ferreira (Sierra Club); Jake Sigg (California Native Plant Society); spoke in opposition to the hearing matter.

Supervisor Wiener moved that the Hearing be FILED. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Wiener

Absent: 2 - Campos, Christensen

Supervisor Avalos was noted present at 2:36 p.m., and absent at 5:00 p.m.

President Breed was noted present at 3:34 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Malia Cohen was noted present at 3:43 p.m., constituting a quorum of the membership of the Board of Supervisors. The Clerk informed the Chair that a quorum of the membership of the Board of Supervisors was inadvertently present. Supervisor Cohen was then noted absent at 3:47 p.m., resulting in a loss of quorum of the Board of Supervisors. At no time, were there discussions on any items or business not properly noticed on the Agenda, and business that was transacted was duly noticed and valid.

Supervisor Christensen was noted absent at 3:53 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Cohen was noted present at 3:53 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Wiener was noted absent at 3:55 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

President Breed appointed herself, in place of Supervisor Julie Christensen, for a portion of the Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee meeting of April 2, 2015.

150278 [Hearing - Addressing Bias in San Francisco's Justice System]**Sponsors: Mar; Breed, Cohen, Campos and Avalos**

Hearing on addressing bias in San Francisco's justice system; and requesting the Police Department, Public Defender, Office of Citizen Complaints, and District Attorney to report.

03/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

03/27/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, Public Defender, District Attorney, and Office of Citizen's Complaints for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Malia Cohen (Board of Supervisors); Supervisor John Avalos (Board of Supervisors); Jeff Adachi, Public Defender (Public Defender's Office); Chief Greg Suhr (Police Department); Cristine Soto DeBerry, Chief of Staff (District Attorney's Office); Susan Belinda Christian, Chair (Human Rights Commission); Joyce Hicks, Executive Director (Office of Citizen Complaints); presented information concerning the matter and answered questions raised throughout the hearing. Reverend Dr. Amos C. Brown, President (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, San Francisco); Sergeant Yulanda Williams, President (Officers for Justice); Reverend Richard C. Baker, and Reverend Arnold Townsend, Vice President (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, San Francisco); Monica Berlin (Justice 4 George); Christopher Hite (Public Defender's Office); Peter Santina (Public Defender's Office); Angela R. Jenkins; Mano Raju (Public Defender's Office); Chauncey Smith (American Civil Liberties Union); Valerie Tulier (Mission Peace Collaborative); Theshia Naidoo (Drug Policy Alliance); Cynthia Crews (San Francisco League of Pissed Off Voters); Daniel Muhammad; Arlene Drummer; Rosa Aqeel (Pico California); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Supervisor Mar moved that the Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Breed

Absent: 3 - Campos, Christensen, Wiener

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 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.