SANITATION & STREETS COMMISSION and PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

London N. Breed, Mayor

CONCURRENT MEETING MINUTES: Thursday, July 28, 2022 / 10 a.m.
Adopted: August 19, 2022

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 408
San Francisco, CA 94102

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. As authorized by California Government Code Section 54953(e) and Mayor Breed’s 45th Supplement to her February 25, 2020 emergency proclamation, it is possible that some members of the San Francisco Public Works Commission and the Sanitation and Streets Commission may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video teleconference. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide comment at the physical location listed above or may watch live online at www.sfgovtv.org.

Instructions for providing public comment are below.

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COMMISSIONERS

Sanitation and Streets
Thomas Harrison, Kim Hartwig-Schulman, Ike Kwon, Maryo Mogannam, Chris Simi

Public Works
Lauren Post, Lynne Newhouse Segal, Paul Woolford, Fady Zoubi

Carla Short, Interim Public Works Director
Robert Fuller, Public Works Commission Secretary

Adopted August 19, 2022 by the Public Works Commission
1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Sanitation and Streets Commission

On the call of the roll, Commissioners Harrison, Hartwig-Schulman, Kwon, Mogannam and Simi were noted present.

A quorum of the commission was present.

Public Works Commission

On the call of the roll, Commissioners Post, Newhouse Segal, Woolford and Zoubi were noted present.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

City Administrator Carmen Chu welcomed the Sanitation and Streets commissioners and the Public Works commissioners.

Sanitation and Streets Commission

Commissioners Harrison, Hartwig-Schulman, Kwon, Mogannam and Simi introduced themselves.

Public Works Commission

Commissioners Post, Newhouse Segal, Woolford and Zoubi introduced themselves.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Commission(s) on topics that are within the subject matter of the Commission(s) but are not part of this agenda. Comments specific to an item on the agenda may be heard when that item is considered. Members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. General Public Comment may be continued to the end of the agenda if speakers exceed 15 minutes of General Public Comment.

Commenters

In room:
Theresa Foglio Ramirez; expressed how important the commissions are to the [Laborer’s Local 261] union’s hope for transparency; expressed hope for change in the systematic and institutional racism in the department; expressed that it is hard to preserve what we have and all that is left is hope; expressed that the commissioners are the hope; thanked commissioners for taking on this task.

Via phone:

David Pilpel; expressed appreciation for all commissioners and staff and others in the room observing; expressed that it is good to start out with a good tone and hopes it continues; expressed that it is important to acknowledge public comment where warranted among the various topics; expressed hope that staff look to the SFO, Port, and PUC commissioners as models for departments that have infrastructure responsibilities; expressed interest in talking about the bylaws, the content of the Director’s reports, annual reports, behested payments, friends of organizations, and John F. Kennedy Drive.

COMMISSION ONBOARDING

5. Proposition B Commissions Establishment and Roles
   (Presentation)        Informational
   Public Comment

Heard by the Commissions. Speakers: Deputy City Attorneys Yadira Taylor and Christopher Tom presented information and answered questions throughout the discussion.

Commenters
   In room:
   None

Via phone:

David Pilpel; suggested that commissioners not use personal email for City business and that they forward emails related to City business to Bob Fuller; expressed that if more than two commissioners are in an email conversation, it would constitute a public meeting and commissioners would not want to run afoul of the regulations; expressed that the Form 700 deadline is based on the assuming office date, not necessarily July 1; expressed that for ethics trainings commissioners may be able to fill out a form stating that they already took the training; expressed that bylaws will need to be prepared by each commission and will require at least 10 days prior notice to the public before the commission considers them; expressed that commissions will approve bylaws in the future; expressed that interference is a problem, but it is fine for commissioners to interact with department staff, that asking staff what works well and what can be improved is not interference and that the Director can authorize staff to discuss specific topics with commissioners; recommended using common sense.

6. Commission Meeting Schedules
   (Presentation)        Informational
   Public Comment
Heard by the Commissions. Speakers: Manager of Commission Affairs Bob Fuller presented information; Bob Fuller, Proposition B Director Rachel Alonso, Deputy City Attorney Yadira Taylor, and Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom and answered questions throughout the discussion.

Commenters
In room: None
Via phone: None

7. Department Overview
(Presentation)
Informational
Public Comment

Heard by the Commissions. Speakers: Carla Short, Interim Director, Ronald Alameida, Deputy Director for Buildings, Albert Ko, Deputy Director for Infrastructure, DiJaida Durden, Deputy Director for Operations, Bruce Robertson, Deputy Director for Financial Management and Administration, Rachel Gordon, Director, Policy and Communications presented information Rachel Gordon, Bob Fuller, and Deputy City Attorney Yadira Taylor answered questions throughout the discussion.

Commenters
In room: None
Via phone: None

David Pilpel; expressed importance of cooperation, history, people, and stories; stated DPW works with and for other City departments and people; expressed that it is nice to hear about Zuckerberg and other projects; stated that bad history and the former director were an isolated incident and do not define the department; expressed that many people do great work 24/7; expressed that he learned a lot and found the presentation inspiring; expressed that Rachel Gordon put a lot of stories together.

8. General Administration Division Overview
(Presentation)
Informational
Public Comment

Heard by the Commissions. Speakers: Bruce Robertson, Deputy Director of Financial Management and Administration presented information; Bruce Robertson and Rachel Alonso, Proposition B Director, answered questions throughout the discussion.

Commenters
In room: None
Via phone: None

David Pilpel; stated presentation was a good summary about finance and admin, or what we used to call OFFMA; expressed that Bruce is on top of the details and did a good job
explaining; expressed gratitude, that he looked forward to more meetings, and that this was a good introductory meeting.

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED FROM ITEM 4 IF NECESSARY

At this time members of the public who were not able to address the Commission(s) on Item 4 may address the Commission(s) on items that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission(s) and that do not appear on the agenda.

Commenters
   In room: None
   Via phone: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

   The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.