



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

**London N. Breed, Mayor**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**Minutes: Friday, September 1, 2023 / 9:30 a.m.**  
**Approved September 15, 2023**

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. Members of the public may attend the meeting to observe and provide comment at the physical location listed above. It is possible that some members of the Public Works Commission may attend this meeting remotely. In that event, those members will participate and vote by video teleconference. This meeting may be watched online at [www.sfgovtv.org/pwclIVE](http://www.sfgovtv.org/pwclIVE) or by using the Webex link below.

Instructions for providing public comment are below.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Lauren Post, Chair

Lynne Newhouse Segal, Commissioner

Paul Woolford, Commissioner

Fady Zoubi, Vice Chair

Gerald Turner, Commissioner

Carla Short, Interim Public Works Director

Robert Fuller, Public Works Commission Secretary



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## **Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Changes**

Chair Lauren Post called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

On the roll call, commissioners Lauren Post, Fady Zoubi and Paul Woolford were present. Commissioners Lynne Newhouse Segal and Gerald Turner were absent.

With three members present, the Commission met quorum.

City Staff present: Interim Director Carla Short, Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom, Commission Secretary Bob Fuller

## **1. Announcements by the Chair, Commissioners and Commission Secretary**

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Chair Lauren Post. Interim Director Carla Short and CFO Bruce Robertson responded to questions.

- Chair Post discussed news articles related to illegal dumping in the Bayview.
- Chair Post discussed recent indictments related to alleged corruption in the Community Challenge Grant office.
- Chair Post highlighted the August edition of the Department's newsletter "In the Works" (found at <https://sfpublicworks.org/about/works-digital-journal>)
- Secretary Fuller reported that the next meeting of the Sanitation and Streets Commission will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in room 416.
- Secretary Fuller announced that commissioners will be surveyed in the near future to create a proposed meeting calendar for Commission meetings in 2024.
- Secretary Fuller announced the Commission will hold a special meeting to discuss a personnel matter in closed session on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. in City Hall room 400.

### Public Comment

- David Pilpel reminded the Department of the City process to approve surveillance technology, pointed out the absence of an advance calendar attached to the September 1, 2023 calendar, and expressed appreciation for the results outlined in the hiring memo attached to the Director's report.

### Commissioner Requests

- Chair Post requested a timeline for installing and using cameras to track illegal dumping.

## **2. Director's Report and Communications**

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Interim Director Carla Short

- Interim Director Carla Short discussed the Department's hiring update and exceeding the goal of 250 hires by the end of June 2023.
- Announced that the Department will undergo its reaccreditation with the American Public Works Association starting next week.
- Discussed the groundbreaking for renovation of the Mission Branch Library.
- Reported on the August 26<sup>th</sup> Love Our City neighborhood beautification in the Sunset District and previewed the September 16<sup>th</sup> event that will take place in District 3.

Public Comment - none

### **3. General Public Comment**

Heard by the Commission.

Public Comment

David Pilpel discussed the Refuse Rate Board adopting new rates, and suggested a memo on its impact to the Department budget would be helpful.

### **4. Consent Calendar of Routine Matters**

- a. Minutes from the August 18, 2023 Regular Meeting – Adopt**
- b. Various Locations Pavement Renovation No. 63 & Sewer Replacement – Contract Award**
- c. San Francisco Rent Board Tenant Improvements – Contract Award**

Heard by the Commission.

Public Comment – none

On the motion to postpone item 4c to a later date made by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission voted unanimously in favor by a roll call vote.

Members present and voting: Post, Woolford, Zoubi

The motion passed.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel clarified a question posed by Chair Post and made several suggestions of non-substantive corrections to the minutes.

On the motion by Commissioner Woolford and seconded by Commissioner Post, the Commission adopted the consent calendar and each resolution contained in it (excluding item 4c) by a voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Woolford, Zoubi

The motion passed.

### **Regular Items for Consideration**

**5. Pit Stop Workforce Development – Mission Hiring Hall – Grant Agreement Award**

Heard by the Commission.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel suggested the correspondence between Commissioner Turner and Staff should be posted ahead of consideration and requested a continuation of the item to a later meeting.

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission approved the grant award via unanimous roll call vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Woolford, Zoubi

The motion passed.

**6. Tree Watering Workforce Development – San Francisco Conservation Corps – Grant Agreement Award**

Heard by the Commission.

Public Comment – none

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission approved the grant award via unanimous roll call vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Woolford, Zoubi

The motion passed.

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Zoubi requested greater discussion of the process for grant awards in the future.

**7 New Business Initiated by Commissioners**

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Commissioners

Public Comment - None

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Zoubi requested more information regarding coordination with shared spaces participants during repaving planning and implementation.

**8. General Public Comment – Continued from Item 3 if necessary**

Not necessary.

**Adjournment** at 10:35 a.m.