



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

London N. Breed, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, June 24, 2024 / 9:00 a.m.
Minutes: Draft

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

COMMISSIONERS

Lauren Post, Chair
Fady Zoubi, Vice Chair
Gerald Turner, Commissioner
Paul Woolford, Commissioner
Vacant, Commissioner

Carla Short, 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 9:05 a.m.

On the roll call, commissioners Lauren Post, Gerald Turner and Fady Zoubi were present. Commissioner Paul Woolford was absent.

With 3 members present, the Commission met quorum.

Key staff present: Director Carla Short, Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom and Commission Secretary Bob Fuller.

1. Announcements by Chair, Commissioners and Secretary

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Chair Lauren Post. Director Short responded to questions.

- **Chair Post** discussed the two Civil Grand Jury reports published on June 20, 2024 and the plan for the Commission to respond following careful study of the report.
- Reported that Board of Supervisors' reappointments of Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Zoubi, along with her own reappointment by the Controller, were heard and recommended by the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee on June 17th. These reappointments would be subject to final approval at the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 25, 2024.
- Discussed the potential amendments to the sidewalk vending regulations.
- Discussed the recent television news coverage of Department staff cleaning homeless encampments. On behalf of the Commission, she thanked Department staff for their diligence and commitment.
- Discussed the recent news coverage of the Outreach and Enforcement team's efforts to curtail public dumping. On behalf of the Commission, she thanked Department staff for their efforts to remind people to take pride in their community.
- Recognized the hearing by the Sanitation and Streets Commission of a report on public trash cans.
- Discussed recent news coverage of street repaving in the Noe Valley section of 24th Street and concerns about the work's impact on impacted businesses.
- Discussed news coverage of whistleblower reports in City departments, including Public Works.
- Discussed recent news reporting of the lengthy timeline for getting a sidewalk repaired.
- Highlighted the Department's monthly newsletter "In the Works" (found at <https://sfpublicworks.org/about/works-digital-journal>).
- **Secretary Fuller** reminded commissioners of the mandatory Title VI annual training due at the end of June.

- Reported on the Sanitation and Streets Commission did not meet in June but would convene in July for a performance measure report from the Bureau of Urban Forestry and an update on the Department’s Racial Equity Action Plan.

Public Comment

- None

2. Director’s Report and Communications

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Director Carla Short. Deputy Director Ron Alameida responded to questions.

- Director Short reported that the Department is reviewing the Civil Grand Jury about its role building and maintaining public facilities (available at <https://www.sf.gov/resource/2024/civil-grand-jury-reports-2023-2024>).
- Discussed efforts with the Mayor’s Office, Supervisor Hillary Ronen and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to pilot having a small number of street vendors on a specific portion of Mission Street. This follows the street vending moratorium and associated reductions in calls for police service and cleaning.
- Reported the Department’s budget was transmitted by the Mayor to the Board of Supervisors without major changes from the plan approved by the Commission in February. The updated department budget does not include any layoffs.
- A Public Works team participated in the city-wide softball tournament benefitting the Sand Francisco Foster Youth Fund, coming in third place.

Public Comment

- None

3. General Public Comment

Heard by the Commission.

- None

4. Consent Calendar of Routine Matters

- a. Minutes from the June 10, 2024 Meeting of the Public Works Commission

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Secretary Fuller

Public Comment

- None

On the motion by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission adopted the consent calendar via a voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.
Motion passed.

Regular Items for Consideration

5. Public Works Collaboration with the Department of the Environment

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Director Carla Short and Department of the Environment Chief Policy and Public Affairs Officer Charles Sheehan.

Public Comment

- None

6. Contract No. 36 Traffic Signal Modifications, Contract ID No. 1000031023 – Contract Modification

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Project Manager Earl Gaffud

Public Comment

- None

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Turner, the Commission approved the contract modification via a voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.
Motion passed.

7. New Business Initiated by Commissioners

Heard by the commission. No new business.

Public Comment

- None

The Commission recessed at 10:45 a.m. and returned from recess at 11 a.m.

Closed Session

8. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) and Administrative Code Section 67.10 (d)(1) and (d)(2), the San Francisco Public Works Commission will meet in Closed Session to discuss and consider taking action on the following attorney-client matter:

David M. Schmitt v. Building Group, Inc. et al. (San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-22-601503, filed August 30, 2022). Proposed settlement of a cross-complaint by Build Group, Inc. involving construction-related claims related to the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Building 5 Rehabilitation Department Relocation Project relating to delay and subcontractor claims, with the City to pay Build Group, Inc. \$350,000 in exchange for a full and final release, subject to final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Public Comment

- None

On the motion by Commissioner Zoubi and seconded by Commissioner Post, the Commission voted to enter closed session to consider items 8 and 9.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.
Motion passed.

The Commission entered Closed Session at 11:03 a.m.

On the roll call, commissioners Lauren Post, Gerald Turner and Fady Zoubi were present.

With 3 members present, the Commission met quorum in Closed Session.

Key staff present: Director Carla Short, Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom, Deputy City Attorney Ari Baruth, Project Manager Christine Tang and Commission Secretary Bob Fuller.

On the motion by Commissioner Turner and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed settlement, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, via a unanimous voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.

Motion passed.

9. Closed Session - Public Works Commission Secretary Performance Evaluation

Heard by the commission. Speaker: Secretary Fuller

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Zoubi, the Commission voted to return to Open Session, via a voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.

Motion passed.

The Commission returned to Open Session at 12:06 p.m.

10. Announcements Following Closed Session

Heard by the commission. Speaker: Chair Post

No announcements.

Public Comment

- None

11. Motion Regarding Whether to Disclose the Discussions during Closed Session Pursuant to the San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12 (a).

Heard by the commission. Speaker: Chair Post

Public Comment

- None

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Turner, the Commission voted to not disclose the discussions during Closed Session, via a voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Post, Turner and Zoubi.

Motion passed.

12. General Public Comment – Continued from Item 3 if necessary

Not necessary.

Adjournment at 12:03 p.m.