



SANITATION AND STREETS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

London N. Breed, Mayor

Minutes: Monday, November 21, 2022 / 10 a.m.
Adopted January 23, 2023

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 416
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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT CALL-IN: 1 (415) 655-0001/ MEETING NO.: 2486 625 3245 # #

COMMISSIONERS

Chair Maryo Mogannam, Vice Chair Ike Kwon
Thomas Harrison, Kimberlee Hartwig-Schulman, Christopher Simi

Carla Short, Interim Public Works Director

Robert Fuller, Sanitation and Streets Commission Secretary



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Monday, November 21, 2022

Adopted Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Changes

Chair Mogannam called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

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

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Announcements by Chair

- Chair Mogannam is looking forward to moving ahead with Commission business now that Prop B 2022 has been resolved.
- Chair Mogannam extended thanks to Rachel Alonso and Elizabeth Ramos for their work on the Proposition B Transition Team.

1. General Public Comment

- Brian Johnson discussed his use of drone technology to report illegal dumping in the Bayview
- David Pilpel noted that Webex needs to be started ahead of the meeting time so the public can gain access, that web page descriptions of the agenda do not match the descriptions on the agenda. He also expressed a desire to hear a report about the Department's director's orders and suggested that the Public Works Commission rules of orders may provide this Commission with guidance for future rules of order changes.

2. Communications and Director's Report

Informational

[Restricted Communications Contract Report](#)
[Advance Calendar](#)
[Correspondence Log](#)

Heard by Commission. Speaker: Interim Director Carla Short

- Proposition B 2022 results and likely impacts on the commissions
- City Attorney's Office is drafting an ordinance for submission to the Board of Supervisors by June 30, 2022 regarding Prop B implementation.
- Work on Prop B 2020 was not wasted. It led to a significant and beneficial examination of the department, its procedures and policies.
- The response to damage to the Broadway Tunnel was a great example of collaboration across the current Sanitation and Streets Department and Public Works divisions, to address the immediate safety of the tunnel and its long-term soundness.
- The Department is relaunching its Environmental Service Worker apprenticeship program in collaboration with Local 261.
- Launching a holiday cleaning list of expanded corridor cleaning.
- The development of the street tree nursery at 5th and Bryant is in process.

Public Comment

- No name given – discussed a person blocking the parking lot at San Bruno and Felton and that the crosswalk needs to be changed.

3. Consent Calendar of Routine Matters

- a. **Adopt Minutes from the October 17, 2022 Meeting**
[Minutes](#) Action
- b. **Adopt Findings Under the State Urgency Legislation.**
[Resolution](#) Action

Heard by the Commission. Speakers: Secretary Fuller presented the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel identified the misspelling of Mark Roumbanis in the minutes and an errant resolution number in the findings.

On the motion made by Commissioner Harrison and seconded by Commissioner Hartwig-Schulman to adopt the consent calendar.

Unanimous voice vote in favor.

Ayes: Harrison, Hartwig-Schulman, Mogannam, Simi

Regular Calendar of Items for Consideration

- 4. **Sanitation and Streets Commission Land Acknowledgement Discussion**
[Presentation](#) Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speakers: Deputy Director of Policy and Communications Beth Rubenstein, Executive Director of the Association of Ramaytush Ohlone Jonathan Cordero and Commission Secretary Bob Fuller. Deputy City Attorney Yadira Taylor and Interim Director Carla Short responded to questions.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel expressed concern with the motion and vote to form a working group, the concept of land acknowledgement conferring rights without knowing the implications, and that it may be beyond the responsibility of the Commission.
- Name not given – suggested a competing claim by another tribe.

On the motion made by Commissioner Hartwig Schulman and seconded by Commissioner Mogannam to create form a working group to draft a land acknowledgment statement to be discussed at the January 2023 meeting.

Unanimous voice vote in favor.

Ayes: Harrison, Hartwig-Schulman, Mogannam, Simi.

- 5. **Introduction to the Bureau of Urban Forestry**
[Presentation](#) Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speakers: Acting Bureau Superintendent Nicholas Crawford. Interim Director Carla Short responded to questions.

Public Comment

- No name given – asked if there is a digital platform to show trees planted and maintained.
- David Pilpel thanked the bureau and acknowledged he is currently involved in an appeal of a citation. He would like to hear more about the administrative hearing process, and suggested the Bureau's information on the website is incomplete.

6. Bureau of Urban Forestry Performance Measure Report

Presentation

Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speakers: Acting Bureau Superintendent Nicholas Crawford. Interim Director Carla Short responded to questions.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel suggested that other performance measures would be more interesting and help inform policy – requests completed within standard time by type, average time to completion, performance by head count, complaints and violations.
- Brian Johnson suggested there is a disparity between requests in 311 versus the reality of need. He suggested drones can track tree health and help guide maintenance. He would like to meet with the appropriate Department staff.

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Simi requested the Bureau present stretch goals related to urban forest management planning.
- Commissioner Hartwig Schulman requested agreed-upon response times for inspections and care of trees.

7. Street and Environmental Services Proactive Work

Presentation

Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Bureau Superintendent Christopher McDaniels.

Public Comment

- Kristi McCann appreciates Public Works staff efforts. She's reported a decrease in corridor workers and flushing in the Tenderloin, and a need to better coordinate work with community benefit district street cleaners. She expressed a desire for later cleaning hours to address cleanliness issues in the evening.

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Hartwig Schulman requested an updated community corridors map.

8. Sanitation and Streets Department Director Hiring Update

Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Assistant Director of Employment Services for the Department of Human Resources Shawn Sherburne.

Public Comment

None

9. New Business Initiated by Commissioners

Informational

Commissioner Harrison requested a full report on the grants program at the January meeting.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel concurred with Deputy City Attorney Yadira Taylor that motions are out of order during the new business item.

10. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – CONTINUED FROM ITEM 1 IF NECESSARY

Not necessary

11. ADJOURNMENT at 12:49 p.m.