

City and County of San Francisco
Government Audit and Oversight Committee
Legislative Chamber, City Hall, Room 250



Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 28, 2008
10:00 AM
Special Meeting

Members: Sean Elsbernd, Michela Alioto-Pier, Chris Daly

Clerk: Linda Laws (415) 554-4441

Note: Each item on the Consent or Regular agenda may include the following documents: 1) Legislation 2) Budget Analyst report 3) Legislative Analyst report

AGENDA CHANGES

CLOSED SESSION 10:00 - 11:35 AM

Conference with City Attorney

[Convene in Closed Session - Anticipated Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant] Motion that the Government Audit and Oversight Committee of the Board of Supervisors convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding anticipated litigation involving the City related to the December 25, 2007 tiger incident at the San Francisco Zoo. Government Code Section 54956.9(a) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits and claims.

After a closed session, if one occurs, the Committee shall adopt a motion either to disclose or not to disclose.

[Elect To Disclose] Motion that the Committee finds it is in the public interest to disclose information discussed in closed session, and directs the Chair immediately to disclose that information.

[Elect Not to Disclose] Motion that the Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the public that the Committee elect at this time not to disclose its closed session deliberations listed above.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. 080031 [Zoo Incident] Supervisors Elsbernd, Alioto-Pier, Ammiano**

Hearing to consider the Zoo incident on Christmas Day.

1/8/08, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety Committee.

1/23/08, TRANSFERRED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

- 2. 071371 [Taxicab gate cap; ratifying previous gate fees; gate surcharge for low emission vehicles; taxi fleet greenhouse gas emissions] Supervisor Alioto-Pier**

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Police Code by: amending Section 1135.1, to raise the taxicab gate cap to \$96.50 and to ratify gate fees previously charged up to \$91.50 per shift for the period from January 1, 2003 to October 27, 2006; by repealing current Section 1135.2, as obsolete; by adding a new Section 1135.2, to authorize a \$7.50 surcharge on the gate cap for low emission vehicles; and by adding Section 1135.3, to require taxi companies to reduce average per vehicle greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent from 1990 levels by 2012.

9/25/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Government Audit and Oversight Committee, expires on 10/26/2007.

10/1/07, REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Small Business Commission for review and recommendation. Referred to Taxicab Commission for informational purposes only.

10/10/07, REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to City Attorney's Office for review and approval.

11/19/07, AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Alioto-Pier; Ted Egan, OEA; Heidi Machen, Exec. Director, Taxi Commission; Philip Ward; Cheryl Adams, Deputy City Attorney; John Lazar; David Haas; Tom Spangle; John T.; Jim Knight; male speaker; Chris F.; Craig Nelson; Jim Gillespie, Yellow Cab; male speaker; Tario Mohammed; Sergio; David Barlow; Mohammed Ishfao; Lizzy Dearkin; Charles R.; Carl; Mohammed; female speaker; Ridhard Navarro; male speaker; Mark Daly; Joel; David Snider; male speaker; Richard Benjamin, Taxi Commission; Barry Toranto.

11/19/07, CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED.

1/7/08, REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Mark Gruberg, UTW; Joe Mirabile, UTW; Charles Rathbone, Luxor Cab; Dave Schneider; Marshall

Childs, UTW; Carl Macmurdo; Genya Ehrlich; Joseph Woo; John Lazar, Luxor Cab; Bud Hazelhorn, Metro Cab; Rua Gravitz; Geovani Matias, Yellow Cab; Nathan Dwiri, Yellow Cab; Dilbar Dilbagh, Yellow Cab; Dan Hinds, National Cab; Sinara Zuhair; Asad Mian, Yellow Cab; Naeem Mazhan, Yellow Cab; Patricia Breslin, Taxi Commission; Male Speaker, Yellow Cab; Philip Ward; Thomas George-Willaims, UTW; Dave Barlow; Michael Spain; Tarik Mahmoud.

1/15/08, RE-REFERRED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATION UNDER THE 30-DAY RULE

(Not to be considered at this meeting)

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There are no items pending under the 30-day rule.

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