



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

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Thursday, December 12, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 2 - Matt Dorsey, and Joel Engardio

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session on Thursday, December 12, 2024, with Chair Matt Dorsey presiding. Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Dorsey and Vice Chair Engardio were noted present. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Monique Crayton, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (monique.crayton@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

241052 [Liquor License Issuance - 969 Market Street - Vita Brevis Club]

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-48 on-sale general public premises liquor license to VBC SF LLC, doing business as Vita Brevis Club, located at 969 Market Street (District 6), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

10/23/24; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of an issuance of a Type-48 on-sale general public premises liquor license to VBC SF LLC, doing business as Vita Brevis Club located at 969 Market Street.

10/25/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

10/25/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

11/06/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department recommends approval for an ABC Type 48 License for a Nighttime Entertainment Use (DBA Vita Brevis Club) principally permitted in a C-3-G Zoning District per Planning Code Section 210.2. Change of Use approved by Planning through 2024-005944PRL, BPA No. 202406275441 on 6/27/2024.

11/22/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department is recommending approval with the following conditions:

1) Petitioner(s) shall actively monitor the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons on any property adjacent to the licensed premises as depicted on the ABC-253.

2) 1) Except as provided in Condition 2 below, no noise shall be audible beyond the area under the control of the licensee. (2) Any noise caused by entertainment or amplified sound that is subject to the provisions of an active Entertainment Permit issued by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission shall be authorized in accordance with the limits established by that Entertainment Permit, including any limitation on hours during which entertainment or amplified sound is permitted. A violation of the entertainment or amplified sound noise conditions of the Entertainment Permit, as determined by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission (or any successor agency), shall be deemed to be a violation of this Condition. Any noise that is not subject to, or is beyond the scope of, the Entertainment Permit shall be subject to Condition 1 above. "Entertainment Permit" means any of the following: a Just Add Music permit, a Limited Live Performance permit, a Place of Entertainment permit, a Fixed Place Amplified Sound permit, or any similar such permit issued by the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

3) At any time, the premise is providing live entertainment, the petitioner(s) shall have two (2) uniformed security guard(s) on the premises and shall maintain order therein to prevent any activity which would interfere with the quiet enjoyment of their nearby residents, or the surrounding community. The uniform security guards must be licensed by the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Officer Andrew Froines (Police Department); Nick Colla (Attorney at Law); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the issuance of a Type-48 on-sale general public premises liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Dorsey, Engardio

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-48 on-sale general public premises liquor license to VBC SF LLC, to do business as Vita Brevis Club, located at 969 Market Street (District 6), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, Section 23958.4; and requesting that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control impose conditions on the issuance of the license. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

Chair Dorsey moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Dorsey, Engardio

220961 [Hearing - Traffic Enforcement and Street Safety]

Sponsor: Mandelman

Hearing on the state of traffic enforcement and street safety in San Francisco; and requesting the Police Department and Municipal Transportation Agency to report.

09/06/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

09/14/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Police Department and Metropolitan Transportation Agency

10/13/22; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Stephen Braitsch (Transpomaps.org); Luke Bornheimer (Community Spaces SF); Peter Walsh (Police Department); Tom Maguire, Director of Streets Division, and Shawn McCormick (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Sara Benson; Wesley Saver; Brian Haagsman; Francisco DaCosta; Alan Emmanuel; Speaker; Lisa Trempton; Speaker; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

07/11/23; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Mandelman requested this matter remain active for an additional six months until January 11, 2024.

09/28/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Commander Nicole Jones (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jim Hats; Luke Bornheimer; Ms. Bitner; Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director (Walk SF); Richard Rothman; Speaker; Speaker; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

04/25/24; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Commander Nicole Jones, Diana Aroche (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Luke Bornheimer; Fran Taylor; Richard Zieman; Heidi Petersen; Robin Levett; Alec Bash; Frank Hardigan, Jodie Medeiros (Walk SF); spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); Commander Nicole Jones (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jodie Medeiros (Walk SF); Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter. Ken; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

Chair Dorsey moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Dorsey, Engardio

230239 [Hearing - Law Enforcement Data]

Sponsor: Engardio

Hearing to receive information on how San Francisco law enforcement data dashboards can provide more robust, user-friendly, and anonymized online information on crime and law enforcement response through the various stages: incident, arrest, intake by the District Attorney's Office, initiation of prosecution, sentencing, and disposition; and requesting the Police Department, District Attorney's Office, the Superior Court, and the Sheriff's Department to report.

02/28/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

03/03/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, the District Attorney, and the Mayor's Office of Innovation for informational purposes.

08/24/23; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Engardio requested this matter remain active for an additional six months until February 24, 2024.

10/12/23; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez, President, Northern California Chapter (Society of Professional Journalists); Fred Brousseau (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Edward McCaffrey and Nora Gregory (Office of the District Attorney); Catherine McGuire (Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

10/12/23; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

12/12/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, District Attorney's Office, the Superior Court, and the Sheriff's Department for informational purposes.

06/28/24; REMAIN ACTIVE. Supervisor Engardio requested this item remain active for an additional 6 months until December 28, 2024.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Brandon Riley, Michael Corriere (San Francisco Superior Court); Tara Moriarty, Chief John Ramirez, Lucas Jennings (Sheriff's Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Ken; shared various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

Vice Chair Engardio moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Dorsey, Engardio

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:11 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.