



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Government Audit and Oversight Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Dean Preston, Connie Chan, Rafael Mandelman

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, May 6, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Dean Preston, Connie Chan, and Rafael Mandelman

The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, May 6, 2021, with Chair Dean Preston presiding. Chair Preston called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>. Members of the public may participate by phone or may submit their comments by email to: john.carroll@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly-scheduled Government Audit and Oversight Committee Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Committee agendas and their associated documents are available at <https://sfbos.org/committees>.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Preston, Vice Chair Chan, and Member Mandelman were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

210365 [Hearing - Investigation of Complaints of Substandard Living Conditions at Plaza East and Proposed Plans for the Property]

Sponsor: Preston

Hearing on the investigation of complaints of substandard living conditions at Plaza East and discussions of proposed plans for the property; and requesting the Department of Building Inspection, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority, and Office of the City Attorney to report.

04/06/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

04/14/21; REMAIN ACTIVE. Referred to the Department of Building Inspection, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, Housing Authority, and Office of the City Attorney for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dr. Tonia Ledjju, Chief Executive Officer (San Francisco Housing Authority); Adhi Nagraj (McCormack Baron Salazar); Sulaiman Hyatt (Housing Rights Committee); Luis Barahona (Department of Building Inspection); Lydia Ely (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Pauline UI and Tony Salazar (McCormack Baron Salazar); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Joyce Armstrong; Victor Jones; Speaker; Danielle Banks; Camelia; Tes Wellborn; Kevin Daniel; Denis Williams; Diana Pearson; Darius Perkins; Lorraine Petty; Yolanda Marshall; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Chair Preston moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting of June 17, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Preston, Chan, Mandelman

210427 [Urging Forgiveness of California's Utility Debt and Extension of the Utility Shut-Off Moratorium]

Sponsors: Chan; Preston and Mandelman

Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities Commission to extend the utility shut-off moratorium past June 30, 2021, and forgive utility debt beginning March 2020.

04/20/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michael Hyams (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisors Preston and Mandelman requested to be added as co-sponsors.

Chair Preston moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Preston, Chan, Mandelman

210456 [Emergency Ordinance - COVID-Related Hazard Pay]**Sponsor: Walton**

Reenactment of emergency ordinance (Ordinance No. 36-21) to temporarily require certain retail locations that include grocery stores or pharmacies, and property service contractors for retail locations that include grocery stores or pharmacies, to pay employees an additional five dollars per hour during the public health emergency related to COVID-19.

(Pursuant to Charter, Section 2.107, this matter requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Supervisors (8 votes) for passage)

04/27/21; ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee. 4/29/21 - President Walton waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Natalie Gee (Office of Supervisor Shamann Walton); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Kathy McCovey (United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 648); Claire Courtney, John Gomes, and Ryan McGilly (United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 5); Speaker; Tim McLaughlan, Milton, and Dan Larson (United Food & Commercial Workers, Local 648); spoke in support of the hearing matter. Rachel Micheline, President (California Retailers); Tim James (California Grocers Association); Aaron Stone (Mollie Stones); spoke in opposition of the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Preston, Chan, Mandelman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:45 p.m.

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