

City and County of San Francisco

Rules Committee

City Hall, Room 263



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 19, 2006

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Members: Ross Mirkarimi, Sean Elsbernd, Tom Ammiano

Clerk: Gail Johnson (415) 554-4445

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MEETING CONVENED

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 061245 [Appointment - Graffiti Advisory Board]

Resolution appointing Don Bechler, for an indefinite term, to the Graffiti Advisory Board.

Don Bechler, succeeding Machaela Hactor, resigned, seat 10, must be an at-large member knowledgeable in graffiti issues, for an indefinite term.

Supervisor Elsbernd dissented in committee.

9/1/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

9/14/06, CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Gideon Kramer. Continued to September 28, 2006.

9/28/06, CONTINUED. Speakers: None. Continued to October 19, 2006.

1 Seat/2 Applicants
Gideon Kramer, Seat 10
Don Bechler, Seat 10

2. 061405 [Appointment - Veterans Affairs Commission]

Resolution appointing Michael Thompson, term ending January 31, 2009, to the Veterans Affairs Commission.

Michael Thompson, succeeding himself, term expired, seat 2, must be an at-large appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2009.

10/12/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/3 Applicants
Michael Thompson, Seat 2
Kenneth A. Breiten, Seat 2
Reggie W. Place, Seat 2

3. 061406 [Appointment - Asthma Task Force]

Resolution appointing Tiffany Sutter, term ending June 30, 2007, to the Asthma Task Force, residency requirement waived.

Tiffany Sutter, succeeding Micah McLorin, resigned, seat 13, must be a representative of lung health/asthma-specific organizations and is a voting member, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 30, 2007.

10/12/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/1 Applicant
Tiffany Sutter, Seat 13 (residency waiver required)

4. 061407 [Appointment - Local Homeless Coordinating Board]

Resolution appointing Ginger Martin, term ending October 21, 2010, to the Local Homeless Coordinating Board.

Ginger Martin, succeeding Rev. Harry Chuck, resigned, seat 4, must be a representative of homeless or formerly homeless, community and advocacy organizations, service-provider agencies, business and corporate sectors or the foundation community, for the unexpired portion of a five-year term ending October 21, 2010.

10/12/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/1 Applicant
Ginger Martin, Seat 4

5. 061409 [Appointment - Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board]

Resolution appointing Supervisor Chris Daly, term ending June 30, 2007, to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board.

Supervisor Chris Daly, succeeding Supervisor Fiona Ma, resigned, seat 1, must be a member of the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending June 30, 2007.

10/12/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/1 Applicant
Supervisor Chris Daly, Seat 1

6. **061410** **[Appointment - Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee]**
Resolution appointing Howard Strassner, term ending March 28, 2008, to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee.

Howard Strassner, succeeding himself, term expired, seat 7, must be a representative from transit or environmental organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2008.

10/12/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/1 Applicant
Howard Strassner, Seat 7

7. **061167** **[Authorizing the City to contribute to the payment of funeral costs of City employees who have died in the line of duty]** **Supervisors Peskin, Mirkarimi, Ammiano, Dufty**

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Administrative Code by adding Section 16.7, to authorize the City to contribute to the payment of funeral costs of City employees who have died in the line of duty, including payments retroactive to July 1, 2006.

8/8/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

LITIGATION

Conference with City Attorney

[Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant] Motion that the Rules 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 the following existing lawsuits and claims in which proposed settlements are being considered by the Committee. 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/or claims listed below.

8. **061359** **[Settlement of Lawsuit - CCSF v. William D. Spencer, F. W. Spencer & Son, Inc., et. al.]**

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by the City and County of San Francisco against William D. Spencer, F.W. Spencer & Son, Inc., Brisbane Mechanical Company, Bruce Bonar, Lou Thomas, William McGahan (together, the "Spencer Parties"), A. Answer, Inc. and Troy's Contracting, Inc. on January 16, 2004 in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC – 04-

429249, entitled, City and County of San Francisco et. al. v. F. W. Spencer & Son, Inc. et. al., with (a) the Spencer Parties paying \$2,000,000 by January 24, 2007, and dismissing its actions and cross-actions against the City and others and the Spencer Parties releasing all claims on the Moscone Center Expansion Project and The San Francisco Jail Replacement No. 3 Project ; and (b) A. Answer, Inc. and Troy's Contracting, Inc. paying \$124,000 within 60 days of final approval of this settlement. The Spencer Parties' action was brought against San Francisco, City Attorney Dennis Herrera and others, and was coordinated as part of the California Judicial Council Coordination Proceeding No. 4379. (City Attorney)

9/29/06, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

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 Board 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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LEGISLATION UNDER THE 30-DAY RULE

(Not to be considered at this meeting)

Rule 5.40 provides that when an ordinance or resolution is introduced which would CREATE OR REVISE MAJOR CITY POLICY, the committee to which the legislation is assigned shall not

consider the legislation until at least thirty days after the date of introduction. The provisions of this rule shall not apply to the routine operations of the departments of the City or when a legal time limit controls the hearing timing. In general, the rule shall not apply to hearings to consider subject matter when no legislation has been presented, nor shall the rule apply to resolutions which simply URGE action to be taken.

9. 061375 [Elections Code Amendments] Supervisor Elsbernd

Ordinance amending Sections 120, 200, 220, 300, 340, 500, 525, 530, 535, 545, 550, 590, and 610 of, and adding Section 815 to the Municipal Elections Code to: delete out-dated provisions relating to runoff elections; ensure that candidate statements are submitted in a uniform format; require that measures submitted by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, or four or more Supervisors are submitted 95 days prior to the election; provide that failure to include an enacting clause in an initiative petition does not invalidate the petition; require the Department of Elections mail a voter information pamphlet to each registered San Francisco voter at least 29 days before an election; adjust the deadlines for ballot arguments and for the public review period to allow sufficient time for the voter information pamphlet to be prepared and mailed 29 days prior to the election; require ballot arguments to be submitted in a uniform format; provide a 24-hour period for the Ballot Simplification Committee to receive and act on written requests for the reconsideration of a digest; and clarify that candidates must file fees when submitting a candidate statement.

10/3/06, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 11/2/2006.

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