



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall  
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*Members: Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, Matt Dorsey*

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Thursday, June 13, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

### Regular Meeting

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**Present:** 3 - Catherine Stefani, Joel Engardio, and Matt Dorsey

*The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 2024, with Chair Catherine Stefani presiding. Chair Stefani called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.*

## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Stefani, Vice Chair Engardio, and Member Dorsey were noted present. A quorum of the committee 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](mailto: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

### 240561 [Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Cultural District's Cultural, History, Housing, and Economic Sustainability Strategy Report]

**Sponsors: Mayor; Mandelman, Engardio, Dorsey and Stefani**

Resolution adopting the Leather and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural District's Cultural, History, Housing, and Economic Sustainability Strategy Report (CHHESS) under Administrative Code, Section 107.5.

05/21/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

05/29/24; TRANSFERRED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. President Peskin transferred the file from the Land Use and Transportation committee to the Public Safety and Neighborhood committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Grace Lee (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Bob Goldfarb, Executive Director (Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Bob Brown, Paul Dally, Maxine Holloway (Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District); Joe Ramirez-Forcier (PRC SF); Darren Mckeeman; John; spoke in support of the hearing matter.*

*Supervisor Stefani requested to be added as a co-sponsor.*

**Supervisor Dorsey moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

**240464 [Liquor License Issuance - 2 Embarcadero Center - Embarc Wines]**

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-42 on-sale beer and wine liquor license to EW BY THE GLASS LLC, doing business as Embarc Wines, located at 2 Embarcadero Center (District 3), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

04/29/24; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the issuance of a Type-42 on-sale beer and wine liquor license to EW BY THE GLASS LLC, to do business as Embarc Wines, located at 2 Embarcadero Center (District 3).

05/13/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.  
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05/13/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/20/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department is recommending approval of the ABC Type-42 (On Sale Beer and Wine) at 2 Embarcadero Center, Suite R2118 (dba Embarc Wines). Authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption on or off the premises where sold. No distilled spirits may be on the premises. Food service is not required. Wine bar use permitted within the C-3-O District per Planning Code, Section 210.2.

05/23/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response 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. The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on ABC-253.
3. (1) Except as provided in Condition 2 below, no noise shall be audible beyond the area under the control of the licensee. (SF district office only). (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. (SF district office only).

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Officer Andrew Froines (Police Department); Adam Lovingood, Richard Garcia (Embarc Wines); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.*

**Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the issuance of a Type-42 on-sale beer and wine liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-42 on-sale beer and wine liquor license to EW BY THE GLASS LLC, doing business as Embarc Wines, located at 2 Embarcadero Center (District 3), 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 Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

**240465 [Liquor License Issuance - 636 Jackson Street - Great Star Theater]**

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to GST LLC, to do business as Great Star Theater located at 636 Jackson Street (District 3), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

04/29/24; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to GST LLC, to do business as Great Star Theater located at 636 Jackson Street (District 3).

05/06/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

05/06/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/15/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department is recommending approval of the ABC-Type 90 (Music Venue General License for an existing Nighttime Entertainment dba Great Star Theater at 636 Jackson Street. No change of use is proposed.

05/16/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response 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) The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on ABC-253;
- 3) (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; and
- 4) 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); Mark Renne; Paul Nathan, Roger Pincombe (Great Star Theater); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.*

**Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to GST LLC, to do business as Great Star Theater located at 636 Jackson Street (District 3), 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 Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

**240466 [Liquor License Issuance - 67-5th Street - Zevi Cafe and Bistro]**

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to Mirian and Zelal Inc., to do business as Zevi Café and Bistro located at 67-5th Street (District 6), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

05/03/24; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to MIRAN AND ZELAL INC., to do business as Zevi Cafe and Bistro located at 67 5th Street (District 6).

05/06/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

05/06/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/15/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department recommends approval. Nighttime Entertainment is a Retail Entertainment, Arts, and Recreation Use principally permitted in a C-3-R Zoning District per Planning Code, Section 210.2.

05/16/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response 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) The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on ABC-253;
- 3) (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; and
- 4) 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); Kazim Altan, Firooz Mafakhesi (Zevi Cafe and Bistro); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.*

**Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to Mirian and Zelal Inc., to do business as Zevi Cafe and Bistro located at 67-5th 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 Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey



**240490 [Liquor License Issuance - 420 Mason Street - August Hall]**

Hearing to consider that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to AH & GLCC LLC., to do business as August Hall located at 420 Mason Street (District 3), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

05/09/24; RECEIVED. The applicant submitted a request for a determination on the public convenience or necessity of the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to AH & GLCC LLC., to do business as August Hall located at 420 Mason Street (District 3).

05/13/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

05/13/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department and Police Department for recommendation.

05/20/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department is recommending approval of the ABC Type-90 (On Sale General Music Venue) at 420 Mason Street (concert venue dba August Hall) in association with the continuation of Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Use which is principally permitted in C-3-G.

05/23/24; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response 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. The petitioner(s) shall be responsible for maintaining free of litter the area adjacent to the premises over which they have control, as depicted on ABC-253.
3. (1) Except as provided in Condition 2 below, no noise shall be audible beyond the area under the control of the licensee. (SF district office only). (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. (SF district office only).
4. 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); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.*

**Chair Stefani moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

Resolution determining that the issuance of a Type-90 on-sale general music venue liquor license to AH & GLCC LLC., to do business as August Hall located at 420 Mason Street (District 3), 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 Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Stefani, Engardio, Dorsey

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:52 a.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.*