



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Agenda

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

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Thursday, January 18, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS

AGENDA CHANGES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [231275](#) **[Civic Bridge Program - Behested Payments Waiver]**
Sponsor: Mayor
Resolution authorizing the Office of the Mayor to solicit in-kind donations through the Civic Bridge Program from various City contractors, notwithstanding the Behested Payments Ordinance for six months from the enactment date of this Resolution.

12/12/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

12/18/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

LITIGATION

Conference with City Attorney

*[Convene in Closed Session - Existing 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 the following existing litigation and anticipated litigation. 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 listed below.*

2. [231211](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Phaedra Michelle Scott - \$40,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Phaedra Michelle Scott against the City and County of San Francisco for \$40,000; the lawsuit was filed on September 27, 2021, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-21-595521; entitled Phaedra Michelle Scott v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged personal injury from tripping due to a pothole. (City Attorney)

11/9/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

11/28/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
3. [231212](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Alfred Coutts - \$190,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Alfred Coutts against the City and County of San Francisco for \$190,000; the lawsuit was filed on May 14, 2020, in San Francisco Superior Court, Case No. CGC-20-584459; entitled Alfred Coutts, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et. al.; the lawsuit involves allegations of negligence, dependent adult neglect/abuse, and violations of the Patient's Bill of Rights concerning Mr. Coutts' care at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. (City Attorney)

11/13/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

11/28/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
4. [231213](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Peyman Pakdel and Sima Chegini - \$450,000]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Peyman Pakdel and Sima Chegini against the City and County of San Francisco for \$450,000; the lawsuit was filed on June 26, 2017, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Case No. 3:17-cv-03638; entitled Peyman Pakdel, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al.; the lawsuit involves alleged diminution of Plaintiffs' property value as a result of conditions of approval of San Francisco's Expedited Conversion Program; other material terms of the settlement include the Plaintiffs' sale of the property to the current tenant and termination of the lifetime lease under the Expedited Conversion Program. (City Attorney)

11/14/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

11/28/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

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5. [231246](#) **[Settlement of Lawsuit - Pacific Gas & Electric Co. - Power Connections]**
Ordinance authorizing settlement of the complaint of the City and County of San Francisco (City) against Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) that was filed by the City on January 28, 2019, before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Docket No. EL19-38; entitled City and County of San Francisco v. Pacific Gas & Electric Co.; the complaint concerns PG&E's imposition of unreasonable restrictions on connections of City facilities to PG&E's distribution system; the material terms of the settlement are that, in exchange for the City dismissing its complaint and waiving any claim for monetary relief, PG&E will allow the City to connect 30 megawatts of metered secondary voltage load over the next five years, provided the loads will be used to serve 1) existing points of delivery that undergo changes, 2) City departments or related public entities, or 3) private entities using City-owned property. (City Attorney)
- 12/4/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.
- 12/12/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
6. [231126](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Deven Gadula - \$175,000]**
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Deven Gadula against the City and County of San Francisco for \$175,000; the claim was filed on January 9, 2023; the claim involves property damage arising from flooding alleged to be caused by a water main rupture. (City Attorney)
- 10/30/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.
- 11/7/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
7. [231127](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claim - Joan Assereto - \$44,000]**
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claim filed by Joan Assereto against the City and County of San Francisco for \$44,000; the claim was filed on March 10, 2023; the claim involves alleged property damage arising from flooding caused by a water main rupture. (City Attorney)
- 10/30/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.
- 11/7/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.
8. [231155](#) **[Settlement of Unlitigated Claims - John Paul USA, Inc. - \$70,805.11]**
Resolution approving the settlement of the unlitigated claims filed by John Paul USA, Inc. against the City and County of San Francisco for \$70,805.11; the claims were filed on January 9, 2023; the claims involve a refund of gross receipts taxes and payroll expense taxes. (City Attorney)
- 11/6/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.
- 11/14/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

9. [231248](#) **[Settlement of Grievance - San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association, 8504 Deputy Sheriffs, 8304 Deputy Sheriffs and 8306 Senior Deputy Sheriffs - \$94,675]**

Resolution approving the settlement of the grievance filed on October 20, 2021, by San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association on behalf of class 8504 Deputy Sheriffs, 8304 Deputy Sheriffs and 8306 Senior Deputy Sheriffs against the City and County of San Francisco by the payment of \$94,675; the grievance involves an employment dispute under the Memorandum of Understanding. (City Attorney)

12/1/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

12/12/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

10. [231273](#) **[Settlement of Claims, Litigation - SFPUC Water Pipeline Break - Fillmore Street and Green Street - Not to Exceed \$7,000,000]**

Sponsor: Stefani

Ordinance authorizing the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and the Office of the City Attorney to approve settlements of claims arising out of the September 10, 2023, break of the SFPUC's water transmission pipeline at the intersection of Fillmore and Green Streets for amounts exceeding \$25,000 per claim, notwithstanding Administrative Code, Section 10.22, et. seq., but not to exceed \$1,000,000 per claim, and delegating authority under Charter, Section 6.102(5) for the settlement of related litigation, if any, up to an aggregate total settlement amount not to exceed \$7,000,000, subject to periodic reporting to the Board of Supervisors Government Audit and Oversight Committee. (Public Utilities Commission)

12/12/23; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

12/15/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.

The Chair intends to entertain a motion to refer this item to the full Board as a Committee Report for consideration on January 23, 2024.

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

LEGISLATION UNDER THE 30-DAY RULE

NOTE: The following legislation will not be considered at this meeting. Board Rule 3.22 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.

(There is no legislation pending under the 30-Day Rule.)

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