



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

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Members: Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, April 30, 2020

10:30 AM

Special Meeting

Present: 3 - Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, and Matt Haney

The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met remotely in special session on April 30, 2020, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Peskin, and Member Haney were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

200372 [Administrative Code - County Jail No. 4 Closure]**Sponsors: Fewer; Haney, Walton, Ronen, Preston, Mar, Peskin and Safai**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the City to close County Jail No. 4, located on the seventh floor of the Hall of Justice, by November 1, 2020; to require the Sentencing Commission to establish a Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee to plan for the reduction of the City's daily jail population and closure of County Jail No. 4; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.
(Fiscal Impact)

04/14/20; ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee. April 22, 2020 - President Yee waived the 30 day hold.

04/22/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Sheriff, the Police Department, the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Office of Racial Equity, the Department of Human Resources, and the City Administrator for informational purposes. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review.

04/23/20; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Any physical navigation project would require environmental review.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer (Board of Supervisors); Paul Miyamoto, Sheriff (Sheriff's Department); Chesa Boudin, District Attorney (Office of the District Attorney); Danielle Harris, and Manohar Raju, Public Defender (Office of the Public Defender); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Eli Berry-St. John (Transgender Gender-Variant & Intersex Justice Project); Chelsea Crumpler (Coalition on Homelessness); Ron Stueckle, Director (Sunset Youth Services); Melissa Hernandez (American Civil Liberties Union); Emily Lee, Director (San Francisco Rising); Vanessa Lieu (San Francisco Unified School District); Kevin Gallagher (Compass Family Services); Julie Roberts-Phung (Showing Up for Racial Justice San Francisco); Marcus Cruz (AFT Local 2121); Dylan Anderson (Democratic Socialists of America); Mary Kate Bacalao (Compass Family Services); Christine Mitchell; Brandie Bowen (Coleman Advocates); Dr. Juliana Morris (Do No Harm Coalition); Freddie; Asim; Olivia Park (Do No Harm Coalition); Angela Jenkins; Mohamed Shehk (Critical Resistance); Debbi Lerman; Lidia Salazar (Community United Against Violence); Kim; spoke in support of the hearing matter. Bryan Camp (San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association); Mary Rahtiel; Frank Noto, President (Stop Crime San Francisco); Kelly; Meredith Farrah; Alice; Tony Aguerre (San Francisco Deputy Sheriff's Association); Cassidy; Elena; Tony Li; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter. Margaret O'Sullivan; spoke in opposition of the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Ordinance be **AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE**, throughout, by striking 'inmates' and inserting 'incarcerated individuals;' on Page 7, Lines 19-21, by inserting 'The purpose of this ordinance is to create a formally recognized subcommittee of the Sentencing Commission to continue the work of the Safety and Justice Challenge Working Group;' on Page 7, Line 23, by striking '1,093 on March 16, 2020' and inserting '722 on April 17, 2020;' on Page 8, Lines 14-17, by inserting '(p) It is the intent of the Board of Supervisors to avoid layoffs or job loss of any employees currently stationed at County Jail 4 as a result of the closure of the jail; this process will also be guided by Civil Service Rules, memoranda of understanding, and the obligation to meet and confer;' on Page 9, Line 5, by striking 'the October 1, 2020 deadline for meet and confer meetings with affected employees'; on Page 10, Lines 20-21, by inserting 'The Subcommittee also shall invite a representative of each of these entities to attend all Subcommittee meetings;' on Page 11, Line ?, by striking 'The Subcommittee also shall invite a representative of each of these entities to attend all Subcommittee meetings;' on Page 11, Lines 11-13, by striking 'The establishment of a "second look" program, including reviews' and inserting 'Based on models like that in Washington DC, development of a public safety release mechanism in addition to the Public Safety Assessment tool, to conduct more thorough reviews (including interviews) of all denied releases, particularly;' on Page 11, Lines 23-25, to read 'Evaluation and Reduction of redundancies among agencies with regards to multiple court numbers for a single booking, hold and report to the court, and for short-term stays;' on Page 12, Lines 1-2, by striking 'Elimination of duplicate bookings for the same person during the same jail stay;' on Page 12, Lines 13-15, to read 'Increased transparency regarding the current jail classification system and the impact of those decisions on jail capacity to the extent permitted by law;' on Page 12, Lines 23-25, to read 'Evaluation of the correlation between individuals who reoffend and behavioral health issues and exploration of policies shown to reduce recidivism among persons with behavioral health issues;' on Page 13, Lines 13-21, by inserting '(20) Formulation of a plan to prepare for an increase in the average daily population above 1,044 (90% capacity at County Jails 2 and 5), after the closure of County Jail 4. (21) Measures to protect public health in the jails and protect against the spread of infectious diseases within jail facilities among incarcerated people and staff, including identifying incarcerated people and jail staff as priority populations for infectious disease testing moving forward, and developing policy recommendations for temporary housing facilities if the population exceeds a threshold determined by the Director of Jail Health to be safe in preventing the spread of infectious disease;' on Page 13, Line 22, through Page 14, Line 2, to read '(g) In carrying out its duties, the Subcommittee shall not consider or develop: (1) measures or strategies that add new jail beds beyond the current rated capacity of County Jails 2 and 5 through construction, renovation, or reopening of another facility to replace County Jail 4, with the exception of measures or strategies to rehabilitate an existing facility like County Jail 2; or;' on Page 14, Lines 14-18, by inserting 'Both reports also shall include an assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the jail population, the ability to achieve social distancing to prevent spread of the virus within the jails, temporary facilities to house individuals to maintain social distancing recommended by the Health Officer, and policy recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to protect public health and prevent the spread of COVID-19;' and making other clarifying, conforming, and clerical changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Peskin, Haney
(Fiscal Impact)

Chair Mar moved that this Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Peskin, Haney

Chair Mar recessed the meeting at 12:48 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

SPECIAL ORDER 1:30 PM

200410 [Hearing - Hotel Operations Update]

Sponsors: Haney; Ronen, Peskin, Preston and Walton

Hearing to receive an update on the status of hotel contracting, referral, census, staffing, operations, and compliance with the Emergency Ordinance - Limiting COVID-19 Impacts through Safe Shelter Options (File No. 200363); and requesting the Mayor's Office, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Human Resources, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and Human Services Agency to report.

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

04/24/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Department of Emergency Management, Department of Public Health, Department of Human Resources, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, and Human Services Agency for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dan Kaplan (Human Services Agency); Supervisor Hillary Ronen (Board of Supervisors); Abigail Stewart-Khan, Interim Director (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Dr. Deborah Borne (Department of Public Health); Micki Callahan, Director (Department of Human Resources); Emily Cohen (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Anand Singh, President (Unite Here Local 2); Francisco Da Costa; Linda Chapman; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Haney

Absent: 1 - Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:21 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.