

City and County of San Francisco

Rules Committee

City Hall, Room 263



Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 24, 2008

10:00 AM

Special Meeting

Members: Tom Ammiano, Sean Elsbernd, Aaron Peskin

Clerk: Gail Johnson (415) 554-4445

Note: Each item on the Consent or Regular agenda may include the following documents: 1) Legislation 2) Budget Analyst report 3) Legislative Analyst report

Each member of the public will be allotted the same maximum number of minutes to speak as set by the Chair at the beginning of each item, excluding City representatives, except that public speakers using translation assistance will be allowed to testify for twice the amount of the public testimony time limit. If simultaneous translation services are used, speakers will be governed by the public testimony time limit applied to speakers not requesting translation assistance. Members of the public who want a document placed on the overhead for display should clearly state such and subsequently remove the document when they want the screen to return to live coverage of the meeting.

MEETING CONVENED

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 080027 [Appointment - Commission on the Aging Advisory Council]

Motion appointing Patricia Webb, term ending March 31, 2009, to the Commission on the Aging Advisory Council.

Patricia Webb, succeeding Jim Dorenkott, term expired, seat 10, must be a nominee of District 5 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 31, 2009.

1/3/08, RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

1 Seat/1 Applicant

**election, campaign finance, lobbying, conflict of interest,
open meeting and public records**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to add Section 15.104 to create minimum qualifications for members of City bodies that oversee and administer election, campaign finance, lobbying, conflict of interest, open meeting and public records laws.

10/23/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 11/26/2007.
(Referred to Departments)

7. 071589 [Charter Amendment - City Elections In Even-Numbered Years] Supervisor McGoldrick

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend Section 13.101 and Article XVII to change the election cycle for the offices of Mayor, Sheriff, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer so that these offices will be elected in even-numbered years; and to amend the definition of general municipal election so that such elections occur only in even-numbered years.

11/20/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 12/20/2007.
(Referred to Departments.)

1/17/08, CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor McGoldrick; John Arntz, Director of Elections. Continued to January 24, 2008, meeting.

8. 071591 [Charter Amendment - City policy regarding diversity on City boards and commissions] Supervisor McGoldrick

Charter Amendment (Fourth Draft) to amend Section 4.101 to make it City policy to consider and as appropriate support the nomination, appointment and confirmation of female, minority, and disabled candidates to fill seats on appointive boards, commissions, or advisory bodies.

11/20/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 12/20/2007.
(Referred to Departments.)

1/17/08, AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor McGoldrick; Heidi Seek, San Francisco Women's Political Committee; Micah Star Liberty, National Women's Political Caucus, San Francisco; Dr. Emily Murase, Executive Director, Department on the Status of Women; Susan Mizner, Mayor's Office on Disability. Continued to January 24, 2008.

1/17/08, CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

9. 071590 [Charter Amendment - Providing for the election of members of the Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors, their compensation, and their service as members of the Parking] Supervisor McGoldrick

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend Sections 8A.102, 8A.112, 13.101, 13.101.5, and 15.105 to provide for the election of members of the Municipal Transportation Agency's Board of Directors, setting their compensation, and fixing their status as members of the Parking Authority Commission.

11/20/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 12/20/2007.
(Referred to Departments.)

10. 071667 [Charter Amendment - Requiring Board confirmation of appointments to the Public Utilities Commission; setting qualifications for members of the Commission] Supervisors Maxwell, Dufty, Peskin, Mirkarimi, Ammiano

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend Section 4.112 to require confirmation by the Board of Supervisors of the Mayor's appointments to the Public Utilities Commission and to set qualifications for members of the Public Utilities Commission.

12/11/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 1/10/2008.

11. 071663 [Charter Amendment - New hire qualifications for retiree health care; improved retirement benefits for miscellaneous employees retiring on or after January 10, 2009] Mayor, Supervisor Elsbernd

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) amending Section A8.428, to increase the years of service required for new employees to qualify for subsidized health benefits at retirement and to adjust the formula for calculating retiree health benefit subsidies for those new employees; adding Sections 12.204, A8.409-7, and A8.590-8, and amending Section A8.432, to fund retiree health benefits for the City and County of San Francisco and other participating employers; adding Sections A8.404-1 and A8.409-8 so that economic provisions, including wages, shall not be increased for miscellaneous City and County employees for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2010, and recognizing certain ongoing economic expenditures by the City and County in future years; and adding Sections A8.526-2 and A8.526-3, and amending Sections A8.509, A8.587-2 and A8.587-13, to increase retirement benefits for retirees and employees who retire on or after January 10, 2009 to encourage longer employment and retention and improved cost of living benefits for all retirees and employees.

12/11/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 1/10/2008.

12. 071673 [Charter Amendment - New hire qualifications for retiree health care; employer contributions for retiree health care for new hires; retirement benefits for City employees retiring after] Supervisors Peskin, Mirkarimi, Sandoval, Ammiano

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend Sections A8.428, A8.432, A8.509, A8.587-2 and A8.587-13; add Sections 12.204, A8.409-7, A8.432, A8.526-2, A8.526-3, and A8.590-8; and repeal Sections A8.526 and A8.526-1, all to reduce employer contributions for retiree medical benefits for employees hired after June 30, 2008 and retiring from the City and County of San Francisco with less than 15 years of credited service; increase retirement benefits to eligible employees who retire on or after January 10, 2009, to encourage longer employment and retention; and to fund retiree health benefits for the City and County of San Francisco and other participating employers.

12/11/07, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 1/10/2008.

ADJOURNMENT

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NOTE: Persons unable to attend the meeting may submit to the City, by the time the proceedings

begin, written comments regarding the agenda items above. These comments will be made a part of the official public record and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Any written comments should be sent to: Committee Clerk of the Rules Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102 by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the hearing. Comments which cannot be delivered to the committee clerk by that time may be taken directly to the hearing at the location above.

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.

13. 080035 [Disclosure of Votes Cast in Ranked-Choice Elections] Supervisor Ammiano

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Municipal Elections Code by adding Section 415, to make publicly available a report of all votes cast in ranked-choice elections.

1/8/08, ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 2/7/2008.

Meeting Procedures

The Board of Supervisors is the Legislative Body of the City and County of San Francisco. The Board has several standing Committees where ordinances and resolutions are the subject of hearings at which members of the public are urged to testify. The full Board does not hold a second public hearing on measures which have been heard in committee.

Board procedures do not permit: 1) persons in the audience at a Committee meeting to vocally express support or opposition to statements by Supervisors or by other persons testifying; 2) ringing and use of cell phones, pagers, and similar sound-producing electronic devices; 3) signs to be brought into the meeting or displayed in the room; 4) standing in the meeting room.

Citizens are encouraged to testify at Committee meetings and to write letters to the Clerk of a Committee or to its members, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

USING LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR PRESENTATIONS: Please contact City Hall Media Services at (415) 554-4933 to coordinate the use of laptop computers for presentations at the meeting. Computers to be used are required to be tested in advance. The presenter should arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting to connect and test their computer.

THE AGENDA PACKET IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT CITY HALL, ROOM 244, RECEPTION DESK.

Agendas are available on the internet at www.sfgov.org/site/bos_meetings

Board meetings are cablecast on SF Cable 26. For video tape copies and scheduling call (415) 554-4188.

Requests for language interpreters at a meeting must be received at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to help ensure availability. Contact Madeleine Licavoli at (415) 554-7722.

AVISO EN ESPAÑOL: La solicitud para un traductor en una reunion debe recibirse antes de mediodia de el viernes anterior a la reunion. Llame a Erasmo Vazquez (415) 554-4909.



Disability Access

The Legislative Chamber (Room 250) and the Committee Room (Room 263) in City Hall are wheelchair accessible. Meetings are real-time captioned and are cablecast open-captioned on SF Cable 26. Assistive listening devices for the Legislative Chamber are available upon request at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244. Assistive listening devices for the Committee Room are available upon request at the Clerk of the Board's Office, Room 244 or in the Committee Room. To request sign language interpreters, readers, large print agendas or other accommodations, please contact Madeleine Licavoli at (415) 554-7722 or (415) 554-5227 (TTY). Requests made at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting will help to ensure availability.

The nearest accessible BART station is Civic Center (Market/Grove/Hyde Streets). Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the J, K, L, M, N, and T (Civic Center or Van Ness Stations). MUNI bus lines serving the area are the 47 Van Ness, 9 San Bruno, and the 6, 7, 71 Haight/Noriega. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 923-6142.

There is accessible parking in the vicinity of City Hall at Civic Center Plaza and adjacent to Davies Hall and the War Memorial Complex. Accessible curbside parking is available on Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place and Grove Street. In order to assist the City's efforts to accommodate persons with severe allergies, environmental illness, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities, attendees at public meetings are reminded that other attendees may be sensitive to perfumes and various other chemical-based scented products. Please help the City to accommodate these individuals.

Know Your Rights Under the Sunshine Ordinance

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. The Sunshine Ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review. For information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact Frank Darby by mail to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco CA 94102 by phone at (415) 554-7724, by fax at (415) 554-7854 or by email at sotf@sfgov.org

Citizens may obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance by contacting Mr. Darby or by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the Internet, at <http://www.sfgov.org/sunshine>

Lobbyist Registration and Reporting Requirements

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign & Governmental Conduct Code Sec. 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 30 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3900, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone (415) 581-2300; fax (415) 581-2317; web site www.sfgov.org/ethics