

City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Members: Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin

Clerk: Erica Major (415) 554-4441

Monday, October 17, 2022

1:30 PM

Regular Meeting

IN-PERSON MEETING City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)

Present: 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Aaron Peskin

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Monday, October 17, 2022, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

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Members of the public may also submit their comments by email to: Erica.Major@sfgov.org; all comments received will be made a part of the official record. Regularly scheduled Land Use and Transportation Committee Meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. every Monday of each month. Committee agendas and their associated documents are available at https://sfbos.org/committees.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Melgar and Member Peskin were noted present. Vice Chair Preston was noted not present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

COMMUNICATIONS

Erica Major, Land Use and Transportation Clerk, instructed members of the public, when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments for up to two minutes in-person or by dialing the provided telephone number. In-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called. Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial * 3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email Erica.Major@sfgov.org or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Melgar requested that File Nos. 220940, 220941, 220942, 220943, 220944, and 220945 be called together.

220940 [Building Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Building Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Building Code consisting of the 2022 California Building Code and the 2022 California Residential Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing for an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

09/02/22; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

09/13/22; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 10/13/2022.

09/21/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department for environmental review.

10/12/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michelle Yu, Christine Gasparac, and Neville Pereira (Department of Building Inspection); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

220941 [Existing Building Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Existing Building Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Existing Building Code consisting of the 2022 California Existing Building Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing for an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

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Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

220942 [Green Building Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Green Building Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Green Building Code consisting of the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing for an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

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Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michelle Yu, Christine Gasparac, and Neville Pereira (Department of Building Inspection); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

220943 [Mechanical Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Mechanical Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Mechanical Code consisting of the 2022 California Mechanical Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

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Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michelle Yu, Christine Gasparac, and Neville Pereira (Department of Building Inspection); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

220944 [Electrical Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Electrical Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Electrical Code consisting of the 2022 California Electrical Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

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10/12/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michelle Yu, Christine Gasparac, and Neville Pereira (Department of Building Inspection); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

220945 [Plumbing Code - Repeal of Existing 2019 Code and Enactment of 2022 Code]

Ordinance repealing the 2019 Plumbing Code in its entirety and enacting a 2022 Plumbing Code consisting of the 2022 California Plumbing Code, as amended by San Francisco; adopting environmental findings and findings of local conditions under the California Health and Safety Code; providing an operative date of January 1, 2023; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward the Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission, as required by State law. (Building Inspection Commission)

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10/12/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Michelle Yu, Christine Gasparac, and Neville Pereira (Department of Building Inspection); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Melgar, Peskin Absent: 1 - Preston

Chair Melgar recessed the meeting at 2:29 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m.

Vice Chair Preston was noted present at 2:34 p.m.

220867 [Hearing - Lower Nob Hill/Upper Tenderloin Open Space Acquisition Plan] Sponsor: Peskin

Hearing on the public open space needs in the Lower Nob Hill/Upper Tenderloin/Polk Gulch neighborhoods, an overview of the consultant survey of potential soft sites for acquisition, an accounting of the fund balance for the Open Space Acquisition Fund, and an update on the Recreation and Park Department's ability to meet the mandated "high needs" criteria of the Open Space Acquisition Fund; and requesting the Recreation and Park Department and Real Estate Division to report.

07/19/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

07/26/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Recreation and Parks Department and Real Estate Division for informational purposes and requesting the agencies to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Yael Golan (Recreation and Parks Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jones Hill; Chris Schulman (Lower Polk Community Benefit District); Linda Chapman; Ken Maley; Juda Pativa; Speaker; Joy Cathy Morgan; Parker Moore; Jamil; Kelly Ram; Maria Diaz; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

220962 [Hearing - San Francisco's Plan to Address SF Bay Nitrogen and Phosphorus Loading]

Sponsor: Peskin

Hearing to receive the best science and proactive steps to address and mitigate the impacts of nitrogen and phosphorus loading in the San Francisco Bay, red algae blooms, and additional steps that the City and County of San Francisco can take to prevent unhealthy and potentially fatal conditions for marine wildlife and human contact, including but not limited to infrastructure investments in waste water treatment; and requesting the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Bay Area Clean Water Agency, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and San Francisco Estuary Institute to report.

09/06/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

09/13/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Bay Area Clean Water Agency, Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and San Francisco Estuary Institute for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Commissioner Sophie Maxwell (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); Thomas Mumley (Bay Area Regional Water Board); Dr. David Senn (San Francisco Estuary Institute); Ian Wren (San Francisco Baykeeper); Dr. Lorien Fono (Bay Area Clean Water Agency); Gregory Norby, Amy Chastain, and Jeremy Spitz (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Eva Holman (Surfrider); David Pilpel; Tim Mikenberg; Commissioner Sophie Maxwell (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission); John Reinfeldt; Speaker; Christina Pappas; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Peskin moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

220560 [Hearing - SFMTA's Report to Promote Unobstructed Pedestrian Access for Riders Boarding Public Transit]

Sponsor: Preston

Hearing to discuss San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Report to develop and implement a plan to promote unobstructed pedestrian access for boarding public transit by eliminating parking in bus stops and making other necessary infrastructure improvements; and requesting the SFMTA to report.

05/10/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

05/18/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Municipal Transportation Agency for informational purposes and requesting SFMTA to report.

09/19/22; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: David Pilpel; Adam Pavlacka; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Sean Kennedy (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency); Marcel Moran (University of California, Berkeley); Nicole Bohn, Director (Mayor's Office on Disability); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Linda Chapman; Zack Lipton; Ming White; Bryan Donahoe; Michael Howard; Paulo; Chris Hyman; Dave Soloman; Val Spencer; Adam; Robert; Lisa Church; Speaker; Speaker; Anthony; Judith Baker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 6:18 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Land Use and Transportation Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.