



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Rafael Mandelman, Catherine Stefani, Shamann Walton

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, April 25, 2019

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Rafael Mandelman, Catherine Stefani, and Shamann Walton

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AGENDA CHANGES

REGULAR AGENDA

190164 [Police Code - Acceptance of Cash by Brick-and-Mortar Businesses]

Sponsors: Brown; Fewer, Walton, Peskin, Safai, Mandelman, Ronen, Yee and Haney

Ordinance amending the Police Code to require, in general, that brick-and-mortar businesses accept payment in cash in connection with the purchase of goods and services other than professional services.

02/12/19; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, expires on 3/14/2019.

02/20/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, the Public Defender, the District Attorney, and the Human Rights Commission for informational purposes. Referred to the Small Business Commission and the Youth Commission for comment.

03/04/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On March 4, 2019, the Youth Commission voted unanimously to support the ordinance.

03/19/19; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. Supervisor Brown introduced a substitute Ordinance bearing a new title.

03/27/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Substitute legislation referred to the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, the Public Defender, the District Attorney, and the Human Rights Commission for informational purposes. Referred to the Small Business Commission and the Youth Commission for comment.

04/10/19; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Response received from the Small Business Commission recommending conditional approval upon adoption of two proposed amendments:

1) Responsive to transactions that may total in the thousands of dollars, include an exception that would establish a reasonable cap on the total amount of the cash transaction that the business must accept; and

2) Responsive to possible unintended and situational negative consequences that may occur due to requiring the acceptance of cash, under enforcement, include specific direction for the San Francisco County Sealer to develop administrative guidelines in which a business may be situationally exempt from the case acceptance requirement.

04/11/19; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Vallie Brown (Board of Supervisors); Regina Dick-Endrezzi (Office of Small Business); DeeDee Workman (San Francisco Chamber of Commerce); spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

04/11/19; CONTINUED.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

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

Ayes: 2 - Mandelman, Stefani

Absent: 1 - Walton

Supervisor Walton was noted present at 10:09 a.m.

190126 [Hearing - Home Burglaries and Package Thefts]**Sponsors: Mar; Walton and Mandelman**

Hearing to examine the number, frequency, and locations of home burglaries and package thefts; examine home burglary and package theft calls for service, reports, arrests, prosecution, and strategies; and requesting the Office of the District Attorney and the Police Department to report.

01/29/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

02/06/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the District Attorney, the Office of the Public Defender, and the Police Department for informational purposes.

02/26/19; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Gordon Mar (Board of Supervisors); King Chan, Charlie Vaughan, Speaker; Sunny Deng (victim testimonial); Captain Tim Falvey (Police Department); Cristine Soto DeBerry (Office of the District Attorney); Kyra Worthy (Safety Awareness for Everyone); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Frank Noto; Speaker; Sherry Lau (SF Coalition for Good Neighborhoods); Speaker; Speaker; Wendy Wong (SF Coalition for Good Neighborhoods); Mr. Wright; Speaker; Sam Sue; M. Carlson; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mandelman, Stefani, Walton

190256 [Supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 392 (Weber and McCarty) - California Act to Save Lives: Incorporating Police Best Practices]**Sponsors: Haney; Mar, Walton and Ronen**

Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 392, introduced by Assembly Members Shirley Weber and Kevin McCarty, co-authored by Assembly Members Chris Holden and Mark Stone, and California State Senators Steven Bradford and Holly Mitchell, California Act to Save Lives: incorporating policing best practices that authorizes police officers to use deadly force only when it is necessary to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death and to require de-escalation methods whenever possible.

(Supervisor Stefani dissented in Committee.)

03/05/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); James Birch; provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Mr. Wright; Mr. Brown; Jose Luis Pavon; Marlene Sanzez; Beatrice X (California Families); Tenaya Jones (Young Women's Freedom Center); Speaker; Jacklyn Watson; Julia Arroyo (Young Women's Freedom Center); Jackie Basset; Marc Philart (Policy Link); Speaker; Mr. Duffy; David Elliot Lewis; Kate Robinson; Wendy Yu; Ustella; Speaker; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Walton moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Mandelman, Walton

Noes: 1 - Stefani

190178 [Hearing - Open Air Drug Dealing - Tenderloin, Mid-Market, and South of Market]**Sponsor: Haney**

Hearing on the City's response to open air drug dealing in the Tenderloin, Mid-Market, and South of Market; and requesting the Police Department, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Adult Probation Department, Public Works, Department of Public Health, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development to report.

02/12/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

02/20/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Adult Probation Department, Public Works, Department of Public Health, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Haney (Board of Supervisors); Dan Goncher and Monica Balanoff (Budget and Legislative Analyst Office); Chief William Scott and Captain Carl Fabbri (Police Department); Lauren Bell (Adult Probation Department); Janet Ector and Ben Lintchinger (Glide); Cristine Soto DeBerry (Office of the District Attorney); Dr. Angelica Almaida (Department of Public Health); Hadi Razzaq (Office of the Public Defender); Jorge Rivas (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Kate Robinson (Tenderloin Community Benefit District); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Sam Denson; Mel Beagle; Kurt Spector; Jennifer Hissman; Lee Mesmer; Mr. Wright; Ellen; David Elliott Lewis (Central City SRO Collaborative); Dale; Eliza Wheeler (Harm Reduction Coalition); Alexandra Goldman (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corp.); Christine Cordero; Christine Dealobos; Catherine Wolf; Lisa Beth; Speaker; Speaker; Mike Vuong (Boys and Girls Club); Melissa Smith; Eric Abruello; Breanne Taylor (Hasting College); Mr. Tense; Tony Page (Glide); Fama O'Shea; David Britt; John Livy; Micahel Maltio; Speaker; Speaker; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Mandelman, Stefani, Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:35 p.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.