

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 2019 - 1:30 PM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Special Meeting

Members: Sandra Lee Fewer, Catherine Stefani, Rafael Mandelman

Clerk: Linda Wong (415) 554-7719

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

BOARD COMMITTEES

Committee Membership

Budget and Finance Committee

Supervisors Fewer, Stefani, Mandelman

Government Audit and Oversight Committee

Supervisors Mar, Brown, Peskin

Joint City, School District, and City College Select Committee

Supervisors Haney, Walton, Mar (Alt), Commissioners Cook, Collins, Moliga (Alt), Trustees Randolph, Williams, Selby (Alt)

Land Use and Transportation Committee

Supervisors Peskin, Safai, Haney

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

Supervisors Mandelman, Stefani, Walton

Rules Committee

Supervisors Ronen, Walton, Mar

Meeting Days

Wednesday

10:00 AM

1st and 3rd Thursday

10:00 AM

2nd Friday

10:00 AM

Monday

1:30 PM

2nd and 4th Thursday

10:00 AM

Monday

10:00 AM

President Norman Yee appointed Supervisor Matt Haney, replacing Supervisor Catherine Stefani, and Supervisor Hillary Ronen, replacing Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, to the Special Budget and Finance Committee of November 21, 2019.

Members Present: Sandra Lee Fewer, Matt Haney, and Hillary Ronen

The Budget and Finance Committee met in special session on Thursday, November 21, 2019, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Fewer, Member Haney, and Member Ronen were noted present. Vice Chair Stefani and Member Mandelman were noted not present.

A quorum was present.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisors Brown, Mar, Safai, Walton, and Yee were also noted present at 1:34 p.m.; thereby constituting a quorum of the Board of Supervisors. A Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was convened at 1:34 p.m.; although, the meeting was conducted in all respects as a committee meeting for items on the agenda and any substantive decisions constitute a recommendation of the committee and not action taken by the Board.

Board Members Present: Supervisors Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mar, Ronen, Safai, Walton, and Yee

Supervisors Stefani and Mandelman Excused from Attendance

Member Ronen moved to excuse Supervisors Stefani and Mandelman from attending the Special Budget and Finance Committee meeting of November 21, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Ronen

Excused: 2 - Stefani, Mandelman

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

191005 [Initiative Ordinance - Business and Tax Regulations, Administrative Codes - Excise Tax on Keeping Commercial Property Vacant]

Sponsors: Peskin; Ronen, Walton and Haney

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 3, 2020, an Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code and Administrative Code to impose an excise tax on persons keeping ground floor commercial space in certain neighborhood commercial districts and certain neighborhood commercial transit districts vacant, to fund assistance to small businesses; increasing the City's appropriations limit by the amount collected under the tax for four years from March 3, 2020; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.
(Economic Impact)

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Lee Hepner (Office of Supervisor Aaron Peskin); Supervisors Ahsha Safai, Vallie Brown, and Shamann Walton (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Peter Kanelowitz; Hans Hansen; Speaker; Benjamin Bleiman; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Ronen moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT to the Special Board of Supervisors meeting of November 21, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Haney, Ronen

Excused: 2 - Stefani, Mandelman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Budget and Finance Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:58 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Budget and Finance Committee and the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on January 14, 2020.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board