



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

London N. Breed, Mayor

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes – Adopted October 20, 2023

Friday, October 6, 2023 / 9:30 a.m.

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 408
San Francisco, CA 94102

COMMISSIONERS

Lauren Post, Chair

Fady Zoubi, Vice Chair

Lynne Newhouse Segal, Commissioner

Gerald Turner, Commissioner

Paul Woolford, Commissioner

Carla Short, Interim Public Works Director

Robert Fuller, Public Works Commission Secretary



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Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Changes

Acting Chair Paul Woolford called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

On the roll call, commissioners Lynne Newhouse Segal, Gerald Turner and Paul Woolford were present.

Commissioners Lauren Post and Fady Zoubi absent.

With three members present, the Commission met quorum.

Key staff present included Interim Director Carla Short, Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom and Commission Secretary Bob Fuller.

Commissioner Woolford requested to hear item 5, the capital plan overview, following item 1, the announcements by Chair, Commissioners and Secretary.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel supported the motion.

On the motion to hear item 5 following item 1, the Commission voted unanimously in support via a voice vote.

Commissioners present and voting: Newhouse Segal, Turner and Woolford.

1. Announcements by Chair, Commission and Secretary

Heard by the Commission.

Speaker: Commissioner Turner

- Commissioner Turner acknowledged the passing of Senator Dianne Feinstein.
- Discussed Fleet Week and praised Department staff for work keeping the streets clean for this event.

Speaker: Secretary Fuller

- Secretary Fuller informed the Commission that the Sanitation and Streets Commission held its most recent meeting on September 18, 2023 and will meet again on October 16th.
- Discussed scheduling the Public Works Regular Meeting Calendar for 2024.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel discussed the correspondence log and advance calendar.

Item 5 was heard out of order, following item 1.

5. Capital Plan Overview

Heard by the Commission. Speakers: Chief Resiliency Officer and Director Brian Strong, and Capital Budget Manager Nishad Joshi. Interim Director Short and Chief Financial Officer Bruce Robertson responded to questions.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel praised the presentation and the capital plan team for their coordination with departments.

2. Director’s Report and Communications

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Interim Director Short

- Interim Director Short discussed the video showing a Public Works street inspector pushing over a hot dog cart on October 1, 2023.
- Acknowledged the death of a contractor employee on a Public Utilities Commission project managed by Public Works.
- Responded to a question from Chair Post about safety procedures for employees when air quality is deemed unhealthy or hazardous.
- Announced the Department won a \$12 million tree planting grant from the US Forest Service.
- Remembered Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Public Comment - None

3. General Public Comment

General Public Comment began at 10:41 a.m. and concluded at 10:47 a.m.

- Scott Feeney discussed large planters being used to deter homeless encampments and suggested the Commission hold a hearing on this topic.
- Taylor Ahlgren asserted that planters used to deter homeless encampments are in violation of Public Works container guidelines, discussed barricades at 13th and South Van Ness that he alleged they were erected by the Bureau of Street-use and Mapping. He suggested the Commission should hold a hearing on this topic.

4. Consent Calendar of Routine Matters

- Minutes from the September 13, 2023 Special Meeting**
- Minutes from the September 15, 2023 Regular Meeting**
- Pedestrian Safety Improvements Various – Contract Modification**
- Traffic Signal Modifications No. 36 – Contract Award**
- No. 65 New Traffic Signals – Contract Modification**
- Hunters Point Building 101 Renovation Project Contract 11000015270-
Contract Modification**

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Secretary Fuller

Public Comment – None

On the motion by Commissioner Newhouse Segal and seconded by Commissioner Turner, the Commission adopted the consent calendar and each resolution contained in it, via a unanimous voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting: Newhouse Segal, Turner and Woolford.

Regular Items for Consideration

6. New Business Initiated by Commissioners

Heard by the Commissioners. Speaker: Acting Chair Woolford

- Commissioner Woolford announced he would be absent from the October 20th meeting.

Public Comment

- David Pilpel requested to comment on the consent calendar and suggested edits for clarity to the September 13th and September 15th meeting minutes.

7. General Public Comment – Continued from Item 3 if necessary
Not Necessary

Adjournment at 11:03 a.m.