

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Friday, April 21, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting Draft Minutes

Call to Order, Roll Call and Agenda Changes

Chair Lauren Post called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

On the roll call, Commissioners Newhouse Segal, Post, Turner and Zoubi were present. Commissioner Woolford was absent.

On the motion by Commissioner Post and seconded by Commissioner Turner the Commission postponed Item 8, the Operations Division Overview to a later date via a unanimous vote in favor.

Members present and voting. Newhouse Segal, Post, Turner and Zoubi.

1. Announcements by Chair

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Chair Lauren Post

- Chair Lauren Post thanked Olivia Lee for the written response to the as-needed contracts on the April 7, 2023 meeting agenda.
- Met with SF Public Works stakeholders regarding permitting and capital projects.
- Met with Chair Mogannam of the Sanitation and Streets Commission to coordinate communication between commissions.
- Met with President Peskin regarding legislation to update the City's Chapter 12x contracting policy.
- Chair Post corrected herself and requested other commissioners refer to the Department as SFPW or San Francisco Public Works.

Public Comment - none

2. Commission Secretary's Report

Heard by the Commission. Speaker. Secretary Bob Fuller

- Report on Sanitation and Streets Commission activities.
 - SAS Commission passed a resolution establishing the Montoya awards program to recognize laborers and other Department staff.
 - Heard the Department hiring and vacancy report from the Human Resources team.
 - Heard the Bureau of Building and Street Repair's performance measure report.

Public Comment - None

3. General Public Comment

Public Comment

- Aaron Breetnor suggested the Commission include consideration of small-wheeled vehicles in street designs.
- David Pilpel pointed out that item 5c on the agenda has duplicated the description.

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Newhouse Segal requested the Department director to inform the Commission if new permits are issued for vehicles to use the sidewalk.

4. Director's Report and Communications

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Interim Director Carla Short

- Interim Director Short updated the Commission on repairs to the 3rd Street bridge, thanking the carpenters, engineers and sheet metal workers who removed the damaged portion of the bridge and made the bridge safe for use.
- Announced the Department kicked off annual microsurfacing pavement preservation season.
- Relayed the Department's participation in the annual commemoration of the 1906 earthquake by preparing Lotta's Fountain.

Public Comment

- Aaron Breetnor expressed concern that small-wheeled vehicle riders sometimes find microsurfacing to be hazardous.

5. Consent Calendar of Routine Matters

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Secretary Fuller.

- a. Adopt Minutes from the April 7, 2023 Meeting**
- b. JOC-J54 General Engineering – Contract Award**
- c. As-Needed Environmental Contracting Services (XEC 2022) -Award Section 6.63 Construction Contracts**
- d. Minnesota Streetscape Improvements – Contract Award**

Public Comment - None

Commissioner Requests.

- Commissioner Zoubi corrected the minutes that Commissioner Post is no longer acting chair.

On the motion by commissioner Zoubi moved 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, Post, Turner and Zoubi

Regular Items for Consideration

6. San Francisco Public Library Support Services – 190 9th Street Energy Efficiency HVAC Upgrades & Photovoltaic Panels– Contract Award

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Project Manager Sherry Katz

Public Comment - None

Commissioner Requests

- Commissioner Turner requested more information on the capacity of the batteries to be installed to power the facility.
- Commissioner Post requested an update on this project in one year.
- Commissioner Post requested an update on the Minnesota Streetscape project (from the consent calendar) in one year.

On the motion by Commissioner Turner moved and seconded by Commissioner Post, the Commission approved the contract award via a unanimous voice vote in favor.

Members present and voting. Newhouse Segal, Post, Turner and Zoubi.

The Commission recessed at 10:55 a.m. and resumed at 11:03 a.m.

7. Commission Jurisdiction within the Department of Public Works Discussion

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Deputy City Attorney Christopher Tom. Interim Director Carla Short responded to questions.

Public Comment

- Aaron Breetnor expressed appreciation to the Commission for this discussion and the effort to clarify for the public which body is most appropriate to address.
- David Pilpel expressed support for this discussion and expressed his preference to eliminate the Sanitation and Streets Commission as a separate body.

Commissioner Requests

- Chair Post requested a joint meeting with the Sanitation and Streets Commission to clarify responsibilities and to create one-page summaries for each commission.
- Commissioner Zoubi requested to have Rachel Alonso from the City Administrator's Office be invited to participate in the joint Prop B discussion with Sanitation and Streets.

8. Operations Division Overview (postponed to a later meeting)

9. Public Works Director Hiring Update

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Chair Post

- Public Works Director candidates are being interviewed.
- All interviewed candidates are qualified for the position.
- The commission will submit at least three qualified candidates to the mayor.

- Public Works Commission will continue to provide updates as the process moves forward.

Public Comment

- Aaron Breetnor expressed hope that the new director will be familiar with the needs of small-wheeled vehicle users.
- David Pilpel expressed appreciation to Interim Director Short and suggested more can be disclosed to the public about the Director hiring process.

10. New Business Initiated by Commissioners

Informational

Heard by the Commission. Speaker: Chair Post

Public Comment

- Aaron Breetnor asked the Commission to appoint him as an additional commissioner to represent small-wheeled vehicle users.

11. General Public Comment – Continued from Item 2 if necessary

Not Necessary

Adjournment at 12:25 p.m.