

**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

Monday, January 24, 2022
4:30 P.M.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS

Sharky Laguana, President
Miriam Zouzounis, Vice-President;
Lawanda Dickerson; Cynthia Huie; William Ortiz-Cartagena

1. **Call to order and roll call.**

Meeting was called to order at 4:32pm. Commissioners present: Laguana, Zouzounis, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena. Staff present: Director Katy Tang, Kerry Birnbach, Richard Kurylo. President Laguana read the Ohlone Land Acknowledgment.

2. **BOS File #211292 – Various Codes – Street Vendor Regulation (Discussion and Action Item)**

Supervisor Ahsha Safai and Ivy Lee, Mayor's Office, presented this ordinance amending the Public Works Code to regulate vending, require permits for vending, and authorize permit fees and enforcement actions. Sup. Safai emphasized the need for a streamlined program to regulate street vendors, and in particular, those reselling stolen goods. This program would offer support for vendors facing economic hardships, utilizes only non-criminal consequences, and would be administered by DPW.

Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena emphasized concern that this was a punitive proposal. Ivy responded that they are considering options to make the permit simple – accepting multiple forms of IDs, offering language translations, personal affidavits to show proof of ownership, etc. Vice President Zouzounis emphasized the need for strong technical assistance to help street vendors through the permitting process. She wanted to know how communications to businesses will occur, and ensure that notices of violation made clear that there were options for economic hardship. Ivy suggested that technical assistance through community organizations would be helpful. Commissioner Huie asked what would happen if this program doesn't work? Would that spur further regulations, etc.? Ivy noted that they are cautious of overregulating. Sup. Safai noted that currently some street vendors are undermining small businesses and the hope is to curtail that. President Laguana suggested online applications. Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena supports the idea and would love to see community organizations incorporated in the rollout.

No members of the public requested to speak.

Motion to support by President Laguana. 2nd: Commissioner Huie.

Aye: Laguana, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena
 Nay: Zouzounis
 Motion passes (4-1).

3. Commission President and Vice President Elections (Discussion and Action Item)

Vice President Zouzounis nominated President Laguana for another term as President. President Laguana nominated Vice President Zouzounis for another term as Vice President.
 No members of the public requested to speak.

Round	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder	Roll Call
President	Laguana	Zouzounis	Dickerson	Dickerson - Aye Huie - Aye Laguana- Aye Ortiz-Cartagena - Aye Zouzounis - Aye Result: Ayes <u>5</u> / Nays <u>0</u>

Round	Nominee	Nominator	Secunder	Roll Call
Vice President	Zouzounis	Laguana	Dickerson	Dickerson - Aye Huie - Aye Laguana- Aye Ortiz-Cartagena - Aye Zouzounis - Aye Result: Ayes <u>5</u> / Nays <u>0</u>

President Laguana will serve as President from January 2022-2023. Vice President Zouzounis will serve as Vice President from January 2022-2023.

4. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

Motion to approve 1.10.2022 meeting minutes by President Laguana. 2nd: Commissioner Dickerson.
 Aye: Laguana, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis
 Nay:
 Motion passes (5-0).

5. General Public Comment

No members of the public requested to speak.

6. Director’s Report (Discussion Item)

- OEWD webinars on budget, econ. Devpt., workforce coming up
- Venue fund grant and Legacy business program update
- Vacancy Tax
- November Ballot Measures- Mayor’s proposal on security camera usage – allows SFPD to live monitor security cameras. BoS counterproposal – requires SFPD to get BoS approval to monitor security cameras
- Kerry reviewed the Governor’s recent budget proposal for the upcoming year and pulled out initiatives to look out for pertaining to the small business community. We shared the summary in our January OSB newsletter and it is available online.

- 211301 [Limits on Fines for Shared Spaces Violations] Sponsor: Peskin. We are still waiting to schedule this item at the Commission pending the Mayor's proposal regarding Shared Spaces.
- 211131 [Police Code – Third Party Food Delivery Services]
- 211296 [Amending Family Friendly Workplace Ordinance]
- Hearing to review the economic impact of vacant office buildings in San Francisco, specifically in the Financial District, SOMA, and Embarcadero, due to the initial shelter-in-place ordinance, private company policies that promote working from home, and safety measures put in place to promote a return to in-person business
- 220013 [Public Works Code - Mobile Food Facility Permit Renewal Fees Collection]
- 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
- 220057 [Business and Tax Regulations Code - Extending Temporary Suspension of Business Registration and Fee for Transportation Network Company Drivers and Taxi Drivers]

President Laguana asked about additional info on the Governor's microbusiness grants.
No members of the public requested to speak.

7. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)

Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena flagged that he's worked with several businesses that have had to renew business registrations but they had to do so through paper, not online, which seemed odd.
President Laguana provided some updates on retail thefts.

8. Adjournment (Action Item)

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena. 2nd: Vice President Zouzounis.
Aye: Laguana, Zouzounis, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena
Motion passes 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.