

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING, CITY HALL**

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee, Walker, Vice President Carter-Oberstone (arrived: 6:03 p.m.) and President Elias (arrived: 5:40 p.m.)

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Thierry Fill: Provided letters and spoke about his objectives for the city.

Paulette Brown: Spoke about son, Aubrey Abrakasa's, murder. Spoke about a Commissioner Carter-Oberstone speaking with DPA regarding rewards. Continued to speak about unsolved homicides.

\*\*\*If anyone has any information about the murder of Aubrey Abrakasa, please call the 24/7 anonymous tip line at 415-575-4444\*\*\*

- 3. Consent Calendar (RECEIVE & FILE; ACTION)
  - SFPD Live Monitoring Report, 2nd Quarter 2024

Motion: Commissioner Benedicto. Second: Commissioner Clay. Vote: 6-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee, Walker and President Elias  
EXCUSED: Vice President Carter-Oberstone

**Chief's Report**

- **Weekly crime trends**
- **Major/Significant Incidents**

Chief Scott reported on crime trends YTD: Violent Crime down 14 percent; homicide down 37 percent; rape down 14 percent; robbery down 23 percent; assault down 3 percent; human trafficking down 44 percent. Property Crimes down 34 percent; burglary down 13 percent; motor vehicle theft down 19 percent; arson down 9 percent; larceny theft down 41 percent. Gun violence is down 24 percent compared to 2023; One non-fatal shooting incident this week; total 102 fire-arm related incidents resulting in 115 victims YTD. No homicides for the week; there are a total of 24 homicides YTD with 18 resulting from a firearm; 88% overall clearance.

**Significant Incident:** Officer involved shooting this past week on Friday virtual town hall this coming Monday, details will be provided to the public, time should be from 15:00-17:00, it may be a little bit longer, details will be provided at that town hall, virtual town hall. No homicides to report for this week. One shooting, non-fatal, at Laguna and Golden Gate, Northern District, 9/11/24 13:00, victim was located and had a gunshot wound, victim was unable to provide information but was transported to a local hospital for their injuries, the investigation included interviewing of witnesses, and that investigation is ongoing, no arrests have been made in that particular case.

**Significant arrest:** There were several significant arrests made this past week, the first one- have seen a rash of retail theft, which is believed to be organized retail theft crews, across San Francisco, San Mateo County at retail stores, mostly stores such as Lens Crafters. 9/12/24, worked in coordination with the Daly City Police Department, end result was four prolific retail theft suspects arrested and a

loaded firearm, stolen merchandise were recovered after they attempted to hit several stores in the Bay Area, suspects' vehicle was spotted in the area of the 3200 block of 20th avenue, then traveled to two different shopping malls in San Mateo County, when suspect vehicle arrived at a mall, in the unit block of the Serramonte Center in Daly City, two occupants exited the vehicle and were taken into custody while entering the mall, believe that they were about to commit the same type of crime in that mall, suspect vehicle then fled the scene and a short time later was located by SFPD Units who were searching for the vehicle, that vehicle was seen in the area of 16th Street and Bryant, had two occupants in it, both were taken into custody without incident, a search of the vehicle yielded a loaded firearm and stolen merchandise from the retail stores, investigation included personnel from two police agencies working together to locate, conduct surveillance, and apprehend this known organized retail burglary crew and their cars, suspects had committed numerous burglaries in the city and the county of San Francisco and in San Mateo county, loss of the burglaries in total is estimated to be more than \$100,000. Second incident, 9/7/24 Officers from Central, Northern and Southern Tenderloin and Taraval stations conducted an auto burglary suppression operation, while in the area of the Palace of Fine Arts, an area that has been known for a high number of car break ins, SFPD plainclothes officers observed an auto burglary occur, suspects' vehicle fled, and the officers tried to maintain surveillance of the vehicle, but lost sight of it due to evasive illegal maneuvers and the risk to public safety, suspects' vehicle information was broadcast over the police radio, in a short time later that vehicle was observed in the area of Masonic Avenue at Golden Gate Avenue, during additional surveillance of the Alamo Square area, the officers observed the same suspect commit an auto burglary at Fullerton and Scott Streets, surveillance continued on the suspect vehicle as it fled the area, and believed committed numerous moving violations., although the officers lost sight of the vehicle, it was later seen traveling eastbound on Interstate 80 near the 4<sup>th</sup> Street exit, officers followed the vehicle to the 800 block of West Macarthur Boulevard in Oakland, where one of the occupants of the suspects' vehicle was observed moving property from inside the vehicle and then get into another vehicle that was parked nearby, that vehicle was also known to be associated with a prolific auto burglar, a 25 year old San Francisco resident by the name of Robert Sonza, as the suspect vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, officers formulated a plan, utilized tire deflation devices, also known as spike strips, to stop the suspect vehicle and prevent a dangerous pursuit, suspect's vehicle was involved in a collision at Piedmont Avenue and Pleasant Valley Avenue in Oakland where Sonza had exited the vehicle from the driver's seat, tried to run away, the other occupant, a juvenile, fled on foot and was taken into custody through the course of the investigation, the first vehicle involved an auto burglaries at the Palace of Fine Arts and Alamo Square was determined to have been a stolen vehicle, a search of the vehicle yielded burglary tools and property from the auto burglaries that occurred on 9/2/24 in the area of the Palace of Fine Arts, the search of a second suspect vehicle yielded more stolen property and a firearm, Officers recovered all stolen property and reunited that property to multiple victims of auto burglaries, the adult suspect, Robert Lionel Sonza, was arrested for receiving stolen property, accessory after the fact, resisting and delaying arrest, carrying a loaded firearm and a person convicted of a misdemeanor violation of a firearm related offense, felon in possession of firearm and several other charges, the juvenile suspect was cited for a theft of a vehicle, receiving stolen property, two counts of burglary, possession of burglary tools, and resisting or delaying arrest, they were released to their parents. The last incident- 9/10/24, search warrants were obtained to conduct a plan operation for two retail store locations that were operating as illegal gambling facilities on the 200 block of Leavenworth Street, this block has had a tremendous amount of challenges on this block and legislation has been passed by the Board of Supervisors to limit the hours of some of these retail or retail stores where there has been host of illegal activity and problems, at least one of these stores was one of those stores with a limited hours, during the search warrant services investigators detained several subjects and conducted a search of the premises and eventually seized illegal gambling machines, including,

several illegal gambling machines, narcotics, drug paraphernalia, US currency believed to be gained by proceeds of illegal gambling and sale of narcotics, stolen products, cigarettes, stolen cigarettes, a firearm, and a replica firearm, eight people were arrested, all adult males, for various violations related to this warrant and this investigation.

**Strategies:** Heavily deployed for Dreamforce, assistance from California Highway Patrol.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Thierry Fill: Provided opinion on purchase of drones, continued to provided opinion.

Paulette Brown: Played a news report regarding the renaming of a portion of Grove St (at Baker St) to her son’s name, the news report interviewed Ms. Brown regarding her son.

**DPA Director’s Report**

- **Report on recent DPA activities, and announcement**

Executive Director Henderson reported the following: In the year 2024: 510 cases opened; 618 closed; 130 pending; 38 cases sustained; 17 cases past 270-day; 14 cases mediated. SFPD Cases received in the past **weeks (since the last Commission Meeting)**: 13. Central, 1. Southern, 1. Bayview, 0. Mission, 0. Northern, 2. Park, 0. Richmond, 1. Ingleside, 0. Taraval, 3. Tenderloin, 1. Airport, 2. Not Applicable, 0. Out of Jurisdiction, 2. Pending, 2. Allegation Summary: Conduct Unbecoming- The officer behaved or spoke inappropriately-30%. Unwarranted Action- The Officer detained a person without reasonable suspicion-10%. Neglect of Duty-The officer prepared an incomplete or invacuate incident-10%. N/A-pending further investigation-10%. Referral-The investigation was referred to another department or agency-10%.

**Audits:** The Controller’s Office is currently reviewing DPA’s stop data audit. DPA will hold an exit conference with SFPD and provide a copy of the response, once received from the Controller’s Office.

**Outstanding Issues:** DPA began working with the DGO 6.16 “Sexual Assaults” working group, including Commissioner Benedicto and a large group of sexual assault and domestic violence subject matter experts.

**Outreach:** DPA conducted an outreach day as part of their ongoing partnership with John O’Connell High School. The staff attended several class periods and gave an interactive Know Your Rights presentation and an overview of DPA’s functions. The classes will be conducting a mock DPA investigation based on fictional scenarios and present them to a class commission. Can contact DPA at 415-241-7711. Can be found on community calendar on the DPA’s website and posted on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and on DPA’s website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**Commission Reports**

- **Commission President’s Report**
- **Commissioners’ Reports**
- **Commission announcements and scheduling of items identified for consideration at future Commission Meetings**

Commissioner Benedicto: Placed a number of items to be agendized, including SF Safe, illegal authorization for drones program, SF Chronicle article regarding lateral hiring of Officers. Congratulated Ms. Brown for the renaming of the 1500 block of Grove Street. Attended DGO 6.16 working group, thanked SFPD Analyst Hitesh Bussie and Captain Alexa O'Brien for their assistance with the working group. Attended a First Responder Children's Foundation event. Chief Scott spoke on the Foundation, the Department does plan on engaging with the Foundation. DPA's Director Henderson provided feedback in support of the Foundation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

6. Presentation and discussion on SFPD's strategies for protests relating to Israel and Palestine, at the request of the Commission (DISCUSSION)

Lieutenant Will McCarthy and Lieutenant David Do presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

7. Presentation on DPA's Law and Justice Reform Internship Summer Project, 2024 Cohort (DISCUSSION)

DPA Director of Recruitment and Racial Equity and Senior Trial Attorney, Tinetta Thompson, DPA Attorney Diana Rosenstein and DPA Intern Coordinator, Natalie Garcia, presented on a reform proposal for DGO 6.16 "Sexual Assaults".

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

8. Discussion and possible action to adopt revised Department General Order 5.03, "Investigative Detentions" (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)  
*(Previously approved for meet and confer on July 17, 2024, Resolution No. 24-83)*

Captain Sean Perdomo spoke on training plan for DGO.

Motion: Commissioner Clay, with 45-day calendar day implementation period. 2nd: Commissioner Walker. Vote: 6-1.

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| AYES: | Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee, Walker and President Elias |
| NAY:  | Vice President Carter-Oberstone  |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

9. Discussion and possible action to adopt revised Department General Order 5.05, "Emergency Response and Pursuit Driving" (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)  
*(Previously approved for meet and confer on July 17, 2024, Resolution No. 24-84)*

Captain Sean Perdomo spoke on training plan for DGO.

Motion: Commissioner Carter-Oberstone, with 45-day business day implementation period. 2nd: Commissioner Walker. Vote: 7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee, Walker, Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

10. Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 12 below, Closed Session, including public comment on Item 11, vote whether to hold Item 12 in closed session.

None

11. Vote on whether to hold Item 12 in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)) (ACTION)

Motion: Commissioner Benedicto. 2nd: Commissioner Walker. Vote: 7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Benedicto, Yanez (remotely), Yee, Walker, Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

1<sup>st</sup> Open Session ended: 7:32 pm  
Closed Session: (7:46 pm – 9:30 pm)

12. **Closed Session**  
**Roll Call;**

a. **PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**  
Discussion and possible action to decide guilt and penalty, if needed, or take other action, if necessary, on the discipline charges filed in Case No. IAD 2019-0154 (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias, Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, IAD Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Officer, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

*(These proceedings were taken in shorthand form, Natalie Vaccarezza, CSR., Behmke Reporting and Video Services)*

b. **PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**  
Discussion and possible action to accept or reject Settlement Agreement filed in Case No. IAD 2021-0017 or take other action, if necessary (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

***To be rescheduled***

**c. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**

Discussion and possible action to accept or reject Settlement Agreement filed in Case No. IAD 2020-0080A or take other action, if necessary (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias, Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, IAD Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Officer, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

**d. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**

Discussion and possible action to accept or reject Settlement Agreement filed in Case No. IAD 2020-0080B or take other action, if necessary (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias, Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, IAD Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Officer, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

**e. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**

Discussion and possible action to accept or reject Settlement Agreement filed in Case No. DPA 53599-23 or take other action, if necessary (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias, Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, DPA Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Officer, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

**f. PERSONNEL EXCEPTION. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b) and Penal Code Section 832.7:**

Discussion and possible action to accept or reject Settlement Agreement filed in Case No. IAD 2023-0041 or take other action, if necessary (DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION)

(Present: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias, Chief Scott, Assistant Chief Walsh, Deputy City Attorney Kate Kimberlin, IAD Attorney, Officer's Attorney, Officer, Sergeant Stacy Youngblood, Sergeant Sondra Reynolds, Kristine Singh)

**Closed Session Ended: 9:30 p.m.**

**2nd Open Session (9:30 pm – 9:31 pm)**

13. Vote to elect whether to disclose any or all discussion on Item 12 held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)) (ACTION)

Commissioner Carter-Oberstone motioned to not disclose item 12 held in closed session.  
Commissioner Benedicto Seconded. 7-0.

AYES: Commissioners Clay, Walker, Benedicto, Yee, Yanez (remotely), Vice President Carter-Oberstone and President Elias

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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Sergeant Stacy Youngblood  
Secretary  
San Francisco Police Commission