



## SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024, 4:30 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

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

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Present: Cornet, Huie, Benitez, Zouzounis, Ortiz-Cartagena, Huie

### 2. **Approval of Legacy Business Registry Applications and Resolutions (Discussion and Action Item)**

Richard Kurylo, Legacy Business Program Manager, Office of Small Business presented the following Legacy Business Registry applications:

- a. Oscar's Photo Lab (Application No.: [LBR-2023-24-043](#))
- b. PACT, Plan of Action for Challenging Times (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-014](#))
- c. Shaw Shoes (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-013](#))

Public comment:

Annette Dennett, Plan of Action for Challenging Times

Vartan Demirjian, Oscar's Photo Lab

Shaw Dehghan, Shaw Shoes

Kim Bargothian, in support of Oscar's Photo Lab

Commissioner comments: Commissioners congratulated applicants and thanked them for their work.

Motion to approve Legacy Business Registry applicants: Herbert

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cornet

Ayes: Cornet, Huie, Benitez, Zouzounis, Ortiz-Cartagena, Huie

Motion Passes 6-0-1

### 3. **BOS File 240982 – Disability Access Improvements for Places of Public Accommodation (Discussion and Action Item)**

Supervisor Mandelman presented an ordinance amending the Building, Administrative, and Public Works Codes to remove the local requirement for existing buildings with a place of public accommodation to have all primary entries and paths of travel into the building accessible to persons with disabilities or to receive a City determination of equivalent facilitation, technical infeasibility, or unreasonable hardship; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act. He noted that 16,000 businesses have come into compliance with the ABE, and that deadlines have been extended several times already.

No members of the public requested to speak

Commissioner comments:

Huie: Appreciates that Sup. Mandelman is tackling this from a different perspective – thinking about how to make businesses less scared and fearful and think more broadly about accessibility.

Zouzounis: ABE has been confusing for small businesses. Would the access appeals commission stay? Yes, because there are other appeals to review beyond ABE.

Director Tang: Yes, appeals for TI or infeasibility are still needed.

Tate Hannah(DBI): requirements for new buildings already have accessibility baked into review. City is still inspecting properties and is still information being given (per reqt).

Herbert: For new businesses in older spaces, are ADA upgrades required? Tate explained it depends on if the business makes improvements. If so, that may trigger upgrades.

Mandelman: I hope this helps build relationships between small businesses and the disability community.

Ortiz-Cartagena: This program has done a lot of good. I was skeptical at first. This is a common sense transition you're proposing.

Huie: Getting so many businesses compliant is a big feat.

Motion to recommend support for BOS File 240982: Ortiz-Cartagena

2<sup>nd</sup>: Herbert

Ayes: Cornet, Huie, Benitez, Zouzounis, Ortiz-Cartagena, Huie

Motion Passes 6-0-1

#### 4. **BOS File 240926 – Fee Elimination and Administrative Provisions (Discussion and Action Item)**

Amanda Fried, Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector an Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code, Administrative Code, Health Code, Police Code, and Public Works Code to make the following changes if the voters approve Proposition M in the November 5, 2024, election: 1) eliminate certain fees beginning in 2026, and 2) increase the gross receipts threshold from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000 for reductions to annual curbside shared spaces fees beginning in 2026; and to make the following additional changes regardless of whether the voters approve Proposition M: 3) extend indefinitely the waiver of business location and device fees for businesses with taximeter devices; 4) extend indefinitely the suspension of the registration certificate and fee requirements for taxi drivers and drivers for transportation network companies; 5) authorize the Tax Collector to collect certain additional license fees on the unified license bill; and 6) amend the delinquency date and penalty provisions and add interest provisions relating to license fees collected on the unified license bill.

No members of the public requested to speak

Commissioner comments:

Herbert: As a restaurant owner, I'm grateful for this

Ortiz-Cartagena: This moves us in the right direction

Huie: Taxes and fees are confusing so this is a great step

Zouzounis: Did you review any nexus studies for this? Amanda explained that these are annual one size fits all fees, so they overlaid tax data to see how big of a reach they had.

Motion to recommend support for BOS File 240926: Ortiz-Cartagena

2<sup>nd</sup>: Benitez

Ayes: Cornet, Huie, Benitez, Zouzounis, Ortiz-Cartagena, Huie

Motion Passes 6-0-1

#### 5. **Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes (Discussion and Action Item)**

Motion to approve draft minutes: Huie

2<sup>nd</sup>: Herbert

Ayes: Cornet, Huie, Benitez, Zouzounis, Ortiz-Cartagena, Huie

Motion Passes 6-0-1

#### 6. **General Public Comment (Discussion Item)**

No members of the public requested to speak.

#### 7. **Director's Report (Discussion Item)**

## Legislative Updates

8. Third Street Alcohol Restricted Use District. Legislation introduced by Supervisor Walton will allow Type 42 establishments to open within the Third St Alcohol Restricted Use District in the Bayview with a Conditional Use Authorization. Currently, this is not permitted.
9. Public Bath Houses - Supervisor Mandelman introduced legislation to remove the Police Department's role in regulating Public Bath Houses.
10. Other Updates - Proposition D (adopted November 2023) – new ethics regulations  
<https://sfethics.org/ethics/2024/06/what-will-proposition-d-do.html>

No members of the public requested to speak.

## 11. **Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)**

Ortiz-Cartagena: Requested more information and a presentation on permitting street food vendors via CMFO legislation that passed Statewide. Also flagged that the Supplier ID process is too cumbersome.

Zouzounis: Perhaps we can have SBC serve as a forum for small businesses that are having issues as suppliers and get different departments to offer trainings.

Huie: I'm noticing how overhead costs are creeping up... it would be interesting to explore prices like recology fees etc.

No members of the public requested to speak.

## 12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 5:57pm.