

**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, December 9, 2024, 4:30 P.M.

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

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

Meeting called to order at 4:37pm.

Present: Benitez, Dickerson, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert, Huie, Cornet

**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. Ace Mailing (Application No.: [LBR-2023-24-051](#))
- b. African-American Shakespeare Company (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-019](#))
- c. Geary Print Shop (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-010](#))
- d. J's Laundry (Application No.: [LBR-2023-24-053](#))
- e. Lehr's German Specialties (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-017](#))
- f. Walter Adams Framing (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-009](#))

Public comment:

3. Sherri Young, African American Shakespeare Company
4. Adam Thongsavat, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman, in support of Lehr's German Specialties
5. Jabra Muhawieh, Jays Laundry
6. Gwen Kaplan, Ace Mailing
7. Lloyd Haddad, Walters Framing
8. Anna Wong Ng, Geary Print Shop
- 9.

Commissioner comments: Commissioners congratulated applicants.

Motion approve resolutions for Legacy Business Registry applications: Dickerson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Dickerson, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert, Huie, Cornet

Motion passed (4-0-3)

**10. Fiscal Year 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget Instructions (Discussion Item)**

Sarah Dennis-Phillips, Director, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, presented the fiscal outlook and budget instructions for FY25-26 and FY26-27. She explained the approaching \$900 million deficit, and the direction that departments identify 15% ongoing spending reductions. In terms of economic outlook, the City is not assuming a recession, but does not anticipate significant tax revenue growth. In past years, the City has relied on one-time funds such as federal COVID related funding. The City is also tracking assessment appeals, which would impact revenue.

Director Tang explained that OSB is part of the larger OEWD budget, so the Director are working together to identify reductions.

Commissioner comments:

Ortiz-Cartagena: How can we help advocate for OSB? Our budget is small but valuable.

Zouzounis: What state/federal funds does OEWD utilize? CDBG funds go to OEWD, and workforce budgets.

Ortiz-Cartagena: What businesses are involved in the pending litigation that could impact the City? Director Dennis-Phillips does not know since it's a legal issue.

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

Motion approve resolutions for Legacy Business Registry applications: Benitez

2<sup>nd</sup>: Dickerson

Aye: Benitez, Dickerson, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert, Huie, Cornet

Motion passed (4-0-3)

**12. General Public Comment (Discussion Item)**

No members of the public requested to speak

**13. Director's Report (Discussion Item)**

Director Tang explained that one of OSB's legislative proposals did not pass to the full Board of Supervisors – the proposal to eliminate impact fees for change of use projects in PDR districts. She explained there was community concern about the need to protect PDR. On Dec. 6-7, OSB hosted a Shop Dine SF pop-up at SF Center. Prop M, which waives many permit/license fees for existing businesses, passed and trailing legislation to implement that was approved by the Board. 49 license fees will now be waived on annual bills. The SF Flower Market is moving to 16<sup>th</sup>/Mission after a long relocation effort.

**14. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)**

Ortiz-Cartagena: Mission Barbershop recently opened and it's a great example of how many City programs can come together to support a new business. He also went on a walk with DPW through Leland Corridor to discuss illegal dumping issues.

Dickerson: U3 Fit 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming. It will be at a new place called 945 Lounge.

Zouzounis: Flagged that a business is struggling to comply with window transparency requirements and wants to explore that regulation further.

**15. Adjournment**