



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DANIEL L. LURIE, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS  
KATY TANG, DIRECTOR

## SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2025 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 4:31pm

Present: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena (late), Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert

### 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. Cha Cha Cha (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-032](#))
- b. City Optix (Application No.: [LBR-2023-24-041](#))
- c. Golden Gate Park Band (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-021](#))
- d. San Francisco Flower Market (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-034](#))

Public comment:

Commenter, son of Phillip Phelber (original co-owner), in support of Cha Cha Cha

Onur Ozkaynak, owner of Cha Cha Cha

Vance Yoshida, President of Flower Market Board of Directors

Rose Robinson, SF Flower Market

Jeanne Boes, SF Flower Market

Commissioners commended the applicants work and histories. Commissioner Zouzounis requested the motion be made in honor of former Commissioner Kathleen Dooley.

Motion to approve Legacy Business applicants: Zouzounis

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ortiz-Cartagena

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena (late), Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert

### 3. **Fiscal Year 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget Priorities (Discussion and Action Item)**

The Commission reviewed the Office of Small Business and Small Business Commission strategic priorities for FY25-26 and FY26-27.

Commissioner comments:

Huie: This doc looks good. Would like to better understand how we get to priorities. Goals are all so different depending on what stage the business is in/what type of business it is. There's no silver bullet.

Zouzounis: Should we make an internal workplan for our commission?

Cornet: It would be good to understand trends we're seeing in different industries.

Benitez: Stretch goals would probably be to quantify each of our priorities.

Public Comment:

Kali, Clecha: Even though each type of business is different, the information gathering up front is still the same. Taxes and compliance are challenging.

Motion to adopt Resolution on FY2025-26 and 2026-27 Budget Priorities: Huie

2<sup>nd</sup>: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena (late), Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert

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

Motion to approve draft meeting minutes: Dickerson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Zouzounis

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena (late), Zouzounis

Absent: Herbert

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

No members of the public requested to speak.

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

Director Tang noted that OSB's second Commercial Leasing Specialist will begin next week. It will be useful to offer more advisors since there has been a huge demand for these services. She also noted that if any Commissioners have follow up questions to the new Ethics rules, please let her know.

Commissioner comments:

Ortiz-Cartagena: Commercial leasing is so valuable – great news.

Dickerson: Reading and reviewing leases has lasting impact.

Huie: are we learning/seeing trends? Yes – Iris will actually be making some instructional videos and info regarding what to look for in your lease, etc.

Zouzounis: Have you engaged with small property owners? Yes, in the past OSB met with Small Property Owners Institute but not much came out of it.

Ortiz-Cartagena: It might be worth meeting with attorneys who handle small trusts and represent property owners.

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

Ortiz-Cartagena: Thanks for Mayor Lurie for touring the outer mission and walking through the neighborhood. Productive conversation. Also thanks for Scott Weiner who has agreed to work on street vending Senate Bill 295. It would help SF with enforcement. Lastly, given the national climate there are significant concerns about ICE raids and we need to think how we can assist small businesses with guidance for what to do/know. It's a combination of immigration, criminal law, and small business policies. How can business owners protect staff. We should partner with GGRA.

Tang: OCEIA and the City Attorneys can meet and advise on any questions.

Huie: This coming year there is lots of new energy with a new Mayor and Supervisors. We should ask what their priorities are.

Zouzounis: Some small businesses feel they get it worse than others because of their race/ethnicity/demographics. It would be great to help struggling sectors/groups.

Huie: Happy Lunar New Year – year of the Snake.

Zouzounis: OSB newsletter included a refrigerator replacement program which will be really important to businesses as new state laws come into effect about energy efficiency.

Ortiz-Cartagena: Requested to adjourn meeting in honor of Rosalina from the Mission.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.