



San Francisco Public Library

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 2020

(As approved at the regular meeting of December 17, 2020.)

The San Francisco Public Library Commission held a special meeting on November 5, 2020 virtually and telephonically pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Sixteenth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency dated February 25, 2020. The purpose of the orders is to provide the safest environment for all persons consistent with San Francisco Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer No. C19-07e and current public health recommendations, while allowing the public to observe and address the Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf
(Commissioner Mall joined the meeting at 8:12 a.m.)

Default Library Commission Secretary: Michael Lambert, City Librarian

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION REGARDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – LIBRARY COMMISSION AFFAIRS ANALYST

Public Comment

Peter Warfield, Executive Director, Library Users Association, libraryusers2004@yahoo.com, said that this was a really extraordinary and shocking anti-democratic development. He said the entire process of job description, posting, all the wording and all the decisions that had come with that were completely done in essentially secret by this three-person committee that was presumably created in June. He said that the meeting was to set the definition of the Library's Commission Secretary's duties and instead, among other things, there was a completely new position and the title was not Library Commission Secretary. He said there was no Library Affairs position listed under the bylaws, only a Library Commission Secretary and the idea that the Library Commission Secretary would essentially be serving the Library Commission as an independent policy setting body had been completely thrown out the window, as the Library Commission Secretary under the new regime was going to basically be reporting to the City

Librarian. He said all sorts of duties were given to this person that were inappropriate. He said an example was being in-charge of the Library's 700 filings. He said people were responsible for their own set of 700 filings and had to sign under penalty of perjury. He said in fact, the City Librarian violated the FPPC and had to sign a stipulation that he had violated it. He said a lot of the government interactions would unfortunately be with the Sunshine Task Force over violations. He said the City Librarian and the Library Commission positions had been serially violating routinely as determined by the Sunshine Ordinance.

Motion: By Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner López, to go into closed session pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(b).

Action: AYES 7-0: (Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION 11:47 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf

Commissioner Wardell-Ghirarduzzi stated that on advisement from the Deputy City Attorney, the Library Commission was not required to report any action at this time.

Motion: By Commissioner Huang, seconded by Commissioner Lee, to not disclose any or all discussions held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)).

Action: AYES 7-0: (Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 ADJOURNMENT

Public Comment

None.

Motion: By Commissioner Huang, seconded by Commissioner Ono, to adjourn the Special Meeting of November 5, 2020.

Action: AYES 7-0: (Huang, Lee, López, Mall, Ono, Wardell-Ghirarduzzi and Wolf)

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Almer Castillo
Executive Assistant

Explanatory documents: Copies of listed explanatory documents are available as follows: (1) from the Commission Secretary/Custodian of Records, 6th floor, Main Library; (2) in the rear of Koret Auditorium immediately prior to, and during, the meeting; and (3), to the extent possible, on the Public Library's website <http://sfpl.org>. Additional materials not listed as explanatory documents on this agenda, if any, that are distributed to Library Commissioners prior to or

during the meeting in connection with any agenda item will be available to the public for inspection and copying in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.1 and Sunshine Ordinance Sections 67.9, 67.28(b), and 67.28(d).