

# SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE Compliance and Amendments Committee CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Hearing Room 408 City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

August 20, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

# **Regular Meeting**

**Members:** Allyson Washburn (Chair), Richard Knee, Kitt Grant

1. Call to order, roll call, and agenda changes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Member Grant was noted absent. There was a quorum.

Member Knee, seconded by Member Washburn, moved to EXCUSE Member Grant.

Speakers: None.

There were no speakers. The motion PASSED without objection.

2. Adoption of July 16, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Member Knee, seconded by Member Washburn, moved to ADOPT the July 16, 2013 minutes as corrected.

Speakers: None.

# The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 – Knee, Washburn Excused: 1 – Grant

3. **File No. 12056:** Hearing on the status of the Order of Determination of Allen Grossman against John St. Croix, Executive Director, Ethics Commission for allegedly failing to justify withholding unidentified public records as exempt under provisions of the Sunshine Ordinance.

Allen Grossman (Complainant) stated the Ethics Commission has not released the records he originally requested, failing to comply with the Order of Determination. The Complainant responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. There were no speakers in support of the Complainant. Garrett Chatfield, Ethics Commission (Respondent) stated the records the Complainant requested are exempt from disclosure and is the reason the records have been withheld. There were no speakers in support of the Respondent. A question and answer period followed. Respondent waived rebuttal. Complainant provided a rebuttal.

Member Knee, seconded by Member Washburn, moved to refer the matter back to the Task Force with a recommendation of referral to Ethics Commission and the Board of Supervisors for John St. Croix, Executive Director, Ethics Commission failure to comply with the Order of Determination.

Speakers: None.

## The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 – Knee, Washburn

Excused: 1 – Grant

4. **File No. 12059:** Hearing on the status of the Order of Determination of Supreet Pabla, SEIU Local 1022 against Human Services Agency for allegedly failing to provide records requested relevant to the representation of the bargaining unit's employees.

Supreet Pabla (Complainant) stated the Human Services Agency has partially complied with the Order of Determination. The Complainant responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Dan Phillips, spoke in support of the Complainant. Luanne Kim, Human Services Agency (Respondent) stated the records the Complainant requested do not exist, for example the Human Services Agency does not keep records of its parking facilities by union occupancy. There were no speakers in support of the Respondent. A question and answer period followed. Respondent waived rebuttal. Complainant provided a rebuttal.

Member Knee, seconded by Member Washburn, moved to refer the matter back to the Task Force with a recommendation of referral to Ethics Commission for the Human Services Agency's failure to comply with the Order of Determination.

Speakers: None.

## The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 – Knee, Washburn

Excused: 1 – Grant

5. **Public Comment.** 

Speakers: None.

# 6. Administrator's Report.

The Administrator presented the report.

Speakers: None.

# 7. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.

Member Knee announced he would not be in attendance for the September Compliance and Amendments Committee meeting.

## 8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Knee, seconded by Member Washburn, moved to ADJOURN.

There were no speakers. The motion PASSED without objection.

There being no further business, the Compliance and Amendments Committee adjourned at the hour of 4:51 p.m.

APPROVED: 09/17/2013

Victor Young Administrator

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**Sunshine Ordinance Task Force** 

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1.	Complainant presents his/her facts and evidence	5 minutes
	Other parties of Complainant present facts and evidence	Up to 3 minutes each
2.	City responds	5 minutes
	Other parties of City respond	Up to 3 minutes each
	Above total speaking times for Complainant and City to be the same.	
3.	Matter is with the Task Force for discussion and questions.	
4.	Respondent and Complainant presents clarification/rebuttal	3 minutes
5.	Matter is with the Task Force for motion and deliberation.	
6.	Public comment (Excluding Complainant & City response,	Up to 3 minutes each
	witnesses)	
7.	Vote by Task Force (Public comment at discretion of chair on new	
	motion and/or on new motion if vote fails.)	

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