



**City of Daly City
Small Business Commission Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Recorded Meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IvLxEtwuLU>

Call to Order:

Commission Chair, Amro Radwan commenced the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Roll Call:

Present: Amro Radwan, John Penacerrada, Weiyi Mikko Zhen

Absent: Maria Carson, Joseph Bautista

Pledge to the Flag:

All

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Commissioner Radwan asked Commissioners to review the September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Penacerrada made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes and Commissioner Zhen made a 2nd. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Presentation:

Tom Nuris, President of the Daly City-Colma Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation and updates on the Chamber's membership and activities. He spoke about several events including Flag Raising ceremonies. Nuris and the Chamber welcome new businesses with offers to conduct ribbon cuttings, features in their newsletter and offer general support to grow in the City. He spoke about the Chamber's outreach efforts that includes a new business list from the City. Nuris asked who from the City gives the new business list. Clerk Manio confirmed that it was her. They reach out to the businesses via email and calls. Nuris said their open-rate on email is 70%. They keep a database for their contacts, whether or not they respond. They will only remove the business if they unsubscribe. He said they need more staff so the CEO to be able to perform other duties. He also spoke about their volunteers and organizational structure. He stated that their 20 board members are also business members and elected by the business members. Nuris discussed and compared membership count between now and before the City had its contract with the Chamber – between 2023 and now. They currently have 233 members. Chair Radwan asked who the most active types of businesses are. Nuris stated the Board of Directors are very active, which include Serramonte mall reps, staff from Duggan's and City Toyota, gym owners, food service owners, and Realtors. Nuris talked about the upcoming Top of the Hill festival and how much businesses benefit from events like that. He stated he will also be in attendance at the festival as the Chamber has a booth. Their annual Turkey Bowl is sold out and raises money for the scholarship fund. He also spoke about the scholarships available. He mentioned the upcoming Mayor Walk where the Chamber, Economic Development and City Management walk to businesses along with the Mayor. This is a bi-annual event. He promoted the Cypress Awards holiday gala, this year at Skyline College. Nuris disseminated a one-sheet of the benefits of joining the Chamber of Commerce, which includes access to their mixers and networking events.

Staff reported that the Cannabis Portal has been decommissioned, as there is no longer an influx of cannabis business applications. Future applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Chair Radwan clarified that the City is making it easier to be a cannabis operator in the City. Vice Chair Penacerrada asked why there is no influx of applications. Clerk Manio mentioned a slowed industry as operators face many challenges like higher cost burdens and taxation with declining demand. Removing the portal was also an answer to some operators' issues who have been paying rent on a location without the ability to apply for a license.

Announcements and Communications:

Vice Chair Penacerrada invited commissioners and the public to participate in demonstrations at the Top of the Hill Festival on October 18. He will bring chiropractors and will be in the area where the martial arts demos are. Clerk Manio showed the exclusive merchandise drops that will be at the festival.

Chair Radwan mentioned work going on at the corner parcel that is City-owned and the PBID – Property Business Improvement District. He liked that the parcel is being taken care. Manio mentioned that it was being cleaned up to use at the festival. She also promoted the two – one in person and one virtual townhall to discuss the PBID. She invited Commissioners to the events. Manio also mentioned the next meeting will include the Small Business Engagement Day.

Chair Radwan noted that the Jefferson Elementary School District is discussing closing several schools down due to lack of enrollment. This has real and measurable ripple effects on local economic vitality, property values, and neighborhood stability. Radwan asked the City to prioritize quality child care license applications and asked if businesses could get involved. Clerk Manio suggested this be agendaized so we can get in better discussions.

Vice Chair Penacerrada asked when the Legacy Business Celebration is. Manio stated it always coincides with National Small Business Week, which is typically the first week of May. Manio reminded Commissioners to submit Legacy Business nominations.

Next Meeting:

Next regularly scheduled meeting scheduled for December 11, 2025, at 7 PM. The November 13, 2025 meeting will host the annual Small Business Engagement Day.

Public Comment:**Adjournment:**

Chair Radwan adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM.