



# DRAFT MINUTES

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

### 1. Roll Call

Chair Cohen called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

**Present at Roll Call:** Commissioners Chiu, Cohen and Tang (3)

**Absent at Roll Call:** Commissioners Farrell (entered during Item 5) and Wiener (2)

### Consent Calendar

#### 2. Approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Meeting – ACTION

#### 3. Recommend Increasing the Amount of the Professional Services Contract with Mark Thomas & Company, Inc. by \$117,231, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$598,181, for Planning, Environmental, and Engineering Services for the Folsom Street Off-Ramp Realignment Project During the Construction Phase, and Authorizing the Executive Director to Modify Non-Material Contract Terms and Conditions – ACTION

#### 4. Recommend Exercising the First One-Year Option of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and to Increase the MOA Amount by \$167,700, to a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$335,400, for CityBuild Services to Promote Workforce Development for Phase II of the Presidio Parkway Project and Authorizing the Executive Director to Modify Agreement Payment Terms and Non-Material Agreement Terms and Conditions – ACTION

There was no public comment. The Consent Calendar was approved without objection.

The Consent Calendar was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen and Tang (3)

Absent: Commissioners Farrell and Wiener (2)

### End of Consent Calendar

#### 5. State and Federal Legislative Update – INFORMATION/ACTION

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate for the Transportation Authority, presented the item. He reported that February 27 was the last date to introduce new bills, and more than 1,000 were introduced by the deadline. He said the legislative matrix recommended a support position on six bills, a support if amended position on one bill, and an oppose position on four bills.

Mr. Watts recommended adopting support positions on AB 1532 (Gatto) and AB 2398 (Levine), which increased the penalty for hitting bicyclists and pedestrians, and SB 1151 (Cannella), which created a double fine zone for traffic violations near schools.

Chair Cohen asked what crime was assigned to the motorist violations under AB 2398 and who would collect the fine. Mr. Watts responded that it would impose a misdemeanor charge and up to a \$1,000 fine for certain offenses that injured bicyclists or pedestrians, and the fine would be collected by the San Francisco Police Department.

Mr. Watts recommended adopting a support position on AB 2250 (Daly), a spot bill committing the majority of revenues generated from high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes in southern California for local uses. He said the Self-Help Counties Coalition supported the bill and was seeking stronger language to protect local revenues.

Chair Cohen asked how AB 2250 would affect San Francisco. Mr. Watts replied that it would set a precedent for future HOT lane revenue collection, which could apply to any future HOT lanes that San Francisco was considering.

Mr. Watts recommended adopting a support position on AB 1433 (DeSaulnier), which would extend the current design-build authorization for transit projects. He recommended adopting a support if amended position on SB 1122 (Pavley), a budget trailer bill to distribute \$100 million in cap-and-trade revenues to the Sustainable Communities Investment Program through the Strategic Growth Council. He commented that while the Transportation Authority supported the commitment of cap-and-trade funds to Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) implementation, it was preferable if the funds were distributed directly to the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the agencies charged with implementing the SCSs rather than to the Strategic Growth Council.

Mr. Watts recommended adopting oppose positions on AB 2650 (Conway) and SB 990 (Vidak), which were intended to halt the sale of California High-Speed Rail bonds. He also proposed adopting oppose positions on AB 2471 (Frazier), which would micromanage the way local jurisdictions handle contract change orders and on AB 969 (DeSaulnier), which would require a peer review process for any construction project greater than \$1 billion, whether or not the project received state funding.

Chair Cohen asked how the reception was for AB 969 and how its implementation would affect local jurisdictions. Mr. Watts replied that the bill was not well received, and the provision to require peer reviews on locally and regionally funded projects had been removed from a bill the author proposed last year. He stated that implementation of the bill would prove cumbersome for local jurisdictions because it would require ongoing collaboration and another layer of oversight on top of the rigorous local, state, and federal monitoring already in place. He added that there was no evidence that the regions or local jurisdictions have the same problems delivering projects as the State does.

Mr. Watts reported that Senator Steinberg had proposed a carbon tax in lieu of applying cap-and-trade regulation to motor vehicle fuels starting in 2015 in order to reduce the impact of the cost increase on low- and middle-income families. He said that the environmental community was strongly opposed to this proposal. He added that Senator Steinberg and others intended to enter into discussions on how to increase the amount of cap-and-trade revenue for public transit, and that he would reach out to the Senator's staff to ensure any new proposal was consistent with the Transportation Authority's needs.

There was no public comment. The item was approved without objection.

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell and Tang (4)

Absent: Commissioner Wiener (1)

6. **Recommend Amending the Adopted Fiscal Year 2013/14 Budget to Increase Revenues by \$2,907,954, Decrease Expenditures by \$110,932,870, Decrease Other Financing Sources by \$290,324,510 for a Total Net Decrease in Fund Balance of \$176,483,686, and Amending the Prop K Strategic – ACTION**

Cynthia Fong, Deputy Director for Finance and Administration, presented item per the staff memorandum.

There was no public comment. The item was approved without objection.

The item was approved by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Chiu, Cohen, Farrell and Tang (4)

Absent: Commissioner Wiener (1)

7. **Introduction of New Items**

There were no new items.

There was no public comment.

8. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

9. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.