



DRAFT MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

1. Roll Call

Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

Present at Roll Call: Commissioners Kim, Mar and Yee (3)

Absent at Roll Call: Commissioners Campos (entered during Item 5) and Cohen (entered during Item 4) (2)

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Meeting – ACTION

3. Accounting Report and Investment Report for the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2016 – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

The Consent Calendar was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Kim, Mar and Yee (3)

Absent: Commissioners Campos and Cohen (2)

End of Consent Calendar

4. State and Federal Legislative Update – ACTION

Mark Watts, State Legislative Advocate for the Transportation Authority, presented the item per the legislation matrix.

Chair Mar commented that he agreed with the recommendation to oppose Senate Bill (SB) 986 (Hill), which would reduce fines for red light turn violations, and said that it was important to oppose efforts that were counter to Vision Zero initiatives in San Francisco.

Commissioner Yee asked about the motivation for SB 986. Mr. Watts responded that the author viewed red light turn violations as a minor infringement based on constituent feedback and therefore deserved a reduced penalty. Commissioner Yee asked where the bill was in the legislative process, to which Mr. Watts replied that it was currently in the Assembly.

Chair Mar commented that the proposal worked against the City's efforts to advance traffic enforcement cameras, to WalkSF's efforts to humanize traffic fatalities, as well as to Vision Zero initiatives.

Chair Mar asked about Assembly Bill (AB) 869 (Cooper), which would increase transit fare evasion penalties, and commented that it was counter to the City's interest in de-criminalizing fare evasion. Mr. Watts responded that the bill was introduced at the request of the Sacramento Regional Transit District which was having difficulty coming up with a workable system to reduce low fare evasion

penalties while at the same time preserving the ability to penalize repeat offenders. He added the bill had stalled and was not likely to advance but that he would keep staff apprised of its status in case it moved forward.

Chair Mar commented that AB 869 was also counter to the positions of a broad coalition of low-income people and noted that the Community Housing Partnership and Coalition on Homelessness was looking at the impact of these and other fees on low-income people and homeless populations.

There was no public comment.

The item was approved without objection by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Cohen, Kim, Mar and Yee (4)

Absent: Commissioner Campos (1)

5. Preliminary Fiscal Year 2016/17 Annual Budget and Work Program – INFORMATION

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

Chair Mar asked if sales tax revenues were projected to increase through 2020, to which Ms. Fong confirmed that a recent projection showed an incremental increase of between 2-4% up to 2020.

There was no public comment.

6. Introduction of New Items – INFORMATION

There was no public comment.

7. Public Comment

During public comment, Andrew Yip spoke about unity and peacefulness.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.