AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE – 11/17/04

FILE NO. 041354 RESOLUTION NO. 706-04

[Utility Undergrounding Task Force]

Resolution creating a Utility Undergrounding Task Force to advise the City and County of San Francisco concerning the future of utility undergrounding in San Francisco and to complete its work by September 1, 2005.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has an extensive program to remove overhead utility poles and replace them with underground facilities; and

WHEREAS, In July 1997, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement between the City and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (“PG&E”) that, among other things, required the City to establish by legislation 42 miles of underground utility districts; and,

WHEREAS, By December 1999, the City had legislated 42 miles of underground utility districts; and

WHEREAS, Except for major capital improvement projects such as Third Street and Octavia Boulevard, the City has not legislated any additional underground utility districts since December 1999; and

WHEREAS, While the July 1997 agreement required PG&E to complete undergrounding the 42 miles of legislated underground utility districts by January 1, 2002, PG&E now expects to complete the project by December 2006 at the earliest; and

WHEREAS, Since December 1999, many San Franciscans have expressed interest in having their neighborhoods designated as underground utility districts; and

WHEREAS, Due to the costs of completing the undergrounding in the 42 miles of legislated underground districts, resources for the next phase of utility undergrounding may be limited; and

Supervisors Duffy, Maxwell, Ma, Alioto-Pier, Gonzalez, Beck

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WHEREAS, As PG&E nears completion of the undergrounding in the 42 miles of legislated underground utility districts, the City may be in a position to legislate additional underground districts; and

WHEREAS, Members of the general public and residents of San Francisco have a strong interest in utility undergrounding projects and policies; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco establishes a Utility Undergrounding Task Force consisting of twenty (20) members who will represent the following officials and groups: each Supervisor shall designate one (1) member from his or her district; the Mayor shall designate four (4) members; the Director of Public Works shall designate one (1) member; the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission shall designate one (1) member; PG&E may designate one (1) member; SBC Communications, Inc. may designate one (1) member; Comcast may designate one (1) member, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall provide the City with input on: (1) improving procedures for legislating underground utility districts in the future; (2) determining the best method for allocating the resources that are available for utility undergrounding; (3) seeking ways to increase the resources available for utility undergrounding; (4) studying ways to reduce the cost of utility undergrounding; (5) coordination of utility undergrounding with other streetscape projects, utility projects or any other project where undergrounding could simultaneously undertaken; (6) consideration of alternative methods such as the creation of parking benefit districts or community benefit districts; and (7) any other matters that the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall deem appropriate; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the City Administrator’s Office to provide support for the Utility Undergrounding Task Force; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, The Task Force may begin meeting once quorum is reached;
and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members to the Utility
Undergrounding Task Force shall automatically expire on September 1, 2005.
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November 23, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 23, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom