



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

**City Hall, Committee Room 263
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689**

September 21, 2018 - 11:30 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Sandra Lee Fewer, Cynthia Pollock, and Hillary Ronen

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met in regular session on Friday, September 21, 2018, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. On the call of the roll, Chair Fewer, Vice Chair Pollock, and Commissioner Ronen were noted present. There was a quorum.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the July 20, 2018, Regular Meeting

Chair Fewer inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the July 20, 2018, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Ronen, moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2018, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Pollock, Ronen

Action: Minutes Approved

Chair Fewer requested Item Nos. 3 and 9 be called and heard together.

3. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager (AGM) - Power (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), provided a power point presentation regarding SF PUC's

Community Choice Aggregation activities and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

A. Update on CleanPowerSF Enrollment Status

AGM Hale provided an update on the CleanPowerSF Program, including enrollment and statistics, the 2017 power content label mailed to customers in September, and climate benefits.

The CleanPowerSF Program is now actively serving about 108,000 accounts and anticipates enrolling an additional 1,600 customers in October 2018. By April 2019, they are anticipating having approximately 280,000 accounts enrolled.

CleanPowerSF is estimated to have reduced San Francisco's electricity related greenhouse gas footprint by approximately 82,000 metric tons, which is equivalent to removing 17,000 passenger vehicles from the roads for one year. The long-term goal is to eliminate greenhouse gasses entirely from out electricity supply by 2030, which is 15 years faster than the State's new target under California Senate Bill 100.

B. Customer Programming Status

AGM Hale presented information on outreach and communications, including CleanPowerSF's participation at the Global Climate Action Summit, and 100 years of Clean Power Campaign Free Sno-Cones event.

C. Regulatory Update

AGM Hale presented an update on regulatory updates, including the status of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) proceedings at the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), California Community Choice Aggregation and San Francisco's actions regarding PCIA decisions.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City/Clean Energy Advocates); provided suggestions on creating a local buildout plan.

No action was taken.

4. Update and Presentation on Emerging Mobility Services Labor Study Draft Scope

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Ronen, moved that this Hearing be continued to the call of the Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Pollock, Ronen

Action: Continued to the Call of the Chair

5. Authorization for the Executive Officer to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for - and to Expend - a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$55,000 to Fund and Support a Contract for a Labor Survey of Emerging Mobility Services Contract Workers

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided brief background information on the authorization request for this Request for Proposals and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Public Comment: Mark Gruberg (San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance); Speaker; Carl Mascurdo; expressed concerns regarding working conditions and possible exploitations.

Commissioner Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Ronen, moved to authorize the Executive Officer to issue a Request for Proposals for, and to expend a not-to-exceed amount of \$55,000 to fund and support a contract for a labor survey of emerging mobility services contract workers. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Pollock, Ronen

Action: Issuance of Request for Proposals Approved

6. Presentation on the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's Proposal to Improve the Health of the Taxi Industry

Kate Toran, Director of Taxi and Accessible Services Division (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)), provided a power point presentation with a Taxi medallion reform summary, including the important role of the Taxi industry, a snapshot of San Francisco's Taxi industry, a timeline of the Taxi medallion industry in San Francisco, who benefitted from medallion sales, the PFM/Schaller Report, the focus of reform for purchased medallion holders, draft medallion reform recommendations, and proposed next steps.

SFMTA's regulatory framework should allow the Taxi industry to innovate and compete, while maintaining a core focus on safety and consumer protection. There are currently 24 Taxi companies, eight dispatch services, 1,458 medallions in service, and 4,824 active drivers.

In May 2018, the PFM/Schaller Report was released with extensive feedback from the Taxi industry. The three recommendations were: 1) full service color schemes, which had no clear support; 2) right size the market, which had minimal support; and 3) create a sustainable accessible Taxi program, which had strong support. There was strong feedback and support to open up the medallion market, provide more direct support for purchased medallion holders, and lower the medallion price.

In order to effectuate medallion reform, the following recommendations have been provided: reduce congestion at the San Francisco Airport and only allow purchased medallion holders to pick up at the Airport; open up the buyer market; eliminate the 5% retransfer fee; balance fleet size and trip volumes; expand the Ramp Taxi Incentive Program; and support Taxi

operations by establishing Taxi stands, bus only lanes, left-hand turn restriction exemptions, and explore a marketing campaign.

SFMTA's next steps will be conducting stakeholder outreach by holding Taxi Town Halls, establishing a Taxi Task Force, and accept feedback by email. They anticipate bringing proposals to the SFMTA Board of Directors in Fall 2018.

Public Comment: Charles Rathbone, Carl Mascurdo, and Robert Cesami (Medallion Holders Association); John Lazar (Yellow/Luxor Cab); Marcelo Fonseca (Yellow Cab); Getu, and David Smith (Medallion Buyer Association); Don Velez (Medallion Buyer Association); Ahmed Alcazari; Robert Marquez (Medallion); Namdev Sharma (Medallion Buyer Association); Ahmad; Ali (Taxi); Ejaz Ahmed (Medallion Buyer Association); Jim Margolis (Pre-K Medallion Holder); Mark Gruberg (San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance); Syed Mohsil (Yellow Cab); Renate Wymiarkiewicz (National Cab); Sai Lee (Luxor Cab); Tim Lapp (Yellow Cab); Kenney Hui; Ashwani Aeri (Yellow Cab); Speaker; Liz Bradley (Comfort Taxi); Speaker; Ahmad Massdjedi (SF-Taxi); Speaker; Peter Miller (SF Taxi Workers Alliance); Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City/Clean Energy Advocates); Andrew Sun; Terry Chan (Driver/Owner); Roberto Martinez; Mohammed Montoya; Abraham; provided their experiences and situation as Taxi medallion holders and drivers, along with suggestions and remedies to alleviate the hardships being experienced.

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

No action was taken.

7. Authorization to Expend \$1,045 in LAFCo Funds for the Executive Officer to Attend the 2018 CALAFCO Conference

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Ronen, moved to authorize an expenditure of \$1,045 in LAFCo funds for the Executive Officer to attend the 2018 CALAFCO Conference. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Pollock, Ronen

Action: Expenditure Authorization Approved

8. Authorization for Executive Officer to Approve Contracts and Purchase Orders for Professional Services, Equipment or Supplies for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$5,000

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided brief background information and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Pollock, moved to Adopt the Resolution authorizing the Executive Officer to approve contracts and purchase orders for professional services, equipment and supplies for a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Fewer, Pollock, Ronen

Action: Resolution Authorizing Expenditures Approved

(Resolution No. 2018-01)

9. Update on State Legislation

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager (AGM) - Power (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), provided a power point presentation with a legislative update and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

A. California Assembly Bill 813 - Multi-State Regional Transmission System

AGM Hale provided an update on California Assembly Bill (AB) 813 (Holden), which has been placed on suspense file in Senate Appropriations because it did not pass the California State Senate.

B. California Senate Bill 237 - Electricity Direct Transactions

AGM Hale provided an update on California Senate Bill (SB) 237 (Hertzberg), which raises the cap on Direct Access by 4,000 GWh for non-residential customers and directs the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to study a full reopening. SB 237 has passed both the California State Senate and the California State Assembly with amendments, and has been signed by Governor Jerry Brown. The SF PUC is working with environmental, consumer and advocacy groups and the California Community Choice Aggregation (CalCCA) to oppose this SB on decarbonization grounds. A letter has been sent to Governor Brown requesting a veto.

AGM Hale further provided information on the following additional State legislation:

- California Senate Bill (SB) 100 (De Leon) -100% RPS by 2045

This SB passed out of the California State Senate and California State Assembly, and signed by Governor Jerry Brown. It was supported by the City and County of San Francisco and counted existing large hydropower toward the clean energy requirement.

- California Senate Bill (SB) 901 (Dodd) – Wildfires

This SB passed out of the California State Senate and California State Assembly, and is awaiting signature by Governor Jerry Brown. It did not include the problematic language limited CCA ownership of certain grid resources.

- California Assembly Bill (AB) 893 (Garcia) – Advanced Procurement

This AB was amended late in the session and did not pass out of the California State Senate. The SF PUC opposed this AB, which included a mandate on geothermal procurement and federal tax credit eligible renewables.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City/Clean Energy Advocates); provided suggestions on creating a local buildout plan.

No action was taken.

10. Executive Officer's Report

A. Introduction of new LAFCo Interns, Mark Bautista and Lea Troeh

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), introduced and provided brief background on the two LAFCo Interns, Mark Bautista and Lea Troeh.

B. Meeting Schedule for 2019

Executive Officer Goebel reminded the Commission that approval of the regular meeting schedule for 2019 will need to be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City/Clean Energy Advocates); welcomed the Interns and requested Mark Bautista be kept in the loop on certain matters.

No action was taken.

11. Public Comment

Michael Spain; spoke on experiences related to the Taxi industry in San Francisco. Mark Gruberg (San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance); shared concerns regarding transportation network company drivers, the number of infractions, and insufficient insurance.

Robert Cesami; shared concerns regarding transportation network company drivers and the lack of regulations around this industry.

Carl Mascurdo; shared concerns regarding transportation network company drivers and the lack of jurisdictional oversight.

David Smith; shared concerns regarding the Taxi industry and the predicament of drivers.

Eric Brooks (SF Green Party/Our City/Clean Energy Advocates); suggested the Commission include environmental impacts within the Request for Proposals, and requested local buildout be agendized at the next meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

Public Comment: None.

No action was taken.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 2:51 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Local Agency Formation Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.