Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Cynthia Crews-Pollock, Sandra Lee Fewer, Matt Haney, and Gordon Mar

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met remotely in regular session on Friday, June 19, 2020, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Chair Fewer, Vice Chair Crews-Pollock, Commissioners Haney, Mar, and Singh were noted present.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the May 15, 2020, Regular Meeting

Chair Fewer inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the May 15, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the May 15, 2020, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Crews-Pollock, Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: MINUTES APPROVED
3. Community Choice Aggregation Activities Report
Michael Hyams, Director, CleanPowerSF (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), presented a power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program, including enrollment and services statistics, what’s been happening, and what’s coming up. The COVID-19 emergency has impacted the program and construction schedules for new project development, but the CleanPowerSF projects planned for 2020 are still on schedule. A proposal is being developed to launch a new energy efficiency program to serve food services businesses and community organizations in San Francisco. The 2020 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is being prepared for submission to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to evaluate demand and supply scenarios to provide customers with the lowest cost while delivering reliable energy and meeting policy objectives. Director Hyams provided additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Peter Gallotta, CleanPowerSF (SF PUC), reported the Program has implemented measures to help customers who may be experiencing hardships during the emergency, and a customer service campaign to reach customers about assistance available is currently underway. Mr. Gallotta provided additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman (350 Bay Area); expressed appreciation for the outreach being done, and concerns regarding the California Public Utilities Commission’s decision regarding PG&E, energy efficiency, and matters being considered by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

There was no action taken.

4. Consideration and Approval of the Final LAFCo Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), presented a power point presentation on final budget, including their special studies authority, LAFCo’s CCA work order balance, total expenditures in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, the 2020 CleanPowerSF Work Plan, the Fiscal Year 2020-2020 budget proposals, interim status quo budget, and recommendations on approval.

The Commission discussed the proposed budget and acknowledged the current financial situation of the City and County of San Francisco that has been affected by the health emergency. City Departments have been directed to make 10% cuts to their budgets, so the Commissioners want to be mindful of the significant budget increase they are requesting from the General Fund. The Commissioners acknowledged the increased funding may not be approved and indicated their priority would be to revert the Executive Officer position back to a civil service position, and the public bank line increase may regrettably be removed.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed the need to continue efforts on the implementation of a public bank and provided suggestions on how to move forward.

Commissioner Fewer, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to APPROVE the Final Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget for the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission in the amount of $783,691 with increases above the status quo budget of $297,342 to be
authorized contingent upon sufficient funding included in the City’s adopted Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget, and pursuant to the priorities as directed by the Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Crews-Pollock, Fewer, Haney, Mar

Action: FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET APPROVED

5. Presentation and Discussion on Proposed Next Steps for LAFCo’s Recommendations to Address Problematic Issues in the On-Demand Economy

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), presented a power point presentation on the proposed next steps to address problematic issues in the on-demand economy, including background information, goals, and the five next steps to advance the recommendations.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

6. Executive Officer’s Report

A. Update on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a Renewable Energy Report

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), reported they have completed the evaluation for service area one and have issued a Notice of Intent to Award to the selected contractor, Vanir. They will be entering into contract negotiations and the Commission will be considering the contract approval at their July 2020 regular meeting.

B. Update on the LAFCo Report Assessing Bank Accountability in San Francisco During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Executive Officer Goebel indicated that copies of the report have been distributed to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and he will be conferring with the Office of the Treasurer-Tax Collector on the recommendations from the report.

C. New Intern Introductions: Jackson Nutt-Beers, Ryan Powell, and Ricky Tran

Executive Officer Goebel introduced the new Interns, Jackson Nutt-Beers, Ryan Powell, and Ricky Tran, and provided background information on them, along with the subject matters they will be working on.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed concerns regarding matters being considered by the SF PUC on nuclear power.

There was no action taken.
7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Future Agenda Items

Public Comment: expressed the need to convene a special meeting on the budget to move forward with studying implementation of a public bank.

There was no action taken.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 12:02 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.