



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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September 18, 2020 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

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

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, September 18, 2020, with Chair Sandra Lee Fewer presiding.

Chair Fewer called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the July 31, 2020, Special Meeting

Chair Fewer inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the July 31, 2020, Special 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 July 31, 2020, Special 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 (CCA) Activities Report

Michael Hyams, Director, CleanPowerSF, Cassidy Wallerstein, and Suzanne Merkelson (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), presented a power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

A. Bill Assistance for Low Income Customers

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many San Franciscans facing financial hardship so the SF PUC adopted a one-time bill credit for customers enrolled in the California Alternative Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electricity Rate Assistance (FERA) low-income energy discount programs that will provide economic relief and promote the programs. A marketing campaign has been executed utilizing paid media, shared media, and owned media sources.

B. Equity Project

A draft Equity Project Policy is being developed to embed equity throughout the CleanPowerSF programs, practices and policies. The policy will memorialize and operationalize affordability, accessibility, community engagement, environmental justice and public health, community preparedness, and workforce development equity commitments.

C. Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA)

The PCIA is an on-going surcharge or “exit fee” that CCA customers must pay PG&E on their monthly bills to avoid cost-shifting to remaining customers. The PCIA is set annually based on a forecast of the market value of PG&E’s electricity resources, trued-up for the actual market value. CleanPowerSF customers pay approximately \$101 million per year through the PCIA charges on their bills and it is expected to increase in 2021.

D. Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

An IRP is an energy planning tool to support achieving policy goals and meeting regulatory requirements and is required by state law to evaluate electricity supply and demand and identifies energy resource options that can deliver reliable and cost-effective energy to customers. CleanPowerSF submitted its 2020 IRP to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on the September 1, 2020 due date.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed concerns regarding the joint rate mailer and energy rates that were not discussed at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. Jed Holtzman; thanked LAFCo staff for their work and expressed concerns regarding the need for outreach.

No action was taken.

4. Presentation and Discussion on LAFCo Consultant Analysis of the CleanPowerSF Integrated Resource Plan

Jenny Whitson (Vanir) presented a power point presentation on the CleanPowerSF Local Renewable Energy Report, including Integrated Resource Planning, local planning, renewable energy projects on City property, resource areas, resource costs, energy content and ratepayer cost, potential sites, methodology, site evaluation factors, findings, next steps, and stakeholder engagement.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman; expressed concerns regarding the CleanPowerSF Program and the need for more involvement to build in resilience. Eric Brooks; expressed concerns regarding the timeline of the plan and the need to build in resources for better resiliency, and the need for a revenue bond.

No action was taken.

5. Presentation and Discussion on an E-Bike Program for Delivery Workers

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (SF LAFCo), introduced Jackson Nutt-Beers and provided opening remarks.

Jackson Nutt-Beers presented a power point presentation on San Francisco and an Electric Bicycle Rebate Program for Delivery Workers, including existing models and recommendations.

Suzanne Loosen (Department of the Environment) presented additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Public Comment: None.

No action was taken.

6. Presentation and Discussion on Cooperatives as an Alternative to “Gig Economy” Platforms

Executive Officer Goebel introduced Ryan Powell and provided opening remarks.

Ryan Powell presented a power point presentation on Cooperatives as an Alternative to “Gig Economy” Platforms, including the history of cooperatives, models, findings, and recommendations.

Public Comment: Jed Holtzman; expressed support of the establishment of cooperatives and the state legislation being considered. Eric Brooks; expressed the vital need for forward thinking, establishment of cooperatives, and a City-owned application that could be used for any cooperative.

No action was taken.

7. Executive Officer's Report

A. LAFCo Racial Equity Action Plan

Executive Officer Goebel indicated he would be re-examining the practices used to retain consultants and associates, in order to bring more diversity to the team. He also committed to continually educating himself on racism and will uphold the values in the Racial Equity Action Plan.

B. Expenditures Update

Executive Officer Goebel reported that the Expenditure Plan is contained in the packet materials and all spending is currently on track, as expected.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed to the need to focus on finding solutions for more contract work.

No action was taken.

8. Public Comment

Eric Brooks; provided suggestions to organize environmental issues and change the way review is handled.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 12:49 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.