

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference (remote public access provided via teleconference) www.sfgovtv.org

April 16, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Connie Chan, Cynthia Crews-Pollock, 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, April 16, 2021, with Chair Connie Chan presiding.

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the March 19, 2021, Special Meeting

Chair Chan inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the March 19, 2021, Special Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Crews-Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the March 19, 2021, Special Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: MINUTES APPROVED

3. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report

Barbara Hale, Assistant General Manager (AGM)-Power (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), provided opening remarks and introduced the power point presentation with an update on the CleanPowerSF Program.

A. Enrollment and Service Statistics

Brittani Gallagher (SF PUC) reported that more than 409,000 customer accounts have been enrolled, with a 4.0% opt-out rate and a 2.1% SuperGreen 100% renewable upgrade rate, with SuperGreen accounting for less than 5% of retail sales.

B. Update on Customer Bill Delinquencies and Relief Measures

Ms. Gallagher provided statistics on residential customer bills that are delinquent and protections in place for those customers, including criteria that would make them eligible for assistance through various programs.

C. Progressing Towards 100% Renewable Energy

Kiara Hermann (SF PUC) provided an overview of the progress being made towards 100% renewable energy, which is on track to be reached by 2025.

AGM Hale presented additional information regarding the CleanPowerSF Program and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Public Comment: Gabriel Goffen; expressed concerns regarding the expansion of services to increase job growth, resiliency, and local energy. Eric Brooks; encouraged expansion beyond clean energy and into local energy for resiliency and the need to create a local buildout plan. Moises Garcia; thanked the Commission and SF PUC staff for their hard work and efforts. Jed Holtzman; expressed concerns regarding expansion and how CleanPowerSF compares to other CCA programs.

There was no action taken.

4. Preliminary Renewable Energy Assessment of City Departments

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), presented a power point presentation on the preliminary renewable energy assessment of City departments, including the Public Utilities Commission's projects, the Municipal Transportation Agency's fleets and plans, the San Francisco International Airport's goals and studies, the Department of Emergency Management's solar generation at facilities and policy development, the San Francisco Unified School District's solar projects, the Port of San Francisco's solar projects, challenges, and conclusions.

Inder Khalsa, Legal Counsel (LAFCo), provided additional information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

5. Proposed Budget and Work Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Chan, moved that the proposed budget and work plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 be CONTINUED to the Local Agency Formation Commission meeting of May 21, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: CONTINUED to May 21, 2021

Chair Chan requested Items Nos. 6 and 8 be called together.

6. Memorandum to Board of Supervisors - Highlighting LAFCo's 2020 Work and Recommendations

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a brief overview of the draft memorandum to the Board of Supervisors that highlights LAFCo's 2020 work and recommendations.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed his gratitude for the work done by the Executive Officer and shared concerns regarding the importance of expanding funding to certain City departments instead of allocating monies to private entities.

Commissioner Crews-Pollock, seconded by Commissioner Mar, moved to ADOPT the memorandum and direct staff to send the memorandum to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Crews-Pollock, Mar

Action: MEMORANDUM ADOPTED

7. Presentation from the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions

Pamela Miller, Executive Director (California Association of Local Agency Formation Commission), presented a power point presentation on the jurisdiction and responsibilities of LAFCos, including what a LAFCo is, legal framework that is subject to state laws, their authority to initiate special studies, planning functions, statutory requirements, municipal service review, spheres of influence, challenges, opportunities, and available resources.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed the need to restore the budget cuts made to the Department of the Environment in order to reach the City's climate goals.

Vice Chair Crews-Pollock was noted absent (off-line) at 11:54 a.m., due to technical difficulties, and present (on-line) at 11:58 a.m.

There was no action taken.

8. Executive Officer's Report

Bryan Goebel, Executive Officer (LAFCo), informed the Commission that he would be stepping down in September after his contract expires.

A. Vanir Staffing Changes

Executive Officer Goebel informed the Commission that Jenny Whitson, the Senior Sustainability Program Manager for Vanir, has announced she will be leaving for other opportunities. This staffing change does not affect the current contract.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed his gratitude for the work done by the Executive Officer and shared concerns regarding the importance of expanding funding to certain City departments instead of allocating monies to private entities.

There was no action taken.

Chain Chan requested Item Nos. 9 and 10 be called together.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 12:25 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.