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Good morning Linda. I was just informed there was some additional information required for submittal for any retroactive legislation going through the Board process. Apologies on the delay in sending this over. I will speak to it at Committee, but wanted to provide some additional information in writing for the file. We have two grant accept and expend items on the agenda for today's meeting, and both include retroactive language. Please let me know if you need anything else from Fire:

Agenda Item # 5 – File # 210079 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Personal Protective Equipment - \$883,145.45 - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$883,145.45 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase personal protective equipment, for the performance period of June 26, 2020, through June 25, 2021, and waiving indirect costs.

- Description – The SFFD applied for and was awarded FEMA funds through FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental Grant Program designed to assist Fire Departments with costs for personal protective equipment related to its COVID response. The Department identified high need items of priority PPE for front-line members, and was awarded its application. This was approved by the Fire Commission.
- Reason for Retroactivity – The period of performance for this grant began one week after notification of the award by FEMA, so any formal accept and expend would occur during the performance period. In addition, the grant terms allow for reimbursement of eligible expenditures back through January 1, 2020, which pre-dates even the application period. The Department included retroactive language to ensure it had the flexibility if needed to recoup any costs from that period before the grant.
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Agenda Item # 6 – File # 201427 - Accept and Expend Grant - Retroactive - Federal Emergency Management Agency - Vehicle Acquisition - \$636,363.64 - Resolution retroactively authorizing the Fire Department to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$636,363.64 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to purchase four mini-pumper apparatus, for the performance period of August 6, 2020, through August 5, 2021, and waiving indirect costs

- Description – The SFFD applied for and received federal FEMA funds to purchase four replacement mini-pumper vehicles. These vehicles will replace old and outdated apparatus in the Department's fleet, and are smaller than a standard fire engine to allow for access into areas of the City that may be inaccessible with the larger standard fire engine. This grant was approved by the Fire Commission.
- Reason for Retroactivity – It was recommended by the Clerk's Office to make this resolution retroactive, given that the period of performance has already started. The period of

performance for this grant began very shortly after notification of the award by FEMA, so any formal accept and expend would occur during the performance period. However, the Department has not to date and does not plan to incur any expenses on this grant until formal approval is complete through the Board process.

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