

1 [Continuing the Ongoing work of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force]

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3 Resolution continuing the ongoing work of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force to advise the
4 City and County of San Francisco on the future of the utility undergrounding process in San
5 Francisco and to complete its work by June 1, 2006.
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7 WHEREAS, The Utility Undergrounding Task Force was originally established by
8 Resolution 041354 on December 1, 2004 and cosponsored by Supervisors Maxwell, Ma,
9 Alioto-Pier, Gonzalez and Peskin; and

10 WHEREAS, The Utility Undergrounding Task Force has been meeting and working
11 diligently towards their Utility Undergrounding recommendations and solutions since April of
12 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has an extensive program to
14 remove overhead utility poles and replace them with underground facilities; and

15 WHEREAS, In July 1997, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement between
16 the City and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. ("PG&E") that, among other things, required the City
17 to establish by legislation 42 miles of underground utility districts; and,

18 WHEREAS, By December 1999, the City had legislated 42 miles of underground utility
19 districts; and

20 WHEREAS, Except for major capital improvement projects such as Third Street and
21 Octavia Boulevard, the City has not legislated any additional underground utility districts since
22 December 1999; and

23 WHEREAS, While the July 1997 agreement required PG&E to complete
24 undergrounding the 42 miles of legislated underground utility districts by January 1, 2002,
25 PG&E now expects to complete the project by December 2006 at the earliest; and

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1 WHEREAS, Since December 1999, many San Franciscans have expressed interest in
2 having their neighborhoods designated as underground utility districts; and

3 WHEREAS, Due to the costs of completing the undergrounding in the 42 miles of
4 legislated underground districts, resources for the next phase of utility undergrounding may be
5 limited; and

6 WHEREAS, As PG&E nears completion of the undergrounding in the 42 miles of
7 legislated underground utility districts, the City may be in a position to legislate additional
8 underground districts; and

9 WHEREAS, Members of the general public and residents of San Francisco have a
10 strong interest in utility undergrounding projects and policies; and

11 WHEREAS, the Current members of the Utility Undergrounding Task Force have been
12 working towards finding solutions for the undergrounding program and want to continue their
13 work so that they are able to provide the City and County of San Francisco with substantive
14 suggestions on how to better this program now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
16 continues the Utility Undergrounding Task Force consisting of fifteen (15) voting members
17 who will represent the following officials and groups: each Supervisor shall designate one (1)
18 member from his or her district; and the Mayor shall designate four (4) members. The Utility
19 Undergrounding Task Force shall also contain eight (8) ex-officio/non-voting members to
20 provide institutional and educational support who will represent the following groups: the
21 Director of Public Works shall designate one (1) member; the General Manager of the Public
22 Utilities Commission shall designate one (1) member; the City's Controller's office shall
23 designate one (1) member; the City Attorney's office shall designate (1) member; PG&E may
24 designate one (1) member; SBC Communications, Inc. may designate one (1) member;
25 Comcast may designate one (1) member; RCN may designate one (1) member; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall provide the
2 City with input on: (1) improving procedures for legislating underground utility districts in the
3 future; (2) determining the best method for allocating the resources that are available for utility
4 undergrounding; (3) seeking ways to increase the resources available for utility
5 undergrounding; (4) studying ways to reduce the cost of utility undergrounding; and (5) any
6 other matters that the Utility Undergrounding Task Force shall deem appropriate; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the City
8 Administrator's Office to provide continued support for the Utility Undergrounding Task Force;
9 and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment of members to the Utility
11 Undergrounding Task Force shall automatically expire on June 1, 2006.

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