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Project Name: Establishing a New Transportation Sustainability Fee
Case Number: 2015-009096PCA [Board File No. 150790]
Initiated by: Mayor Lee and Supervisor Wiener, Supervisor Breed, and Supervisor Christensen / Substituted September 8, 2015
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Recommendation: Recommend Approval

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLANNING CODE BY ESTABLISHING A NEW CITYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABILITY FEE AND SUSPENDING APPLICATION OF THE EXISTING TRANSIT IMPACT DEVELOPMENT FEE, WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS, AS LONG AS THE TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABILITY FEE REMAINS OPERATIVE; AMENDING SECTION 401 TO ADD DEFINITIONS REFLECTING THESE CHANGES; AMENDING SECTION 406 TO CLARIFY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESS SHELTER EXEMPTIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SUSTAINABILITY FEE; MAKING CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE AREA PLAN FEES IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE PLANNING CODE; AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND MAKING FINDINGS, INCLUDING GENERAL FINDINGS, FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE AND WELFARE, AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2015 Mayor Lee and Supervisors Wiener, Breed, and Christensen introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 150790, which would amend the Planning Code to establish a new Transportation Sustainability Fee (hereinafter TSF) and suspend application of the current Transit Impact Development Fee (TIDF), with some exceptions, for as long as the TSF is in effect; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco is a popular place to work, live and visit, placing strain on the City's existing transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Since 1981, the City has imposed a Transit Impact Development Fee ("TIDF") on new development in the City, first limited to office space in the downtown core, and expanded to most non-residential uses citywide in 2004; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors approval the proposed ordinance with the following modifications:

1. Grandfather residential projects before July 1, 2014 with a 50% fee reduction and residential projects after July 1, 2014 with a 25% fee reduction;
2. Exempt non-profit secondary institutions that require a full Institutional Master Plan from paying the fee;
3. Apply the fee to non-profit hospitals that require a full Institutional Master Plan;
4. Request that the Board consider fee rates of up to 33% of nexus, subject to further analysis of development feasibility;
5. Request that the Board consider graduated fee rates based on area/neighborhood of the city, and/or consider removing the area plan fee reduction; and,
6. Require economic feasibility analysis updates every three years rather than five, and include the Planning Commission as an entity that may request analyses sooner.

FINDINGS

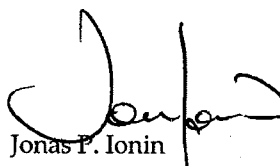
Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

7. Substantial investments in infrastructure are needed to address the predicted demands on the transportation system and street network generated by new growth.
8. The TSF is an efficient and equitable method of providing funds to address the transportation demands imposed on the City by new development projects, and is projected to generate approximately \$1.2 billion in revenue over the next 30 years, of which approximately \$420 million would be new revenue.
9. The TSF rates were set to maximize revenues for transportation and complete streets without making developments too costly to build, and were based on the findings of the TSF Nexus Study and TSF Economic Feasibility Study.
10. **General Plan Compliance.** The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are not addressed in the General Plan; the Commission finds that the proposed Ordinance is not inconsistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan.
11. **Planning Code Section 101 Findings.** The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

8. **Planning Code Section 302 Findings.** The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board ADOPT the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on September 10, 2015.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Fong, Wu, Antonini, Hillis, Johnson, Moore, Richards

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: