Planning Commission Resolution No. 19981

HEARING DATE: AUGUST 24, 2017

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Case No.:

2014-001272DVA

Project Name:

Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project

Existing Zoning:

M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot:

4052/001 and 4111/004

Proposed Zoning:

Pier 70 Mixed-Use Zoning District

90-X Height and Bulk District

Project Sponsor:

Port of San Francisco and FC Pier 70, LLC.

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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND FC PIER 70, LLC, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN PIER 70, COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF ASSESSOR'S BLOCKS AND LOTS 4052/LOT 001, AND A PORTION OF BLOCK 4111 LOT 004, ALTOGETHER CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 28 ACRES, FOR A 30-YEAR TERM CONFIRMED IN THE DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (DDA), AND ADOPTING VARIOUS FINDINGS, INCLUDING FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.

WHEREAS, Chapter 56 of the San Francisco Administrative Code sets forth the procedure by which a request for a development agreement will be processed and approved in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, the Development Agreement would enable the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project. The Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project ("Project") includes new market-rate and affordable residential uses, commercial uses, retail-arts-light industrial uses, parking, shoreline improvements, infrastructure development and street improvements, and public open space. Depending on the uses proposed, the Project would include between 1,645 to 3,025 residential units, a maximum of 1,102,250 to 2,262,350 gross square feet (gsf) of commercial-office use, and a maximum of 494,100 to 518,700 gsf of retail-light industrial-arts use. The Project also includes construction of transportation and circulation improvements, new and upgraded utilities and infrastructure, geotechnical and shoreline improvements, between 3,215 to 3,345 off-street parking spaces in proposed buildings and district parking structures, and nine acres of publicly-owned open space; and,

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Port of San Francisco ("Port") selected through a competitive process, FC Pier 70, LLC ("Forest City") to serve as master developer for the Project.

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WHEREAS, in 2013, the Board of Supervisors ("Board") endorsed a Term Sheet and Development Plan for the Project, which set forth the terms of the Project.

WHEREAS, the 90-X Height and Bulk District was approved by the voters in Proposition F in 2014.

WHEREAS, the Board will be taking a number of actions in furtherance of the Project, including the approval of a disposition and development agreement ("DDA") between the City and County of San Francisco acting by and through the San Francisco Port Commission and Forest City.

WHEREAS, these actions include the adoption of the Pier 70 Special Use District ("Pier 70 SUD") and its associated Pier 70 SUD Design for Development ("D4D"), which together outline land use controls and design guidance for both horizontal and vertical development and improvements to the site, General Plan Amendments, and establishment of an infrastructure financing district ("IFD") project area to support construction of infrastructure and rehabilitation of historic structures, and an Infrastructure and Revitalization Financing District ("IRFD") to support onsite affordable housing.

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Project and the City's role in subsequent approval actions relating to the Project, the City and Forest City negotiated a development agreement for development of the Project site, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A (the "Development Agreement").

WHEREAS, the City has determined that as a result of the development of the Project site in accordance with the Development Agreement and the DDA, clear benefits to the public will accrue that could not be obtained through application of existing City ordinances, regulations, and policies, as more particularly described in the Development Agreement and the DDA. The Development Agreement will eliminate uncertainty in the City's land use planning for the Project site and secure orderly development of the Project site consistent with the Design for Development and the DDA.

WHEREAS, the Development Agreement shall be executed by the Director of Planning, City Administrator, Director of Public Works, City Attorney, and Port Director, subject to prior approval by those Commissions and the Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the Planning Commission ("Commission") reviewed and considered the Final EIR for the Pier 70 Mixed Project ("FEIR") and found the FEIR to be adequate, accurate and objective, thus reflecting the independent analysis and judgment of the Department and the Commission, and that the summary of comments and responses contained no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and, by Motion No. 19976, certified the FEIR as accurate, complete and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the Commission by Motion No. 19977 approved California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings, including adoption of a statement of overriding considerations, under Case No. 2014-001272ENV, for approval of the Project, which findings are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the CEQA Findings included adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as Attachment B, which MMRP is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and which requirements are made conditions of this approval.

WHERAS, on August 24, 2017, by Resolution Nos. 19978 and 19979, the Commission adopted findings in connection with its consideration of, among other things, the adoption of amendments to the General Plan and related zoning text and map amendments, under CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and made certain findings in connection therewith, which findings are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth.

WHERAS, on August 24, 2017, by Resolution No. 19978, the Commission adopted findings regarding the Project's consistency with the General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1, and all other approval actions associated with the SUD and development therein.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission recommends approval of the Development Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission finds that the application, public notice, Planning Commission hearing, and Planning Director reporting requirements regarding the Development Agreement negotiations contained in Administrative Code Chapter 56 required of the Planning Commission and the Planning Director have been substantially satisfied in light of the regular monthly meetings held for the last two and a half years, the multiple public informational hearings provided by the Planning Department staff at the Planning Commission, and the information contained in the Director's Report regarding the Pier 70 SUD Development Agreement negotiations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes the Planning Director to take such actions and make such changes as deemed necessary and appropriate to implement this Commission's recommendation of approval and to incorporate recommendations or changes from the Port Commission, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and/or the Board, provided that such changes do not materially increase any obligations of the City or materially decrease any benefits to the City contained in the Development Agreement attached as Exhibit A.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Resolution on August 24, 2017.

Commission Secretary

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AYES:

Hillis, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore and Richards

NAYES:

None

ABSENT:

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ADOPTED:

August 24, 2017