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MEMORANDUM

RULES COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO:

Supervisor Ahsha Safai, Chair

Rules Committee

FROM:

Victor Young, Assistant Clerk

DATE:

February 2, 2018

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., by the votes indicated.

Item No. 13 File No. 171308

Charter Amendment - Revenue Bonds for Public Utilities Commission Clean Power, Water, and Clean Water Facilities

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to issue revenue bonds for power facilities when approved by ordinance receiving a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors, and to clarify the scope of the Commission's bond authority with regard to the City's water and clean water utilities; at an election to be held on June 5, 2018.

RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Ahsha Safai - Aye

Supervisor Norman Yee - Aye Supervisor Catherine Stefani - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director
Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney

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[Charter Amendment - Revenue Bonds for Public Utilities Commission Clean Power, Water, and Clean Water Facilities]

Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 5, 2018, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to issue revenue bonds for facilities needed to produce and deliver clean power when approved by ordinance receiving a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors, and to clarify the scope of the Commission's bond authority with regard to the City's water and clean water utilities.

Section 1. Findings.

- (a) The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has been producing clean, greenhouse-gas-free electricity at facilities in the Hetch Hetchy system for delivery to San Francisco facilities since shortly after the passage of the Raker Act in 1913. The PUC provides clean, affordable electric power to all City departments including the Fire Department and Airport, public agencies like the San Francisco Unified School District, and for other purposes such as affordable housing developments. New facilities will enable the PUC to provide clean, affordable energy to new neighborhood developments such as Treasure Island, Hunters Point Shipyard, Pier 70, and Mission Rock.
- (b) The PUC's provision of electric service saves the City approximately \$40 million every year.
- (c) The PUC's provision of electric service also provides revenue that it reinvests into the City's clean and renewable energy facilities.
- (d) The PUC's provision of clean, greenhouse-gas-free electricity supports the City's sustainability goals, including the goal, adopted in Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 349-11, of meeting 100% of electricity demand in San Francisco with renewable and/or greenhouse-gas-

free sources of supply by 2030. Currently, the PUC's greenhouse-gas-free electricity reduces the City's carbon footprint by approximately 387 million pounds per year.

- (e) The City's use of this clean electricity also reduces emissions of particulate matter 2.5 and nitrogen oxide, as compared to the electricity the City would otherwise receive. These chemicals, emitted primarily from motor vehicles, power plants, and refineries, significantly harm air quality and human health.
- (f) The new facilities financed with the bonds authorized by this Charter amendment will increase the use of the PUC's clean power and further reduce harmful emissions. These new facilities will also increase sustainability by incorporating technologies like energy storage and electric vehicle charging stations.
- (g) The new facilities financed with these bonds will support reliable electric service, earthquake resilience, and disaster recovery by including, by way of illustration but not limitation, grid and grid-connected technologies, like electronic control systems and distributed energy resources, and emerging "smart grid" innovations.
- (h) From 1945 to 2015, the PUC provided service under a series of contracts that were approved by federal regulators. On expiration of the final contract in June 2015, the City was required by federal law and regulations to own more facilities in order to serve its customers. The bonding authority provided in this Charter amendment is necessary for the PUC to finance the cost of these facilities in an efficient and cost-effective way.
- (i) The PUC will be able to provide service to its power customers with fewer delays and at lower cost if it has the ability to finance required facilities in the same manner as the PUC's water and clean water utilities, the Port, and the Airport, as well as municipal utilities operated by other jurisdictions.
- (j) Revenue bonds issued under the authority provided in this Charter amendment would be subject to the review and oversight of the Public Utilities Revenue Bond Oversight

Committee, Administrative Code Sections 5A.30-5A.36, in addition to the requirements stated in Charter Section 8B.124, subsections (a) and (b).

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City and County, at an election to be held on June 5, 2018, a proposal to amend the Charter of the City and County by revising Section 8B.124, to read as follows:

NOTE:

Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text are in plain font.

Additions are <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Deletions are <u>strike-through italics Times New Roman font</u>.

Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Charter subsections.

SEC. 8B.124. WATER, AND CLEAN WATER, AND POWER REVENUE BONDS.

Notwithstanding, and in addition to, the authority granted under Charter Section 9.107, the Public Utilities Commission is hereby authorized to issue revenue bonds, including notes, commercial paper, or other forms of indebtedness, when authorized by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of reconstructing, replacing, expanding, repairing, or improving water facilities, or clean water facilities, power facilities, or combinations of water, and clean water, and power facilities under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission or for any other lawful purpose of the water, clean water, or power utilities of the City in furtherance of the purposes herein provided. The Public Utilities Commission shall endeavor to finance new power facilities that increase delivery of clean energy, enhance reliability and safety, and increase sustainability by incorporating technologies like energy storage and electric vehicle charging, as well as other technologies that become available. In no event shall the Public Utilities Commission finance construction of a power

plant that generates electricity using fossil fuels or nuclear energy.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: THERESA L. MUELLER
Deputy City Attorney

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER

Ben Rosenfiel

Controller

Todd Rydstrom Deputy Controller

January 16, 2018

Ms. Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: File 171308 – Charter amendment authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to issue revenue bonds when approved by ordinance

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The amendment provides that the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) would be authorized to issue revenue bonds for power facilities when approved by ordinance. The ordinance authorizing such bonds must pass with a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors. The PUC currently has this authority for water and clean water facilities. The proposed amendment would provide the PUC with capacity to develop bond-funded facilities across a broader range of solar power facilities, power storage facilities and other infrastructure for efficient power distribution.

Existing requirements and controls over PUC bonds would all apply under the proposed amendment. These requirements include that the PUC obtain independent engineering certification that the bond-funded projects meet cost, schedule and debt coverage requirements, and that the Planning Department certify compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The PUC Commission, the Mayor and Board of Supervisors are all required to approve the bonds and bonds issued under this authority would be subject to ongoing review and oversight by the PUC Revenue Bond Oversight Committee.

Sincerely,

Dan KANUNSIN

Ben Rosenfield

Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

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December 20, 2017

File No. 171308

Lisa Gibson
Acting Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 12, 2017, Supervisor Peskin introduced legislation for the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 5, 2018, Election:

File No. 171308 Charter Amendment - Revenue Bonds for Public Utilities
Commission Power Facilities

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to issue revenue bonds for power facilities when approved by ordinance receiving a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors; at an election to be held on June 5, 2018.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

10/2 By: Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarreté, Environmental Planner Laura Lynch, Environmental Planner Not defined as a project under CEQA . Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)

(2) because it does not result in a physical change in the environment. Any proposed physical project will require environmental review.

Delra Duyer 1/12/18



Rules Committee, Item 6

Revenue Bonds for New Power Charter Amendment **Facilities**

San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Assistant General Manager, Power Barbara Hale January 17, 2018

Power Enterprise



- greenhouse-gas-free electricity since 1918. The SFPUC has been producing clean,
- agencies (like SFUSD), and other purposes such Power provided to all City departments, public as affordable housing developments.
- Saves the City money currently about \$40 million every year.
- Provides revenue that **PUC reinvests** into the City's clean and renewable energy facilities.
- Reduces the City's carbon footprint, currently by 387 million pounds per year.

Current Law &

Bonding Capabilities



City Charter SEC. 8B.124:

- replacement and new water and wastewater facilities. The SFPUC is authorized to issue revenue bonds, when approved by the Board of Supervisors, for
- Power facilities not included.

already has the authority to issue revenue bonds Under Charter sections 9.107(6) and (8) PUC for some power facilities, but this authority is limited to certain types of equipment.

Challenges



- Can only use cash to fund new power facilities.
- Not financially efficient
- Constrains ability to strategically invest in facilities to serve multiple customers
- Since 2015, the City is required by federal law to own more facilities in order to serve its customers.
- Can't serve new customers without new facilities.
- our customers, and to better serve our existing Bonding needed to keep costs & rates low for and future customers.



Charter Amendment

Amend City Charter SEC. 8B.124:

Board of Supervisors, for the purpose of reconstructing, replacing, Public Utilities Commission finance construction of a power expanding, repairing, or improving water facilities, or clean water delivery of clean energy, enhance reliability and safety, and The SFPUC is hereby authorized to issue revenue bonds, when energy storage and electric vehicle charging, as well other facilities*, power facilities*, or combinations of water, and clean Utilities Commission. The Public Utilities Commission shall increase sustainability by incorporating technologies like water, and power facilities under the jurisdiction of the Public technologies that become available. In no event shall the authorized by ordinance approved by a two-thirds vote of the endeavor to finance new power facilities that increase plant that generates electricity using fossil fuels.

How it Would Work



- Existing requirements and controls over SFPUC bonds would all apply under proposed amendment:
- Receive approval from SFPUC Commission, the Mayor, and Board of Supervisors for the bonds;
- Obtain independent engineering certification that the bondfunded projects meet cost, schedule and debt coverage requirements;
- Receive Planning Department certification of CEQA Compliance; and
- Subject to ongoing review and oversight by the SFPUC Revenue Bond Oversight Committee.

San Francisco Water Power Sower

Benefits of Amendment

- Increase in the amount of clean and affordable energy delivered to San Francisco.
- Greater reductions to City's Carbon Footprint
- Reduces health risks associated with dirty energy
- Greater ability to incorporate innovation solar, electric vehicle charging stations, grid controls
- Greater independence to provide clean energy, reducing disruptions & delays
- Increases resiliency of City to respond to earthquakes and other disasters
- Allows for more efficient and cost effective financing of projects.

Questions?











December 11, 2017

San Francisco Board of Supervisors London Breed, President City Hall, Rm 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Breed and Supervisors,

We write as advocates for progressive and effective transportation policy to voice our strong opposition to the City Charter amendment being introduced by Supervisors Peskin and Safaí. This amendment purports to improve the performance and responsiveness of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) by breaking it into two separate agencies: one responsible for Muni operations and another overseeing parking and traffic. It would also enact governance changes to the two new agencies by modifying appointments to its board and by giving the Board of Supervisors additional legislative responsibility for changes to parking, traffic and policy approved by the new agencies' board. We strongly oppose this proposed amendment for the following reasons:

Increased bureaucracy. When San Francisco voters created the SFMTA in 1999 and strengthened its authority in 2007, they voted for sound governance, combining transit operations with transportation policy and engineering. Splitting the agency into two entities again would reverse the progress voters made and create an unnecessary duplication of services, decrease coordination in planning, policy making, and operations, and cost taxpayers untold millions in additional City expenditures.

More unnecessary process and politics. San Francisco currently struggles to make improvements to transit and our streets at a pace that matches the growth in jobs and residents the city has experienced over the past decade. Voters recognize this and twice in recent years have rejected introducing more process and politics into the City's transportation management - voting resoundingly just last year against a charter amendment to split MTA Board appointments between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors. Adding an additional layer of review to every proposed bus stop, parking space and bike lane promises to further slow the rate of such improvements. People who live and work in our city need better transit and safe streets delivered more quickly. Further politicizing the process by which those improvements are approved will only slow things down.

Contradicts Transit First policy. Being a "Transit First" city — a policy enshrined in our City charter — means that San Francisco makes transportation decisions that prioritize and encourage modes of transportation other than private automobile use. Decoupling the operations of transit from the planning and design of our streets is a step backwards from Transit First, threatening the City's ability to achieve its ambitious Vision Zero and Climate Action Strategy goals.

San Franciscans deserve safe, affordable and reliable transportation choices. The SFMTA is a an imperfect institution, and we acknowledge that much must be done to improve its responsiveness and performance. Rather than fixing the SFMTA's shortcomings, however, this charter amendment will compound them. It brings a hammer to a problem that requires a scalpel, breaking up an agency that has worked to incrementally improve transit and traffic amid an influx of tens of thousands of additional vehicles in recent years.

On behalf of the tens of thousands of members and San Franciscans whom we represent, we urge you to oppose this charter amendment, and we look forward to working with each of you to improve the experience of moving around San Francisco. The health and wellbeing of our neighborhoods, businesses and residents depends on it.

Sincerely,

Brian Wiedenmeier, Executive Director San Francisco Bicycle Coalition

Rachel Hyden, Executive Director San Francisco Transit Riders

Gabriel Metcalf, Executive Director SPUR

Jodie Medeiros, Executive Director Walk San Francisco



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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM:

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Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Directory, Rules Committee

Board of Supervisors

DATE:

December 20, 2017

SUBJECT:

CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED

June 5, 2018 Election

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 5, 2018, Election, introduced by Supervisor Peskin on December 12, 2017. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.4.

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Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Rules Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7711 or email: <u>alisa.somera@sfgov.org</u>. To submit documentation, please forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller
Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director



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TO:

Mawuli Tugbenyoh, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office

Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney

John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections

LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission

Naomi Kelly, City Administrator, Office of the City Administrator Harlan Kelly, Jr., General Manager, Public Utilities Commission

Elaine Forbes, Executive Director, Port of San Francisco

Ivar C. Satero, Airport Director, San Francisco International Airport

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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

7017 DEC 12 FII 4: Time stamp or meeting date I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one): 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment) 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee. 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee. inquiries" 4. Request for letter beginning: "Supervisor 5. City Attorney Request. 6. Call File No. from Committee. 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion). 8. Substitute Legislation File No. 9. Reactivate File No. 10. Question(s) submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following: Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission Ethics Commission Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Peskin; Tang Subject: Charter Amendment - Revenue Bonds for Public Utilities Commission Power Facilities The text is listed: Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 5, 2018, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to is the fevenue bonds for power facilities when approved by ordinance receiving a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: