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MANDATE STATEMENT/ DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The proposed FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 Annual Appropriation Ordinance (File 18-0574) and Annual Salary Ordinance (File 18-0575) contain the administrative provisions governing these ordinances.

Administrative Provisions of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance

Major revisions recommended by the Controller to the Administrative Provisions of the Annual Appropriation Ordinance (AAO) are as follows:

- Section 12.14 – CleanPowerSF: Under the existing provision, customer payments and other CleanPowerSF revenues are deposited into a special revenue fund and appropriated to pay for power purchase obligations and CleanPowerSF operating expenses. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission projects disbursement of \$40.8 million in CleanPowerSF revenues in FY 2017-18 and \$1.5 million to be carried forward to FY 2018-19, totaling \$42.3 million.

The revised provision (a) allows for the Controller to disburse prior years' unspent revenues as well revenues appropriated in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to pay for Clean PowerSF power purchase obligations and operating, and (b) estimates the amount of such revenues to be \$112,415,632 in FY 2018-19 and \$156,864,143 in FY 2019-20.

- Section 32 – Labor Cost Contingency Reserve: The FY 2017-18 AAO allocated \$50,000,000 to a budget contingency reserve designated for the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital Operating Fund for the purpose of managing cost and revenue uncertainty related to federal and state changes to the administration and funding of the Affordable Care Act during the term of proposed budget. No funds were drawn from this reserve in FY 2017-18.

The FY 2018-19 AAO allocates \$70,000,000 of prior year unassigned fund balance to a new budget contingency reserve to pay for wage and salary provisions to be negotiated in the City's labor contracts in FY 2019-20 and increases in health and pension costs.

- Section 33 – State and Federal Revenue Risk Reserve: Under the existing provision \$10,000,000 of unassigned fund balance from FY 2016-17 was allocated to a budget contingency reserve in FY 2018-19 (the second year of the two-year FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 budget) for the purpose of managing state and federal revenue uncertainty. This reserve was depleted in FY 2017-18.

The proposed FY 2018-19 AAO creates a budget contingency reserve in FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-10 of \$40,000,000 to manage federal, state, and other revenue uncertainty.

This allocation is not included in the calculations of deposits to the Budget Stabilization Reserve as required in Administrative Code Section 10.60 (c).

- Section 34 – Transbay Joint Powers Authority Financing: The existing provision provides for the assignment of property tax increment to repay the bridge loan to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority approved by the Board of Supervisors in May 2017. As of May 2018, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority had drawn \$103 million of the authorized \$260 million loan.

The revised provision provides for the appropriation of funds from “sources received for purposes of payment of debt service” (which includes but is not limited to property tax increment) to pay debt service on Transbay Community Facilities District special tax bonds as well as the City’s bridge loan.

- Section 35 – Implementation of Proposed November 2018 Ballot Measure to Dedicate Hotel Tax Proceeds: A motion is pending before the Board of Supervisors (File 18-0122) to submit an ordinance to the voters in November 2018 to allocate a portion of hotel tax revenues to arts and cultural purposes. This ballot measure, if approved by the Board of Supervisors and the voters, would allocate \$34 million in hotel tax revenues each year to Grants for the Arts, Cultural Equity Endowment, Cultural Centers, and other arts and culture programs. This new Section 35 would allow the Controller to transfer funds from the General Fund to the respective arts programs if the ballot measure were to fail.

Administrative Provisions of the Annual Salary Ordinance

The Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO) administrative provisions revise several provisions for stipends to City employees to increase the stipend amount reflecting cost of living increases and collective bargaining agreements.

Recommendation

- Approval of the new Section 35 of the administrative provisions to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance (File 18-0574) is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors because the Board has not yet approved the underlying legislation (File 18-0122) to submit a ballot measure to the voters in November 2018. The Budget and Legislative Analyst recommends approving the other administrative provisions to the AAO and the administrative provisions to the ASO.