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**Public Works Order No: 203038** 

Determination to recommend the summary vacation of a portion of 25th Street, which is generally bounded by Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4241/Lot 002 to the north, Seawall Lot 355 (portions of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4298/Lot 002, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4299/Lot 001, and Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4300/Lot 001) to the south, Michigan Street to the west, and Seawall Lot 356 to the east, to enable extended operation of a temporary Navigation Center for homeless residents, pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq. and Public Works Code Section 787.

WHEREAS, Most public streets and sidewalks are owned in fee by the City and County of San Francisco as public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, The Vacation Area is generally bounded by Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4241/Lot 002 to the north, Seawall Lot 355 (portions of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4298/Lot 002, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4299/Lot 001, and Assessor's Parcel Block No. 4300/Lot 001) to the south, Michigan Street to the west, and Seawall Lot 356 to the east; and

WHEREAS, The Vacation Area is depicted on SUR Map 2016-020, dated September 30, 2016, and is located on Port of San Francisco property; and

WHEREAS, Due to the vital need to find locations for temporary homeless shelters and to provide such facilities and related services and amenities to homeless people, in October 2016, the Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 214-16, which authorized the temporary summary vacation of the Vacation Area for a period of 42 months to enable the siting and operation of the Central Waterfront Navigation Center pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the Port of San Francisco and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to authorize the use of 600 25th Street for use as a temporary navigation center; and

WHEREAS, In March 2019, the Dogpatch Neighborhood Association, in written correspondence to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, expressed support for the extended operation of the Central Waterfront Navigation Center because the navigation center has proven to be an effective and attractive choice for people experiencing homelessness, providing them with a safe place to be, services, and access to

resources to help end their homelessness; and the Central Waterfront Navigation Center has been a good neighbor, well-maintained and an invaluable resource in addressing encampments in the Dogpatch neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, The temporary street vacation authorized under Ordinance No. 214-16 is near expiration; and

WHEREAS, While the current MOU is set to expire in May 2020, the City proposes to renew and extend the MOU for an additional five years, and approval of the amended MOU; and

WHEREAS, Currently, the presence and spread of COVID-19 poses unprecedented challenges to the City and exacerbates challenges facing homeless individuals in the City; and

WHEREAS, California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq. and San Francisco Public Works Code Section 787(a) establish the process for the Board of Supervisors to vacate a street, highway, or public easement. Streets and Highways Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5 provide that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate an excess right-of-way of a street under certain circumstances that are satisfied regarding the Vacation Area; and

WHEREAS, The physical attributes of the Vacation Area satisfy the requirements necessary for a summary street vacation under Streets and Highways Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5. These attributes are as follows: (1) the Vacation Area is not necessary for public street, sidewalk, and service easement purposes, as the Vacation Area does not continue through Seawall Lot 356, and therefore, is a dead end, and the Vacation Area is excess right-of-way not required for street purposes or for access to San Francisco Bay; (2) there are no in-place functioning public or private utilities that will be affected by the vacation of the Vacation Area, based on the absence of any objections from any utility company or entity to the street vacation; (3) the public interest, convenience, and necessity do not require that any easements or other rights be reserved for any public or private utility facilities that may be in place in the Vacation Area; and (4) any rights based upon any such public or private utility facilities identified in the preceding (2) and (3) shall be extinguished automatically upon the effectiveness of the vacation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Vacation Area has been deemed unnecessary for public trust purposes and the proposed use has been deemed an acceptable interim use of Port of San Francisco property.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the California Streets and Highways. Code, the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping (the "Department") has initiated the process to vacate the Vacation Area; and

WHEREAS, The Department provided notice of the proposed street vacation, SUR Drawing No. 2016-20, and a DPW referral letter to the Department of Technology, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, AT&T, Sprint, the San Francisco Fire Department, the San Francisco Water Department, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Bureau of Light, Heat and Power, the Bureau of Engineering, the Department of Parking and Traffic, the Utility Engineering Bureau, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. No agency or utility company objected to.

the proposed vacation, and the Vacation Area is unnecessary for the City's present or prospective public street purposes; and

WHEREAS, The public interest, convenience, and necessity require that no other easements or other rights should be reserved by City for any public or private utilities or facilities that may be in place in the Vacation Area and that any rights based upon any such public or private utilities or facilities are unnecessary and should be extinguished; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code Section 892, the Department determines that the Vacation Area is unnecessary for non-motorized transportation as there are multiple streets surrounding that Vacation Area that remain available for such transportation and those members of the public availing themselves of non-motorized transportation will not be inconvenienced by the proposed street vacation; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Public Works for the City and County of San Francisco has determined the following:

- 1. The vacation is being carried out pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8300 et seq.
- 2. The vacation is being carried out pursuant to San Francisco Public Works Code Section 787.
- 3. The Vacation Area can be summarily vacated under Streets and Highway Code Sections 8334 and 8334.5 because the Vacation Area meets the criteria for excess right-of-way and the other factors necessary for a summary street vacation as described in the above findings.
- 4. The Vacation Area is shown on the SUR Map No. 2016-020.
- 5. There will be no physical public or private utilities affected by the vacation of the Vacation Area, based on the absence of any objections from any utility company, and the public interest, convenience, and necessity do not require any easements or other rights be reserved for any public or private utility facilities that are in place in the Vacation Area.
- 6. Any rights based upon any such public or private utility facilities shall be extinguished automatically upon the effectiveness of the vacation.
- 7. The Vacation Area is unnecessary for the City's present or prospective public street, sidewalk, or public service easement purposes.
- 8. Pursuant to the Streets and Highways Code Section 892, the Vacation Area is not useful as a non-motorized transportation facility for the reasons set forth herein.
- 9. The public interest, convenience, and necessity require that the City reserve from the vacation of the Vacation Area rights for future street use pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8340.

#### NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT:

The Director approves the attached ordinance to vacate the Vacation Area. Previously, the Director approved the above referenced SUR Map No. 2016-020 pursuant to Public Works Order No. 185343.

The Director recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the temporary street vacation subject to the conditions herein, including that the City reserve, and except from vacation, rights in the Vacation Area for future street, roadway, and emergency vehicle access purposes pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8340, and that the Vacation Area shall cease to be vacated and shall revert to street use and publicly dedicated street and right-of-way as authorized under Streets and Highways Code Section 8340 upon the earliest of any of the following occurrences:

- 1. removal, for any reason, of the Central Waterfront Navigation Center from the Vacation Area; or
- 2. the expiration, termination, abandonment, and/or revocation of the Memorandum of Understanding or similar instrument between the Port Commission and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH"); or
- 3. a determination by the HSH Director and the PW Director that an equivalent number of permanent shelter beds has been created at an alternate location or locations and all homeless residents housed at the Central Waterfront Navigation Center will have access to such location or locations.

The Director further recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the ordinance to temporarily vacate said Vacation Area, provided that the San Francisco Port Commission makes a determination that the Vacation Area continues to be unnecessary for public trust purposes and the proposed use continues to be an acceptable interim use of Port of San Francisco property.

The Director further recommends the Board of Supervisors approve all actions set forth herein and heretofore taken by the Officers of the City with respect to this vacation.

The Director further recommends the Board of Supervisors authorize the Mayor, Clerk of the Board, Director of Property, County Surveyor, and Director of Public Works to take any and all actions which they or the City Attorney may deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

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