METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Meeting Transcript

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ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2021, 9:40AM

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FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WELCOME TO THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS COMMITTEE. PLEASE RUN THE ANNOUNCEMENT. [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19, THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR, PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE MTC WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME, AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM, WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED, ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO

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THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD, BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO, AND SHOULD RAISE THEIR HAND AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM ON THE APPROPRIATE TIME. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE TO ATTENDEES. IN ORDER TO GET THE FULL ZOOM EXPERIENCE, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATION IS UP TO DATE.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. AT THIS TIME, WE WILL NOW CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND ASK FOR A ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. ABE-KOGA?

DIR. MARGARET ABE-KOGA: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: EL-TAWANSY IS ABSENT.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: GLOVER?

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: JOSEFOWITZ?

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COM. NICK JOSEFOWITZ: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: PAPAN?

GINA PAPAN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: RONEN?

DIR. HILLARY RONEN: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: SCHAFF? COMMISSIONER SCHAFF IS ABSENT. WORTH?

AMY R. WORTH, CHAIR: HERE.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: THANK YOU. QUORUM IS PRESENT.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WE HAVE OUR AGENDA ITEM TWO, CONSENT CALENDAR, ANY MEMBER LOOKING TO REMOVE ANY ITEM?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES. I WOULD LOO TO ASK A QUESTION PLEASE.

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FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: IS THERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT REQUESTS AN ITEM BEING REMOVED? MADAM CLERK?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: NO. I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN COMMENT ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR AND I SEE NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. SO PRIOR TO THE VOTE, I WOULD ASK COMMISSIONER DUTRA-VERNACI?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: YES. THANK YOU CHAIR. I JUST HAVE A QUESTION ON THE FUNDING REQUESTS. I NOTICED FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY, THAT THEY REQUESTED 15,000 BUT THERE IS 85,000 BEING RECOMMENDED SO SINCE THAT IS A LARGER AMOUNT THAN THEY REQUESTED I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT THE BACK STORY S.

THERESA ROMMELL: COMMISSIONER, THIS IS THERESA ROMMEL WITH PLANNING POLICY PROGRAMS I'LL TAKE A LOOK AND SEE IF IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY REQUESTED ADDITIONAL WORK ON TOP OF THE ORIGINAL REQUEST. SO I CERTAINLY CAN GET BACK TO YOU ON YOUR QUESTION.

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: OKAY. THANK YOU.

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FEDERAL D. GLOVER: IS THIS AN ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE SEPARATELY?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: NO IT CAN GO WITH THE WHOLE CROWD. I AM SURE IT WILL BE A LOGICAL ANSWER WHEN WE GET IT.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. ANY OTHER MEMBERS? OKAY. SEEING NONE, IS THERE A MOTION?

KATHLEEN KANE: I'M SORRY, THROUGHOUT CHAIR, JUST FOR HOUSEKEEPING PURPOSES WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THERE WASN'T ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT MINOR ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ANY ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR, MR. CHAIR.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: THANK YOU MADAM CLERK, IF I COULD HAVE A MOTION?

CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: I'LL GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR. DUTRA-VERNACI.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. WE HAVE A MOTION FROM DUTRA-VERNACI. IS THERE A SECOND?

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AMY R. WORTH: I'LL SECOND. WORTH.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: AND A SECOND FOR WORTH, CAN WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES. MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI, AND A SECOND BY WORTH. ROLL CALL: [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO, THE NEXT ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS ITEM NUMBER 3A. THIS IS A RESOLUTION NUMBER 4422 REVISED, MTC FISCAL YEAR 2021 AGENCY OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS. AND THIS WILL BE PRESENTED BY CFO BRIAN MAYHEW.

BRIAN MAYHEW: THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, GOOD MORNING AGAIN, COMMISSIONERS. THIS IS A VERY MINOR BUT NECESSARY BUDGET AMENDMENT. WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE'RE ADDING $200,000 TO THE OPERATING BUDGET TO FACILITATE EMPLOYEE WORK-FROM-HOME. IT'S BROKEN DOWN INTO TWO DISTINCT COMPONENTS, ONE IS WHERE THERE WILL BE A $150 STIPEND TO SUPPORT THE INTERNET CONNECTIONS, AND THEN THERE WILL BE A $450 BANK, SO TO SPEAK, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOME OFFICES AND FACILITIES. THE -- I DON'T HAVE THE BREAK DOWN OR HOW ALL OF THIS WILL BE SETUP. I'M JUST DOING THE BUDGETING. IT WILL INCREASE THE DEFICIT FROM 1 MILLION TO 1.2 MILLION AND WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DATA YET FOR

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MID-YEAR TO REALLY GIVE YOU AN ANALYSIS OF HOW WE'RE STANDING AT MID-YEAR YET, IN ANY EVENT. BUT THAT'S THE REAL BIG BUDGET INCREASE WILL COME IN FEBRUARY. AS IT STANDS, THIS ONE IS FOR A VERY SPECIFIC PROJECT. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER: ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS? SEEING NONE. IS THERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

CLERK OF THE BOARD: I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE IS ONE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH THEIR HAND RAISED. ROLAND LEBRUN.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. MR. LEBRUN.

SPEAKER: THANK YOU. VERY BRIEFLY, PERSONALLY, RIGHT NOW, WORKING FROM HOME, AND NOT HAVING TO TRAVEL, I'M A LOT MORE PRODUCTIVE, I'M ATTENDING MORE MEETINGS, AND I AM ACTUALLY SAVING A THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH. SO I JUST THOUGHT I WOULD PUT THAT OUT THERE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION BEFORE YOU START COMPARING STIPENDS.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: THANK YOU. OKAY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS. DO I HAVE A MOTION TO MOVE THIS FORWARD?

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CAROL DUTRA-VERNACI: DUTRA-VERNACI -- OH AMY'S HAND IS UP FIRST. I'LL SECOND THIS. I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO MAKE SURE EMPLOYEES HAVE THEIR EXPENSES COVERED UP TO THE SUGGESTED AMOUNT.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. I HAVE A MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI. SECOND BY WORTH.

AMY R. WORTH: MR. GLOVER?

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: YES?

AMY R. WORTH: I JUST WANT TO ADD TO THE COMMENTS. I REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK OF STAFF. THEY'RE CARRYING ON ALL THE WORK OF THEIR DEPARTMENTS, THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, OF THE ORGANIZATION, DURING COVID. AND I KNOW MANY OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS ARE COMBINING, WORKING FULL TIME, AND TAKE CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS FULL TIME AND DOING IT ALL FROM HOME. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNICATION TOOLS BUT ALSO ANY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT OUR STAFF, THAT OUR PROS IN THIS AREA CAN OFFER TO STAFF WHETHER IT'S THE RIGHT LIGHTING, THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT, A AS WE KNOW, HAVING THE RIGHT ELECTRONICS IS IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION. AND I THINK THE PIVOTING THE PUBLIC

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ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE IS EXTRAORDINARY DURING THIS TIME TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE PUBLIC WORK. SO I WOULD -- AM HAPPY TO SECOND THIS MOTION.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR: OKAY. SO WE HAVE A MOTION BY DUTRA-VERNACI. SECOND BY WORTH. AND I WANT TO EXTEND MY THANKS FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, COMMISSIONER WORTH, OF OUR GREAT STAFF AND MAKING SURE THEY HAVE THE PROPER TOOLS NEEDED TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES. WITH THAT, CAN WE HAVE A ROLL CALL VOTE?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: YES, MR. CHAIR, I'M TAKING A ROLL ON THE MOTION MADE BY DUTRA-VERNACI, A SECOND BY WORTH. [ROLL CALL VOTE]. THANK YOU. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. SO OUR NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS PUBLIC COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANY MEMBERS FROM THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION?

CLERK OF THE BOARD: MR. CHAIR, I SEE NO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH THIS HANDS RAISED, AND I HAVE RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM.

FEDERAL GLOVER, CHAIR, CHAIR: OKAY. SEEING NONE. WE'LL ADJOURN THIS MEETING. AND OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY

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10TH, PROBABLY SAME PLACE, SAME TIME, VIA ZOOM. WE ARE ADJOURNED. HAPPY NEW YEAR. [ADJOURNED]

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