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WHEREAS, In December 2010 San Francisco was selected as the host city for the 34th America’s Cup and related activities (the “Event”); and

WHEREAS, At the time of such selection the City and County of San Francisco (“City”), the America’s Cup Event Authority, LLC (the “Authority”) and the San Francisco America’s Cup Organizing Committee (“ACOC”) entered into the America’s Cup Host and Venue Agreement (the “Host Agreement”) which set out the applicable rights and responsibilities for each party in relation to preparation for and hosting the Events; and

WHEREAS, The Host Agreement included a number of responsibilities for the City and ACOC, both in terms of ACOC’s fundraising program over three years intended to defray up to $32 million of the public costs of hosting the events as well as the City responsibility to deliver the venues and support services called for under the Host Agreement and the associated implementation plans; and

WHEREAS, In July and August 2012 ACOC delivered a total of $6,115,979.43 to the City in reimbursement for the full amount of costs charged to the City’s America’s Cup budget in fiscal year 2011-2012; and
WHEREAS, The Host Agreement also called for ACOC to deliver a security instrument of up to a value of $32 million to secure the performance by the City and ACOC of their respective obligations under the Host Agreement (the "ACOC Security"); and

WHEREAS, City project and risk management staff worked with ACOC over the course of late 2011 and early 2012 to investigate the availability of security instruments that would provide the coverage called for under the Host Agreement; and

WHEREAS, On March 27, 2012, by its Resolution No. 109-12, this Board of Supervisors (the "Board") approved a number of matters relating to the Events and provided parameters for its delegation of authority to City officials to complete negotiations for and execute a Lease Disposition Agreement (the "LDA") relating to the City’s delivery of venues to the Authority and other Event-related activities and responsibilities and the Authority’s delivery of security for its Event-related obligations; and

WHEREAS, At the time the LDA was approved by the Board the City’s and the Authority’s respective responsibilities for improvements to prepare the various Port venues for the Event had recently been revised, most notably the transfer of responsibility for Piers 30-32 Event upgrades from the Authority to the Port, together with the elimination of the Authority’s long-term development rights in consideration of improvements as contemplated under the Host Agreement; and

WHEREAS, The staff presentation to the Board in conjunction with Resolution No. 109-12 noted that further underwriting analysis would be needed to procure security for the parties’ respective Event-related obligations, including the revised construction responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, As negotiations continued the parties agreed that the security instruments customarily available in the insurance markets were not sufficient to provide all coverage sought under the terms of the Host Agreement, and that events and experience along the waterfront (including impact of the recent Pier 29 fire on the City’s ability to timely deliver key...
Event venues) created certain priorities for the ACOC Security coverage in terms of providing assurance as to the successful delivery of venues and municipal services in support of the Events; and

WHEREAS, In acknowledgement of such discussions, and with an interest in establishing other reciprocal rights, obligations, and indemnities contemplated by Resolution No. 109-12 in time for the first San Francisco America’s Cup World Series regatta in August 2012, the parties executed the LDA, a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 120127 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth, under the authority delegated by the Board in such Resolution, subject to a condition under LDA Section 3.15 that City staff obtain Board and Port Commission approval for certain LDA terms relating to the City’s construction-related venue delivery obligations and the ACOC Security arrangements that the parties negotiated after the Board’s action in March 2012; and

WHEREAS, The LDA reflects the parties’ agreement as to a composite approach to each party’s obligation to provide security for its performance to the other, which is intended to provide a comprehensive security arrangement that accounts for the issues that could not be addressed through the available insurance markets; and

WHEREAS, Under the LDA the City proposed to satisfy its obligation to provide the ACOC Security through a combination of sources (taken together, the “LDA Security”), including: (1) the City’s use of liquidated damages and bond proceeds payable under the Port’s construction contracts and insurance for improvements at Piers 30-32 and Pier 27 and for repairing the fire damage to Pier 29; (2) the City’s payment of liquidated damages to the Authority up to a maximum aggregate amount of $5 million (the “LDA Damages”) should the City fail to deliver Pier 27 or Piers 30-32 to the Authority by March 1, 2013; and (3) a cash collateral deposit held under an escrow agreement (the “Cash Collateral”) to secure other City obligations; and
WHEREAS, As security for its reciprocal obligations under the LDA the Authority agreed to provide a third-party guaranty and an environmental security deposit to secure its LDA obligations, including any required restoration of City venues after the Event; and

WHEREAS, The LDA requires the City to make an initial $2.4 million deposit to fund the Cash Collateral by January 15, 2013; the priority use of such funds would be to secure the City’s obligations to deliver construction projects for waterfront Event venues, including any obligation to accelerate construction or prepare replacement space should its delivery of Pier 27, or Piers 30-32, or fire-damaged Pier 29 be delayed beyond the LDA deadlines; and

WHEREAS, The LDA further calls for the Cash Collateral account to be replenished to the full $2.4 million amount by July 15, 2013 if necessary; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in July 2013, the priority for the use of such Cash Collateral would be to secure the City’s Event-related operational obligations over the course of July, August, and September 2013; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Port’s contractual remedies, construction bonds, and builder’s risk insurance coverage available to mitigate the City’s costs for construction delays at Pier 27 and Piers 30-32, the City’s Director of Risk Management has identified an insurance product commonly known as owner’s delay insurance (the “Insurance Policy”) that would provide coverage for liquidated damages on the two primary Port construction projects needed for the events: the core and shell of the Pier 27 Cruise Terminal and the strengthening of the Piers 30-32 deck to accommodate sailing team bases; and

WHEREAS, The Insurance Policy: (a) can be secured for a premium of $1,015,000; (b) has a self-insured retention of $2.4 million (reflecting the amount of the Cash Collateral); and (c) explicitly provides coverage for the LDA Damages for delays caused by covered perils; and
WHEREAS, A summary of the proposed terms and conditions of the Insurance Policy is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 120127 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, In conjunction with the reduction in security to be provided for the City's and ACOC's obligations from the $32 million contemplated under the Host Agreement to the City's obligation to provide LDA Security in the maximum amount of $9.8 million (assuming City payment of the full amount of LDA Damages for delayed venue delivery and the full exhaustion of both the January and June 2013 $2.4 million deposits to the Cash Collateral), the Authority sought to incorporate changes to the force majeure provisions of the LDA under which certain events will excuse the Port's obligation to deliver Pier 27 and Piers 30-32 by March 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Subject to good faith efforts to obtain subsequent Board approval, the City agreed to revise the force majeure provision to remove the following events: (a) fire; (b) unusually severe weather; and (c) labor disputes or strikes directed at the City's construction or other Event-related site preparation activities at Pier 27 or Piers 30-32; and

WHEREAS, The effect of this revision is that the City would be obligated under the LDA to pay the Authority up to $5 million in LDA Damages if the City is unable to deliver Pier 27 or Piers 30-32 by March 1, 2013, even if the delay is caused by fire, unusually severe weather, or a venue-directed strike; and

WHEREAS, The Insurance Policy would fund entirely the City's obligation to pay the Authority up to $5 million in LDA Damages if the City is unable to deliver Pier 27 or Piers 30-32 by March 1, 2013 for the events listed in the draft declaration, which include fire or unusually severe weather; and

WHEREAS, As an underwriting matter, however, insurers will not insure against delays due to labor disputes as they are considered to be under the insured party's control; and
WHEREAS, Based on a review of City construction project experience over the past several years, staff believes that a strike against the project is a remote risk and one that the City can manage more directly than the other force majeure events that are outside of the City's control; and

WHEREAS, Based on the factors above, the City's Director of Risk Management recommends procurement of the Insurance Policy upon approval of this Resolution by the Board; and

WHEREAS, The projected expenditures for the Events as reflected in the City's current two-year budget included amounts sufficient to pay the premium for the Insurance Policy and the deposits to the Cash Collateral referenced above, subject to reimbursement by ACOC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the changes to the definition of force majeure as specified in Section 3.15 of the LOA and the provisions relating to the LDA Security in Section 4.2 of the LDA are hereby approved; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board hereby authorizes and directs the America's Cup Project Director and the Director of Risk Management to take all steps to procure the Insurance Policy described in this Resolution; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board reaffirms its direction under Resolution No. 109-12 to the America's Cup Project Director and the Executive Director of the Port, as applicable, to provide the following progress reports: (i) to the City Controller and the Budget & Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors on a quarterly basis, a report on (A) ACOC fundraising and transfers of such revenues to the City, (B) Port infrastructure expenditures in preparation for the Event and (C) City operating expenditures for the Event, including any draws upon the Cash Collateral; and (ii) if ACOC fundraising does not appear to be on track to enable ACOC to contribute to the City amounts sufficient to pay for City operating
expenditures and other amounts to be reimbursed by ACOC fundraising, a proposal for cost
saving measures to offset any shortfall from Event-related tax and fundraising revenues; and,
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board authorizes and urges the Director of the Risk
Management Division, the Executive Director of the Port, the Director of the Office of
Economic and Workforce Development and any other appropriate officers, agents or
employees of the City to take any and all steps (including, but not limited to, the execution and
delivery of any and all certificates, agreements, permits, notices, consents and other
instruments or documents), as they or any of them deems necessary or appropriate, in
consultation with the City Attorney, in order to consummate the transactions in accordance
with this Resolution, or to otherwise effectuate the purpose and intent of this Resolution, such
determination to be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery by any such person
or persons of any such documents; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves, confirms and ratifies
all prior actions taken by the officials, employees and agents of the Port Commission or the
City with respect to the transactions and agreements described herein.
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September 26, 2012 Budget and Finance Committee - AMENDED

September 26, 2012 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED

October 02, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

Excused: 1 - Farrell

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/2/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved