ENDORSing THE FIRE DEPARTMENT’S PROPOSAL TO EXPEND MONIES FROM THE 2010 EARTHQUAKE SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE (“ESER”) BOND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A REINFORCED CONCRETE PIER AND SHOP/DORMITORY BUILDING.

WHEREAS, The ESER General Obligation Bond, passed by the voters of San Francisco in the June 2010 General Election by a 79% affirmative vote, set aside $20 million dollars for improvements to the Fireboat Station at Pier 22-1/2; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD fireboats are an essential part of the City’s plan to mitigate the danger of fire following earthquakes; and,

WHEREAS, It is essential that fireboats have an adequate facility specifically designed to maintain them in a constant state of readiness; and,

WHEREAS, The existing fireboat maintenance shop lacks sufficient space to allow Marine Engineers to adequately service the fireboats at dockside, necessitating far more costly maintenance procedures performed under contract in a shipyard; and,

WHEREAS, A larger maintenance shop would enable the storage of materials and equipment out of sight of the public, thus improving the views and general appearance of the facility and effecting significant annual monetary savings; and

WHEREAS, The existing wooden piers at which the fireboats must currently be docked have a limited useable life, are unstable and inadequate for vessels the size of the fireboats, and cannot be further improved to provide greater stability; and,

WHEREAS, The Department has proposed the construction of a highly stable and structurally adequate reinforced concrete pier with a building housing a greatly enlarged first floor shop and a second floor dormitory; and,

WHEREAS, Said pier would be designed in such a manner that the view corridor looking east on Harrison Street would remain unobstructed; and,
WHEREAS, Said building would replicate the external appearance of the existing fire station, thus preserving the architectural heritage of the facility; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed project will result in a vastly more efficient and greatly beautified facility, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission endorses the Fire Department’s plan to use funds from the 2010 ESER General Obligation Bond to build a reinforced concrete pier and shop / dormitory building at the existing fireboat station at Pier 22-1/2.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on June 23, 2011.

Ayes: 5 (Evans, Lau, Nakajo, Breed, Hardeman)
Nays: 0

Monica Quattrin, Commission Secretary