RESOLUTION 2012-05

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AUTHORIZE THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT TO RETROACTIVELY ACCEPT AND EXPEND PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $376,700 FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO ENHANCE ITS WATER-BASED RESPONSE CAPABILITIES AND INCREASE PORT PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD) responds to over 100,000 incidents each year, including fires, vehicle accidents, and medical and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Due to its geographic and topographic layout, as well as other factors, the SFFD is confronted with unique challenges in responding to these incidents; and

WHEREAS, One of these unique challenges consists of the Department’s responsibilities for the protection of the Port of San Francisco and the San Francisco Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The SFFD was awarded $230,000 in Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Port Security Grant Program funding; and,

WHEREAS, This funding was approved by the Fire Commission on April 11, 2011 and by the Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The grant end date for the Department’s original allocation was June 30, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, In July of 2012, the non-profit, San Francisco Marine Exchange, selected by FEMA as the designated fiduciary agent for the region for the Port Security Grant funding, informed the Department of an additional allotment of unused grant funds that had to be expended by August 31, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, The Department did not have to provide any matching funds for the grants; and,

WHEREAS, Due to the time constraints of the grant, the Department was unable to come before the Commission or Board of Supervisors for approval of the additional grant funds; and

WHEREAS, The SFFD wishes to retroactively accept and expend the grant, to support and promote marine operations and enhance its protection of the San Francisco Bay and Port of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Fire Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Fire Department to retroactively accept and expend Port Security Grant funding from FEMA in the
amount of $376,700 to enhance the Department’s water response capabilities and increase Port protection.

Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Fire Commission on December 13, 2012.

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

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Monica Quattrin, Commission Secretary