



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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June 2, 2015

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution requesting that the Board of Harbor Commissioners approve the transfer of 5 percent of Fiscal Year 2015 (FY 15) gross operating revenue, from the Harbor Revenue Fund (HR 430) to the Tidelands Operations Fund (TF 401), with a true-up adjustment if necessary, to reflect the final gross revenue amount upon issuance of the Harbor Department's FY 15 audited financial statements.
(Citywide)

DISCUSSION

City Charter Section 1209(c)(4) provides for the transfer of a maximum of 5 percent of Harbor gross operating revenue. The Charter provides that the City Council, by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all its members, expressed by Resolution, may request the transfer in order to meet the lawful obligations of the Tidelands Operating Fund. The provision requires a majority vote of the Harbor Board of Commissioners, expressed by Resolution, to enact the transfer, determining that the funds will not be needed for Harbor Department operations. The Harbor Department FY 16 Proposed Budget, approved by the Harbor Commission, will include a transfer amount calculated on 5 percent of FY 15 operating revenue, which is currently estimated at \$17,700,000. Approval of the transfer to Tidelands will be considered by the Harbor Commission as a separate budget action in response to this formal request by the City Council.

Tidelands Fund Requirements

Department operating revenues generated in the Tidelands area (parking, leases, service agreements, etc.) and Tidelands base oil revenue are insufficient to fund Tidelands operations, particularly in light of the current oil revenue shortfall. The Harbor revenue transfer to Tidelands is a critical funding source necessary to support lifeguards, waterfront maintenance, the Convention Center, and Aquarium debt payments.

This matter was reviewed by City Attorney Charles Parkin on May 4, 2015 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 29, 2015.

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TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Authority to transfer the funds must be expressed by Resolution (attached). Since the adoption of the FY 16 Tidelands budget is dependent upon the annual transfer, the City Council and Board of Harbor Commissioners must adopt resolutions prior to the City Council's adoption of the FY 16 Proposed Budget, which includes the budget of the Harbor Department. City Council approval is requested on June 2, 2015 to allow time for the FY 15 transfer amount to be approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for the FY 16 Proposed Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT

The transfer of 5 percent of FY 15 gross operating revenue from the Harbor Revenue Fund (HR 430) to the Tidelands Operations Fund (TF 401) will be included in the City Manager's FY 16 Proposed Budget to support Tidelands operations. The transfer amount will be paid quarterly, and will be based on the actual operating revenues reported in the Harbor Department's FY 15 audited financial statements.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN GROSS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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ATTACHMENT

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND
5 DETERMINATIONS AND REQUESTING THE BOARD OF
6 HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF LONG
7 BEACH TO APPROVE A TRANSFER FROM THE HARBOR
8 REVENUE FUND TO THE TIDELAND OPERATING FUND
9 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CITY CHARTER
10 SECTION 1209(C)(4)

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12 WHEREAS, City Charter Section 1209(c)(4) authorizes the transfer of
13 monies deposited to the credit of the Harbor Revenue Fund to the Tideland Operating
14 Fund under certain conditions; and

15 WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that a transfer of funds
16 from the Harbor Revenue Fund to the Tideland Operating Fund is required to meet the
17 lawful obligations of the Tideland Operating Fund; and

18 WHEREAS, City Charter Section 1209(c)(4) provides for the transfer of a
19 maximum of five percent of the gross operating revenues of the Harbor Department.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
21 follows:

22 Section 1. A transfer of funds from the Harbor Revenue Fund to the
23 Tideland Operating Fund is required to meet the lawful obligations of the Tideland
24 Operating Fund.

25 Section 2. That five percent (5%) of the gross operating revenues of the
26 Harbor Department be transferred to the Tideland Operating Fund.

27 Section 3. The transfer is being requested quarterly with a reconciliation,
28 as necessary, to reflect the final audited gross operating revenues as shown on the

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1 Harbor Department's independently audited financial statements for the period ending
2 September 30, 2015.

3 Section 4. The City Council by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all its
4 members requests that the Board of Harbor Commissioners approve the transfer of five
5 percent (5%) of the gross operating revenues (estimated at approximately \$17,700,000
6 based upon the Harbor Department's FY14 audited financial statement amount) from the
7 Harbor Revenue Fund to the Tideland Operating Fund, which transfer shall be made by
8 journal entry on the books of the City of Long Beach.

9 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
10 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
12 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2015, by the
13 following vote:

14	Ayes:	Councilmembers:	_____
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18	Noes:	Councilmembers:	_____
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20	Absent:	Councilmembers:	_____
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City Clerk