

MOTION

On April 13, 2015, the Council adopted a Planning and Land Use Management Committee Report (C.F. 15-0316) requesting the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to effectuate a recommended increase to the One-Stop Permit Center Surcharge (Surcharge) from two percent to three percent to fund the BuildLA Project (Project).

On February 1, 2016, the City Attorney transmitted the draft ordinance to increase the two percent Surcharge to three percent to fund the implementation of BuildLA and return the Surcharge to two percent when the City Administrative Officer (CAO) determines the Surcharge increase has recovered the \$21.76 million cost of the Project.

The Project is a multi-departmental effort to establish a centralized portal and an electronic planning and permitting solution that improves delivery of development services through an automated, centralized, and simplified workflow. The Project comprises the replacement and enhancement of several City applications across development service departments. The Project is funded by the Development Services Trust Fund derived from the Surcharge on permits for the design, construction, and equipping of the City's Development Services Centers and their functional support services. The intent of the temporary Surcharge increase is for full cost recovery of the Project. However, the cost was based on a proposal from an outside vendor. Contract negotiations between the City and the vendor that bid \$21.76 million on the Project ended unsuccessfully in 2016 and the City instead opted to implement the Project using internal resources.

Between 2016 and 2019 City Departments worked on implementing changes to work toward BuildLA, however it was recognized that a collaborative team would be needed to implement the multi-departmental aspects of the project, such as the common database and user portal. In April 2019, the Project Team worked to re-establish the BuildLA Executive Steering Committee. The most recent Project Charter, that identified project scope and project governance, was adopted by the Steering Committee members in October 2022. Due to the extension of the project timeline and the level of effort required to build out the Project, the cost is expected to exceed the 2016 cost estimate. Therefore, the duration of the three percent Surcharge will need to be extended to achieve full cost recovery of the Project.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney, with assistance from the Bureau of Engineering, Department of Building and Safety, Department of City Planning, Fire Department, Department of Transportation, City Administrative Officer, and other Departments as necessary, be requested to draft an ordinance to align the One-Stop Permit Center Surcharge with the current budget and timeline of the BuildLA Project.

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