RESOLUTION NO. 7-2001
ON A ROLL CALL VOTE, FAILED WITH 4 NOES AND 3 AYES
(January 23, 2001)

AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 38 OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
TO ALLOW FLEXIBILITY, AS PERMITTED BY ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, TO
MAKE BRIEF REMARKS PRIOR TO MAKING MOTIONS

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Agency”)
adopted the By-Laws of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco
(the “By-Laws”) on January 4, 1949. The Agency has amended the By-Laws from time to
time, most recently by Resolution No. 1-99 adopted January 12, 1999.

2. The Agency has determined that it is appropriate to amend Article III, Section 38 of the By-
Laws to include certain standards for Agency meetings.

3. Section 37 of the By-Laws states that the rules of parliamentary procedure set forth in
Robert’s Rules of Order, revised, shall govern all meetings of the Agency, except as
otherwise provided herein.

speaking, discussion of any subject is permitted only with reference to a pending motion.
When necessary, a motion can be prefaced by a few words of explanation, which must not
become a speech; or a member can first request information, or he can indicate briefly what
he wished to propose and can ask the chair to assist him in wording an appropriate motion.
In general, however, when a member has obtained the floor while no motion is pending —
unless it is for a special purpose, such as to ask a question — he makes a motion immediately.
...In larger assemblies, this rule requires firm enforcement. In smaller meetings, it may
sometimes be relaxed with constructive effect if the members are not accustomed to working
under the standard rule.”

5. It has been recommended that the Agency shall allow flexibility, as permitted under Robert’s
Rules of Order, in allowing Commissioners to make brief remarks prior to making motions.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and
County of San Francisco that Article III, Section 38 of the By-Laws of the Redevelopment
Agency of the City and County of San Francisco be amended to allow flexibility, as permitted
under Robert’s Rules of Order, in allowing Commissioners to make brief remarks prior to
making motions.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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