RESOLUTION NO. 108-2010

Adopted August 17, 2010

AUTHORIZING A BASEMENT AND SIDEWALK LOAN AGREEMENT WITH MAGNE L. VEIMOEN, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $96,312, FOR SUB-SIDEWALK BASEMENT ABANDONMENT WORK AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO 132-136 SIXTH STREET; SOUTH OF MARKET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. Two key goals in the Redevelopment Plan for the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area (the “Project Area”) are to: (1) promote the development of a unique and positive identity for the Sixth Street corridor, and (2) promote physical, urban design, and streetscape improvements for major thoroughfares. Thus, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Agency”) embarked during the mid-1990s on a large public improvement effort to improve and/or replace all the sidewalks along the Sixth Street corridor and generally enhance the pedestrian environment along this important corridor.

2. In 1995, the Agency launched the Sixth Street Corridor Improvement Project (the “Corridor Improvement Project”), and in 1999 the Agency began the Basement and Sidewalk Enhancement Loan Program (the “Basement/Sidewalk Loan Program”). The Basement/Sidewalk Loan Program became necessary because some of the sidewalks along Sixth Street could not be improved without reinforcing and backfilling the sub-sidewalk basements adjacent to certain properties. There is no money left for the Basement/Sidewalk Loan Program and about $138,500 is remaining for sidewalk improvements under the Corridor Improvement Project.

3. Magne L. Veimoen (the “Borrower”) is trustee of a trust that owns the building at 132-136 Sixth Street, at the intersection of Sixth Street and Minna Street in the Project Area. Before now, the Borrower was unable to abandon the sub-sidewalk basement under Minna Street, reinforce and backfill it, and improve the sidewalks along Minna Street in front of his property.

4. The Borrower now would like to do so and has requested a loan in the amount of $96,312 (the “Basement and Sidewalk Loan Agreement”). The loan would accrue no interest, unless a default occurs, and would be forgiven once the work has been completed to the Agency’s satisfaction.

5. Authorizing the proposed Basement and Sidewalk Loan Agreement involves repair and improvement of existing sidewalk facilities that would not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c).
6. Agency staff requests the Commission’s permission to enter into the Basement and Sidewalk Loan Agreement and to use part of the remaining funds from the Corridor Improvement Project to finance the loan.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to:

1) Execute a Basement and Sidewalk Loan Agreement with Magne L. Veimoen, as Trustee of the 2002 Magne L. Veimoen Trust dated September 12, 2002, in an amount not to exceed $96,312 for sub-sidewalk basement abandonment work and sidewalk improvements adjacent to 132-136 Sixth Street in the South of Market Redevelopment Project Area, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel; and

2) Use part of the remaining funds ($138,500) from the Corridor Improvement Project to finance the loan to Borrower.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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