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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. **DRAFT**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHAAF

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN HIGH-STAKES NEGOTIATIONS ACT TO (1) REQUIRE CITY REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL BODIES TO NOTIFY THE CITY COUNCIL AS SOON AS HIGH-STAKES NEGOTIATIONS COMMENCE; (2) PROVIDE REAL-TIME REPORTS ON HIGH-STAKE NEGOTIATIONS AND ANNUAL REPORTS ON GENERAL BUSINESS; (3) REQUIRE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF APPOINTMENT TO REPRESENT THE CITY ON EXTERNAL BODIES TRAINING ON DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF REPRESENTATION; (4) REQUIRE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ASSIGN OR SECURE APPROPRIATE PROFESSIONALS EXPERTS TO SUPPORT CITY REPRESENTATIVES IN HIGH-STAKES NEGOTIATIONS; AND (5) REQUIRE FULL FISCAL IMPACT REPORTS ON HIGH-STAKES NEGOTIATIONS PRIOR TO VOTING TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE DEALS; AND AMENDING RULE 25 OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE ACCORDINGLY.**

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland City Council has Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure Resolution No. 82580 that states that two Councilmembers shall be appointed to represent the Council as delegates on any board, agency, authority, joint powers authority, commission, etc., and said delegates shall "receive City Council authorization from a majority of the Council prior to casting vote(s) on behalf of the City on any matter which could have a significant economic or policy impact on the City," and that representatives "shall provide the City Council and/or the appropriate Council committee with regular informational reports regarding the issues, activities and agenda of the body on which the representative serves"; and

**WHEREAS**, The City Administrator shall have designated staff to represent and attend meetings to remain informed of proceedings in order to brief the Council; and

**WHEREAS**, The Oakland City Council has two representatives on the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Joint Powers Authority (JPA), responsible for negotiating new license agreements with the Oakland Athletics, a professional Major League Baseball team, and the most recent negotiations conducted by the JPA and the Athletics were not regularly attended by staff, nor was the Council appropriately briefed by staff; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the attendance of all designated City Administrator staff at meetings regarding high-stakes negotiations of any form shall be monitored in order to assure that the City's representatives are fully informed of developments in negotiations in order to appropriately inform the City Administrator, the City Attorney, and the Council; and be it,

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, That “high-stakes” negotiations shall be defined as any negotiations of contracts or agreements that have an economic impact of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or higher on the City of Oakland, or pertaining to any issue deemed to be of high controversy for the citizens and residents of the City.

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