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TO: City Council

FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager

PREPARED BY: City Manager's Department

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2020

SUBJECT:
COVID-19 Update (#11)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on operational impacts and other City efforts related to COVID-19 and confirm rules and regulations issued by the City Manager acting as the Director of Emergency Services in response to declared emergency and confirm the need for continuing the local emergency.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2020, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency in response to the outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus now referred to as COVID-19. As a consequence of this proclamation the City Manager, acting as the City's Director of Emergency Services, was authorized to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency.

On March 16th, 2020, the County of San Mateo Health Officer issued an order to "shelter in place", effective March 17, 2020 at 12:01 am. This order, amongst other things, ceased non-essential activities in the County in an effort to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. On March 31st, this order was extended through May 3rd. On April 27th, the Health Officer announced that the shelter-in-place order would be extended again through the end of May. On May 15th, the order was amended to allow for additional businesses to operate and additional outdoor recreational activities to occur. On May 28th, the order was amended again to allow for more businesses to operate, including in-store retail, and more allowed activities to occur. The latest amendment was effective as of June 1st, and there is no end date set for the current shelter-in-place order, as it remains in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

The City Council also declared a local health emergency on March 16th. In addition to positioning the City for potential mutual aid and cost recovery opportunities, the emergency proclamation also provides the City Manager broader authority to be able to expeditiously address issues related to the emergency. With that said, actions taken by the City Manager outside of the general authority of the duties provided for in the City Charter are subject to confirmation by Council as soon as practicable.

From March 23 to May 18, the City Manager provided a weekly update on the operational impact of COVID-19 and the actions that have been taken under the authority of the emergency proclamation. The City Council has subsequently provided confirmation of the actions the City Manager has taken to date. Moving forward, these updates will be provided as part of the regular Council meeting schedule, unless future changes to the orders are of such impact to City operations that an update via a special Council meeting is warranted.

Staff believes the ongoing impacts of the novel coronavirus pandemic and the County Health Official's orders issued in response to the pandemic continue to place extraordinary burdens on the city organization, local businesses, and the city's residents. Staff requests that the City Council review the need for, and continue, the local state of emergency.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact for receiving this informational report.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This informational report is not a project subject to CEQA, because it is an organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5).)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

None

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