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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager's Department
MEETING DATE: August 17, 2020
SUBJECT:
COVID-19 Update (#14)

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive 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.

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 16, 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 was extended and amended several times between March 17th and June 17th, when the County Health Officer lifted the local shelter-in-place order to align San Mateo County with the State of California's shelter-in-place order. At that time, businesses allowed to operate and activities allowed to occur became subject to the State's orders, with some additional local guidance provided by the County's 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. Since June 1st, these updates have been provided as part of the regular Council meeting schedule, with the exception of the update provided at the June 29th special meeting.

In early August, the State of California ordered the closure of businesses previously allowed to operate in San Mateo County, including fitness and personal service businesses. The State allowed for the continued operation of these businesses provided their operations were provide outdoors. The San Mateo Municipal Code contains several provisions that would prohibit these businesses from conducting businesses outside of a building. Acting pursuant to the emergency powers, the City Manager/Director of Emergency Services issued an order suspending the enforcement of any provision of

the municipal code that would prohibit personal service and fitness businesses from conducting their business outside of a building. The City Manager/Director of Emergency Services requests that the City Council confirm this order.

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

Att 1 – Order of Director of Emergency Services

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