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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Clerk's Department
MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020
SUBJECT:
Covid-19 Update #16

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 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.

On August 28th, the State announced revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on businesses and activities under its new framework for reducing COVID-19 called "Blueprint for a Safer Economy." This new framework went into effect on August 31st, and as of the publishing of this agenda report, San Mateo County remains in the purple tier. This means there is continued widespread COVID-19 transmission risk locally. The continued risk of widespread COVID-19 transmission necessitates the continued exercise of extraordinary emergency powers to respond to the impacts of this public health crisis. Staff requests that the City Council explicitly confirm the need for continuing the declared local 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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