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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: City Manager's Office
MEETING DATE: March 01, 2021

SUBJECT:
COVID-19 Update; San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program Funding Appropriation Consideration; and Extension of Local Emergency Proclamation

RECOMMENDATION:
Receive an update on COVID-19 response activities; consider adopting a Resolution to appropriate funds from the General Fund's unassigned fund balance to provide for grants for the San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program; and confirm the need for a continued local declaration of 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.

The City Council 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.

State and local emergency proclamations are still in effect, and currently the State is under the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" framework for determining restrictions on businesses and activities. San Mateo County was initially placed in the purple tier (widespread COVID-19 transmission) when the State's Regional Stay Home Order was lifted on January 25th. Effective February 24th, San Mateo County was moved to the red tier (substantial COVID-19 transmission). Under the red tier, some non-essential indoor businesses remain closed.

With restaurants, breweries, and wineries being severely impacted by restrictions that have either kept them closed or operating significantly below capacity, the County of San Mateo has created a new initiative (San Mateo County Restaurant, Brewery, and Winery Relief Program) that will provide grants of up to \$10,000 for eligible businesses. These grants can be used to help pay employees and rent, as well as cover costs for health and safety modifications due to the pandemic. The grants for eligible San Mateo restaurants, breweries, and wineries are being funded by the County and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation/San Mateo Credit Union Community Fund; however, any funds the City contributes will be added to the total amount available for eligible San Mateo businesses and will allow for more grants to be awarded.

The continued risk of 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:

Should Council move forward with a Resolution appropriating funds for this program, those funds would come from the General Fund's unassigned fund balance. Based on estimates made since the mid-year budget update in January, real property transfer tax revenues are expected to exceed expectations, and staff is also expecting operating expenditures to be slightly better than the January estimate. Thus, staff believes that an appropriation in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range can be accommodated to support this relief program.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This Resolution 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 - Draft Resolution

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