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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: August 16, 2021

SUBJECT:
COVID-19 Update

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive an update on operational impacts and other City efforts related to COVID-19, 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 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.

In accordance with Government Code Section 8558(c), the City Council declared a local health emergency on March 16, 2020. Per Government Code Section 8630(c), the City Council is required to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the declaration of local emergency. 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 as of June 15th, the State transitioned into its "Beyond the Blueprint" framework that removed many of the restrictions that had been in place under the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" framework. However, with COVID-19 cases rising significantly since June 15th, the County of San Mateo has joined most other Bay Area counties in issuing new health orders requiring that all people, regardless of vaccination status, wear face coverings in all indoor public settings, with limited exceptions. This new health order has been in effect since August 3rd.

The City's current emergency proclamation is set to expire at the end of August, and as of June, it was expected that local conditions would be such that the City would be positioned to allow the emergency proclamation expire. With rising COVID-19 cases and the new health orders, however, City operations will continue to need to adjust to local health conditions beyond the end of August. As such, it is recommended that Council approve another 60-day extension of the local emergency proclamation, which would keep it in effect through October.

BUDGET IMPACT:

There is no budget impact for receiving this informational report.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This informational report and determination regarding the need to continue the local emergency are not projects 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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