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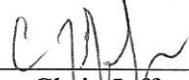
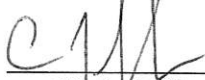
CITY OF SOUTH GATE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

6:50am

City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: March 23, 2021
Originating Department: Administration

Interim City Manager:  Interim City Manager: 
Chris Jeffers Chris Jeffers

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC

PURPOSE: To extend the Local Emergency due to the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt Resolution extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: On January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-04-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic surge. It is time once again for the City Council to review the need to continue the state of emergency. Interim Director of Emergency Services recommends extending the Local Emergency. The State of California continues under a declaration of emergency. While hospitalizations and deaths are trending downward, along with increased COVID-19 vaccinations, it is hoped that the State may lift its order in early summer. The City Council may terminate the Local Emergency at any time, however the City would continue to be subject to the State’s declarations where applicable.

BACKGROUND: The spread of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County continues at Threat Level Red. On January 18, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ordered COVID-19 vaccines to be made available to residents 65 years of age and older, at no cost. Since then, several COVID-19 vaccination sites at different locations have provided Pfizer or Moderna doses, with the J&J 1-shot to be available soon. COVID-19 vaccines are offered to different eligible groups in phases based on Federal, State and L.A. County Department of Public Health eligibility. The vaccines are likely to become more widely available to the general public this Spring. It is still recommended that after receiving the COVID-19 vaccination, one should continue to wear a mask, social distance, practice good hygiene, monitor health and stay informed.

As of March 16, 2021, there are 18,284 COVID-19 cases in the City with 215 deaths; 1.21 Million COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 22,476 deaths; and 3.63 Million cases in California with 56,606 deaths.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City continues to be committed to stopping the spread within the community and continues to take a variety of precautionary steps to try to slow the spread of COVID-19 at City facilities. As a precautionary measure to protect the community and City employees, City Hall is still operating between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, by appointment only, and all City services are continuously provided by phone and email.

City staff continues to be in contact with the CDC and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for updates on the spread of the COVID-19 and will continue to update the City's website providing essential COVID-19 information and hyperlinks to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, CDC, and Governor Newsom's Executive Orders. City updates and information regarding the Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Site at South Gate Park, as well as many other resources, are readily accessible on the homepage of the City's website, titled "COVID-19 Information" under "Featured Links."

City staff will continue to monitor Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders, and any related orders issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, and will modify our policies and procedures accordingly.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

**CITY OF SOUTH GATE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE,
CALIFORNIA, EXTENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY
AS A RESULT OF THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-04-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, California continues under the Limited Stay at Home Order for those counties at the Threat Level Red, and the Limited Stay at Home Order will expire after the Regional Stay at Home Order has been terminated in all regions of the State;

WHEREAS, on January 18, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ordered COVID-19 vaccines to be made available to residents 65 years of age and older, at no cost, and since then several COVID-19 vaccination sites at different locations have provided Pfizer or Moderna doses, with the J&J 1-shot to be available soon;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are offered to different eligible groups in phases based on Federal, State and L.A. County Department of Public Health eligibility, the COVID-19 vaccines are likely to become more widely available to the general public this Spring;

WHEREAS, although on March 11, 2021, Governor Newsom announced that indoor dining at restaurants with a limited capacity of 25% would be allowed commencing March 15, 2021 due to the COVID-19 vaccine target being reached;

WHEREAS, as of March 16, 2021, there are 18,284 COVID-19 cases in the City with 215 deaths, 1.21 Million COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 22,476 deaths, and 3.63 Million COVID-19 cases in California with 56,606 deaths; and

WHEREAS, while COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are trending downward, along with increased COVID-19 vaccinations, it is in the interest of public health and safety, to continue with the Local Emergency and urge residents to continue to wear a mask, social distance, practice good hygiene, monitor health and stay informed until the COVID-19 orders are lifted.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH GATE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council does hereby declare that the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. After duly considering all the information presented by the Interim Director of Emergency Services/Interim City Manager, the City Council does hereby continue to find and resolve that there is still a need to extend the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

SECTION 3. The City Council does hereby declare and reaffirms:

1. A Local Emergency continues to exist throughout the City;
2. During the existence of said Local Emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the emergency organization of the City shall be those prescribed by state law, by ordinances and resolutions of the City, as approved by the City Council;
3. During the existence of said Local Emergency, the City shall follow and impose all directives, mandates, Executive Orders and any other emergency related restrictions issued by the State of California and/or the County of Los Angeles, including any and all social distancing recommendations;
4. Should he deem it necessary, the Director of Emergency Services is authorized to direct the immediate closure of City facilities (including City Hall) during normal business hours;
5. The Director of Emergency Services' purchasing authority is hereby increased to meet the needs of addressing this emergency;
6. The normal City goods and service procurement requests and purchase practices, including bidding requirements, are stayed during this period of emergency;
7. Purchases of items that are not budgeted are authorized to be purchased in order to respond during this period of emergency;
8. Authorizes all City officers and employees to take steps requested by the Director of Emergency Services to qualify the City for reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and for other state and federal relief as may be available to reimburse the City for the expenses it incurs in addressing this emergency;
9. Other actions deemed necessary by the Director of Emergency Services to reasonably respond to the emergency and to effectively serve the community within the City;
10. The local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of South Gate;
11. City staff will continue to monitor Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Orders, and any related orders issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health, and will modify the City's policies and procedures accordingly; and

12. As required by law, the City Council shall review the need to continue the state of emergency every sixty (60) days until this Resolution is terminated.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution which shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 23rd day of March 2021.

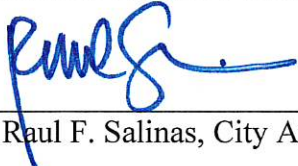
CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: _____
Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: _____
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:  _____
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney