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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

11:30am

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: May 11, 2021

Originating Department: City Manager's Office

Interim City Manager:


Chris Jeffers

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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: The City Council will consider adopting a Resolution extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: On March 23, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-12-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It is time once again for the City Council to review the need to continue the state of emergency. Although Los Angeles County reached the Yellow Tier (moderate virus transmission) on May 5, 2021, Interim Director of Emergency Services recommends extending the Local Emergency until the Green Tier (orders lifted) is reached. 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: Although the COVID-19 vaccines have been more widely available to the general public, the estimate for COVID-19 is that roughly 70% to 85% of the population will need to be vaccinated to reach the herd immunity threshold. This will be a moving target depending on the different stages of the pandemic. Once a population reaches a point of collective immunity where the disease is no longer likely to spread, it reaches the herd immunity threshold.

As of May 5, 2021, there are 18,585 COVID-19 cases in the City with 225 deaths, 1,234,202 Million COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 23,930 deaths, and 3.75 Million COVID-19 cases in California with 61,996 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 March 23, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-12-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths remained at moderate levels considering the increase of COVID-19 vaccinations, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order of the Health Officer (“Order”) was revised on April 30, 2021, announcing the Orange Tier (moderate virus transmission) stage, advancing to Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2021, Los Angeles County entered into the Yellow Tier (minimal virus transmission) allowing for most businesses as much as 75% indoor capacity depending on the type of business;

WHEREAS, as of May 5, 2021, there are 18,585 COVID-19 cases in the City with 225 deaths, 1,234,202 Million COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 23,930 deaths, and 3.75 Million COVID-19 cases in California with 61,996 deaths; and

WHEREAS, until the City reaches the Green Tier (i.e., when Order is lifted), it remains in the interest of public health and safety, to continue with the Local Emergency.

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 reaffirm:

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;

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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 11th day of May 2021.

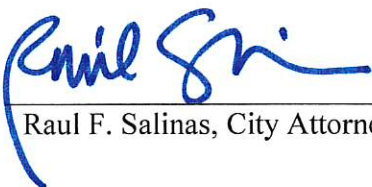
CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: _____
Al Rios, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: _____
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By:  _____
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney