



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Elizabeth Gibbs, City Manager
DATE: August 2, 2022
SUBJECT: **Review and Discussion of Continuing or Rescinding Local Emergency Declaration Established via the Adoption of City of Beaumont Resolution No. 2020-07 Adopted on March 17, 2020**

Background and Analysis:

At the regular meeting on July 19, 2022, City Council voted 4-1 to take no action on the local emergency declaration established via the adoption of City of Beaumont Resolution No. 2020-07 on March 17, 2020, and directed staff to bring the item back tonight with more information.

Review

Resolution No. 2020-07 ("Resolution") authorizes the City Manager to execute a declaration of the existence of a local emergency in the City of Beaumont and empowers the City Manager with certain authority. Approval of the Resolution was in response to the declaration by the World Health Organization (WHO) of the COVID – 19 pandemic, Governor Gavin Newsom's declaration of a state of emergency for all California, and the increase of infections within the City of Beaumont and the immediate area.

As of the time that this staff report was prepared, the most recent executive order N-11-22 dated June 17, 2022, terminates portions of 2 previous executive orders related to the COVID-19 pandemic (Attachment A). Under this same order, 5 provisions are terminated immediately, as well as replacement of 7 provisions of previously adopted provisions in various other orders.

The replaced provisions include orders relating to out of state medical personnel, licensing under the Department of Social Services, implementation by the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority to local optional scopes of practice, the waiver of professional licensing and certifications requirements by the State Department

of Public Health, and finally the suspension of any licensing, certifications, etc. by the Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Rescinding

Should City Council determine that a local emergency declaration is no longer required, the resolution should be rescinded. However, by rescinding the adopted resolution, all public meetings under the Brown Act will require that all elected and appointed officials (i.e. City Council, Planning Commission, Finance and Audit Committee, and Economic Development Committee) resume meetings in person. Additionally, the City's ability to seek reimbursement for certain consumables related to the COVID-19 pandemic from FEMA would end. The future costs for these items are expected to be minimal and should not have an impact to the FY2023 budget.

Fiscal Impact:

City staff estimates the cost of preparation of this report to be approximately \$150.

Recommended Action:

Review and discuss Resolution No. 2020-07; and
Take no action and keep the existing declaration of emergency resolution in place; OR
Direct staff to bring back Resolution No. 2020-07 at the next regular City Council meeting on August 16, 2022, for rescission in its entirety; and
Direct staff to begin notification of all elected and appointed officials of the requirement for in person meetings after August 16, 2022.

Attachments:

- A. Order N-11-22
- B. City of Beaumont Resolution No. 2020-07