



STAFF REPORT
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Council Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider action on reopening plan for City Hall staff and for open meetings.

Agenda Item Requestor: Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

Summary/Background: The Emergency Management Coordinator and I worked on these plans in order to provide a path forward for reopening City Hall and City Meetings in a safe way. We have been successful for our virtual meetings, but some have asked for in person meetings which also have value.

Staff feels that with the COVID-19 policies that we have come up with for opening City Hall will protect both city staff and the public from unintentionally spreading or contracting the virus. Traffic flow during a normal business day is fairly light that COVID-19 policies will be easy to enforce by staff. Reports from other city and other government offices have stated that there has been a voluntary compliance of COVID -19 policies on behalf of the public when conducting business.

**Commission
Recommendations:** N/A

**Recommended
Council Actions:** Approval or approval with modifications.

Attachments: City Hall Reopening Plan and Open Meetings Reopening Plan.

Next Steps/Schedule: If passed, reopen city hall for staff and meetings. We will work on making facilities easier to sanitize. We will also provide face coverings for those who need them. Finally, we will provide the tools necessary for self-assessment of COVID-19 symptoms.