

RESOLUTION 9105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS MAKING FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS UNDER AB 361 FOR THE CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS

WHEREAS, the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code § 54950 *et seq.*) generally requires local agencies meeting via teleconference, including through other virtual or electronic means, to, among other things, provide public access at each location in which members of the legislative body are teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently enacted Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361), which amended Government Code section 54953 to allow local agencies to meet fully virtually, without fully adhering to the rules otherwise applicable to teleconferencing, during a proclaimed state of emergency if state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a proclamation declaring a state of emergency on March 4, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to section 8625 of the California Emergency Services Act, and this proclaimed state of emergency currently remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Milpitas has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, state or local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in particular, Cal-OSHA regulation 3205 recommends physical distancing in the workplace generally and regulates a “close contact” defined as being within 6 feet of another under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to impose social distancing while holding in-person meetings there is a high likelihood that members of the public would not all be able to be present in the meetings spaces; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of virtual meetings will allow for full participation by members of the public until social distancing recommendations are no longer necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Milpitas desires that all City legislative bodies continue to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e).

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Council and all other legislative bodies of the City of Milpitas who are required to hold public meetings, shall continue to meet virtually in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e) and without compliance with section 54953(b)(3) based upon the findings and determinations hereby made by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2021, by the following vote:

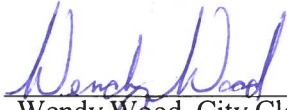
AYES: (5) Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Montano, Councilmembers Chua,
Dominguez, and Phan

NOES: (0) None

ABSENT: (0) None

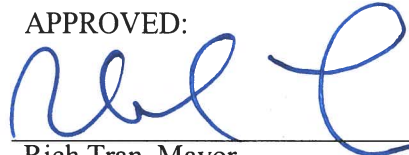
ABSTAIN: (0) None

ATTEST:



Wendy Wood, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Rich Tran, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Christopher J. Diaz, City Attorney