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City of South Gate
CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF SOUTH GATE
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

3:30pm

AGENDA BILL

For the Regular Meeting of: January 26, 2021

Originating Department: Administration

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

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

ANALYSIS: On December 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-41-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic surge. It is time for the City Council to review the need to continue the state of emergency and Interim Director of Emergency Services recommends extending the Local Emergency as COVID-19 infections continue to increase.

BACKGROUND: California continues under the Limited Stay at Home Order for those counties in the Tier One (Purple) of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The Limited Stay at Home Order will expire after the Regional Stay at Home Order has been terminated in all regions of the State. Although the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (COVID-19 vaccination) will gradually be available in all counties by summer 2021, below are the priority phases for obtaining the COVID-19 vaccination:

Phase 1A: Healthcare workers and long-term care residents.

Phase 1B Tier One: Individuals 65 and older and those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: Education and childcare, Emergency services, and Food and agriculture.

Phase 1B Tier Two: (1) Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: Transportation and logistics, Industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services, and Critical manufacturing; and (2) Congregate settings with outbreak risk: Incarcerated and Homeless.

Phase 1C: Individuals between 50 - 64 years of age; People between 16 - 49 years of age who have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19; and those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: Water and wastewater, Defense, Energy, Chemical and hazardous materials, Communications and IT, Financial services, and Government operations/community-based essential functions.

As of January 20, 2021, there are 16,001 COVID-19 cases in the City with 134 deaths, 1,031,874 COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 14,122 deaths, and over 3 Million COVID-19 cases in California with 34,433. It is essential for the City and residents to remain vigilant to reduce the infection risk.

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 December 8, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-41-CC, extending the Local Emergency within the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic surge;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 infection rates continue to increase throughout Los Angeles County and hospitalizations continue to impact the health care systems;

WHEREAS, California continues under the Limited Stay at Home Order for those counties in the Tier One (Purple) of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, 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, although the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine (“COVID-19 vaccine”) will gradually be available in all counties by summer 2021, below are the priority phases for obtaining the vaccination:

Phase 1A: Healthcare workers and long-term care residents.

Phase 1B Tier One: Individuals 65 and older and those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: Education and childcare, Emergency services, and Food and agriculture.

Phase 1B Tier Two: (1) Those at risk of exposure at work in the following sectors: Transportation and logistics, Industrial, commercial, residential, and sheltering facilities and services, and Critical manufacturing; and (2) Congregate settings with outbreak risk: Incarcerated and Homeless.

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WHEREAS, as of January 20, 2021, there are 16,001 COVID-19 cases in the City with 134 deaths, 1,031,874 COVID-19 cases in Los Angeles County with 14,122 deaths, and over 3 Million COVID-19 cases in California with 34,433 deaths; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, the City Council urges residents to remain vigilant as COVID-19 cases continue to increase.

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 26th day of January 2021.

CITY OF SOUTH GATE:

By: _____
Maria Davila, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: _____
Carmen Avalos, City Clerk
(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: *Raul F. Salinas* /vsy
Raul F. Salinas, City Attorney