CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA DATE: October 24, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING DATE: October 24, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Mario M. D'Agostino, DCM (915) 212-5605

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6. Set the standard for sound governance and fiscal management.
SUBGOAL: 6.8 Support transparent and inclusive government.

SUBJECT:
Discussion and action on a resolution that the City Manager and City Attorney report any all COVID-19 information activities, efforts and processes to City Council at every other City Council meeting; and that the City Manager bring stakeholder activities and updates to City Council at every other City Council meeting.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:
On March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:
Since May 12, 2020, City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council within a reasonable time.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:
None.

HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT: **Fire Department**

SECONDARY DEPARTMENT: **Department of Public Health**

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*******************REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*******************

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas declared a state of disaster and the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in relation to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued on March 13, 2020, the Mayor declared a local state of disaster for the City of El Paso resulting from a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor also signed a Local Emergency Declaration and requested the aid of the State Government pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 418.108; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council, adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019036 to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council also adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Ordinance, and Disaster Declaration have both been renewed by City Council each month since adoption; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council within a reasonable time; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and City Attorney have formally provided an update on COVID-19 related information and data bi-weekly; and

WHEREAS, with the introduction of a vaccine against the COVID-19 virus in late 2020, many of the social distancing and mask mandates have been lifted, or relaxed; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of persons in the City of El Paso vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus is high, reducing the risk of transmission; and

WHEREAS, the number of persons hospitalized with the COVID-19 virus is at manageable levels in the City of El Paso; and

WHEREAS, the number of new cases locally and nationally continues to remain low relative to before the vaccine was widely disseminated; and

WHEREAS, everyday activities such as travel, commerce, and education have resumed to a great extent or carry on through other means,

WHEREAS, new COVID-19 cases continue to remain low at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO HEREBY FIND AND DIRECT:

1. That the City Manager and City Attorney report any all COVID-19 information activities, efforts and processes to City Council at every other City Council meeting;
2. That the City Manager bring stakeholder activities and updates to City Council at every other City Council meeting.
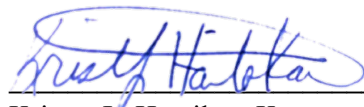
APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2022.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

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Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kristen L. Hamilton-Karam
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