

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

AGENDA DATE: April 24, 2023

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 and all COVID-19 information, activities, efforts and processes to City Council monthly in written form.

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:

On October 24, 2022 City Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager and City Attorney to report on COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes to City Council at every other City Council meeting.

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

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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 also adopted Emergency Ordinance No. 019035, Extending a Disaster Declaration Due to a Public Health Emergency; 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, 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, on October 24, 2022, City Council amended the resolution to allow the City Manager and City Attorney to provide updates at every other work session; and

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

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2023, President Biden signed a bipartisan congressional resolution to end the COVID-19 national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has announced that the Public Health Emergency will expire on May 11, 2023; 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, new COVID-19 cases continue to remain low at this time; and

WHEREAS, in light of these circumstances, a monthly written report to City Council will suffice to keep the Council informed with regard to COVID-19 activities, efforts, and processes, without the need to report at a City Council Work Session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City Manager and City Attorney report any and all COVID-19 information, activities, efforts and processes to City Council in written form on a monthly basis;
2. That the City Manager bring stakeholder activities and updates to City Council in written form on a monthly basis.

APPROVED this _____ day of April 2023.

THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Carlos L. Armendariz
Assistant City Attorney