AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYWOOD CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE MAYWOOD COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022 AT 1:00 PM

Maywood City Council Chambers
4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270
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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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II. CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR
Heber Marquez

MAYOR PRO TEM
Frank Garcia

COUNCIL MEMBERS
Eduardo De La Riva
Ricardo Lara
Jessica Torres

CITY CLERK
Andrea Aguilar

CITY TREASURER
Mary Mariscal

CITY MANAGER
Jennifer E. Vasquez

CITY ATTORNEY
Roxanne Diaz

III. MEETING PROCEDURES

PUBLIC ADVISORY: This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e) (as amended by AB 361), which authorizes teleconferenced meetings under the Brown Act in compliance with Government Code Section 54953(e) during a proclaimed State of Emergency. For this meeting, members of the City Council and City Staff are permitted to attend the meeting by teleconference and such teleconference locations are not accessible to the public and are not subject to special posting requirements. Some members of the City Council and staff may attend the meeting at City Hall in the City Council Chambers located at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue. The City Council Chambers, however, will not be open to the Public. The meeting will be broadcast using the

Zoom platform as well as broadcasted live on the City's Facebook page. To maximize public health and safety while still maintaining transparency and public access, members of the public can observe and participate in the meeting virtually via Zoom or follow the meeting live via the City's Facebook page. Public participation is highly encouraged using the virtual platform. Below is information on how the public may observe and participate in the meeting.

If you would like to speak on an agenda item, you can access the meeting remotely via zoom:

Join by phone 1-669-900-6833 Enter Meeting ID: 851 1622 4094 Passcode: 557540
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Before the meeting: You can also submit your public comments for the record in advance by 4:30 pm the day of the meeting by email to shirley.quinones@cityofmaywood.org; or if you are unable to email, please call the City Clerk's Office at (323) 562-5714. Your comment will be made part of the written record but will NOT be read verbally at the meeting.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Council meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office, (323) 562-5714 within 48 hours of the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items; Time allotted: 3 minutes)

Speakers wishing to address the City Council on an item on the agenda may use the instructions provided in section **III. MEETING PROCEDURES** beginning on page 1 of this agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and can be acted on by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the City Council request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion or action.

1. RECONSIDERATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND DETERMINE THAT THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(3).

VI. ADJOURNMENT - The next Regular Meeting of the Maywood City Council is Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEETING AGENDA AND AGENDA PACKETS

I, _____, Andrea Aguilar, City Clerk or Shirley Quinones, Deputy City Clerk, hereby certify that this agenda was duly posted by law at 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood, CA 90270 and the City Website. Any public record, relating to an open session agenda item, that is distributed within 72 hours prior to the meeting is available for public inspection at the Maywood City Hall, 4319 E. Slauson Avenue, Maywood CA 90270. If you challenge in court any discussion or action taken concerning an item on this Agenda, you may be limited to rising only those issues you or someone else raised during the meeting or in written correspondence delivered to the City at or prior to the City's consideration of the item at the meeting. In compliance with the ADA, if you need special assistance for the meeting, call (323) 562-5723 within 72 hours prior to the meeting so the City can make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

AGENDA REPORT
CITY OF MAYWOOD

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

DATE: November 23, 2022

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JENNIFER VASQUEZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: SHIRLEY QUINONES, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT/DEPUTY CITY CLERK

SUBJECT: RECONSIDERATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY AND DETERMINE THAT THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD MEETINGS VIA TELECONFERENCING AND MAKING FINDINGS PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(3).

RECOMMENDATION:
Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a motion finding that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members of the City's legislative bodies to meet safely in person, and that State and County of Los Angeles officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing and therefore, the legislative body meetings of the City may continue in a virtual teleconference format in compliance with Government Code Section 54953(e).

BACKGROUND:
The City Council has met remotely throughout the pandemic to protect the health and safety of the public and staff. At the November 9, 2022, City Council meeting when this item was discussed, the Council reconsidered the factual circumstances that still exist and the City's legislative bodies opted to continue to hold meetings pursuant to AB361, enabling local public agencies to continue to use teleconferencing without complying with certain Brown Act provisions related to teleconferencing.

DISCUSSION:
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health strongly recommends that the public wear face masks indoors and encourages residents to get their booster shot to fend off transmission of the virus as more people mingle indoors -- a setting conducive to infection.

The County is also asking residents to stay home and away from others if sick to help reduce the rate of transmission. The County is stating that as the COVID-19 virus continues to mutate, there is a very real possibility that new variants of concern could contribute to another surge this winter, making it important that Los Angeles County residents take steps to reduce the risk for serious illness. The cases have been increasing this past week, which is of concern to County Public Health.

Accordingly, transmission still remains contagious, with increased risk for the elderly, the unvaccinated, people with serious health conditions, and workers in close contact with others. Cal OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards continue to recognize the importance of social distancing and state that the fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, training and instruction should be given to

employees in that regard as well as inform them that physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19 and are most effective when used in combination. Additionally, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health continues to recommend that employers take steps to reduce indoor crowding and to enable employees and visitors to physically distance themselves from each other.

Based on the research conducted since the last City Council meeting, the factual circumstances exist for the City's legislative bodies to continue to hold meetings pursuant to AB 361. The state of emergency is still in effect, and there are recommended measures to promote social distancing, and meeting in person continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person. By reconsidering the circumstances of the state of emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic and finding that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person and that state and local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing, the public meetings of the City of Maywood can continue to be conducted in a hybrid format (Zoom and In-person) for the next 30 days.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact if the City Council makes the determination under AB 361 as the City has been meeting in a remote format since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

ATTACHMENT(S)